



Rural Crime Watch – August 2019



Monthly Newsletter to Members of Cochrane Foothills Protective Association

The moon is right

Fall is coming soon. Planning some night harvesting. My prep list includes dark clothing, thin gloves and a hoodie. Lightly tinted sunglasses. Pocket sized LED flashlight. Cell phones. I will take an old dark beater that has switched plates and no licence plate light. I'll go to one or two of the areas I checked out over the last few days and not in the community where I live. These areas were ones with vehicles away from the residence, no surveillance or dogs and minimal lighting. My buddy and I will take turns prowling while one acts as lookout in the vehicle. Lookout is to text the other phone set on vibrate. The primary targets are vehicles. A light touch to a door handle is enough to see if it can be opened. The items we harvest are valuables such as electronics, credit cards, garage door openers, keys, identity papers, firearms, wallets and money. The best time is from 1am to 5am. The New Moon on August 30 means no unneeded light. **The moon is right for harvest.**



Incident reports from Cochrane RCMP

The local RCMP report most thefts are from unlocked vehicles and buildings. These links are to recent newspaper reports and the RCMP:

August 13 Rocky View Weekly Page 4 <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid=56e0f5bb-6da0-4de3-91fe-94eb3905385c>

August 6 Airdrie Echo <https://www.canadapolicereport.ca/2019/08/06/cochrane-rcmp-nab-early-morning-prowlers-from-airdrie-stealing-from-unlocked-vehicles/>



RCMP re Ghost Lake

<https://www.canadapolicereport.ca/2019/04/24/cochrane-rcmp-arrest-prowler-at-ghost-lake-village-with-stolen-firearms-and-other-property/>

Condensed version: Lock it or you may lose it. This applies to vehicles, buildings, equipment. "Lock down time" means a regular 9 pm property security check. Remove from sight any valuable items. Turn on surveillance and security devices.

The Rogue Waves Continue

Crime comes to us frequently. Scams, frauds abound in the digital world. Some thoughts for reflection:



- If it seems too good to be true, it probably is not true.
- My phone, computer and space for my convenience. Intrusions are treated as a personal interruption.
- Unsolicited callers are only looking out for themselves.
- My time and privacy is precious and not to be squandered on unsolicited intrusions.
- In handling unsolicited calls, my sole goal is to prevent or

discourage more calls. And not share any personal information. The “do not call list’ works.

- Electronic intrusions are expected to increase. Follow a simple deliberate mantra.

RCW Mantra - ORR

How to respond to suspicious activity in our community.

Observe. Really pay attention to all that is going on. Be cautious. Check out as seems reasonable.

Record as much information as possible. Pictures and descriptions of people and vehicles (make, model, colour, and license number) are valuable. Also important is the location where a situation occurs so a responder call is most efficient.

Report promptly to the RCMP. Call 911 or 403 932 2211 for the RCMP Cochrane. Even if you are in doubt, report it. Leave it to the emergency operator decide how to share with responders.

Fall Fair Sept 7 at Springbank Park for all Seasons

The Old Tyme Fall Fair is an annual SPFAS event for over 40 years. A great place to meet neighbours and shop among 30 vendors while the kids play in their own space. Come to the RCW table in the marquee tent. Let’s chat about crime issues in your neighbourhood, and becoming part of crime prevention through Rural Crime Watch.

RCW Participation

Check out the news and links on our website <https://cfparcw.ca/>. Invite your neighbours to also become part of our community movement to send a message to would-be intruders. “Beware. These rural people are informed, prepared and connected to deter crime.”



Invitation to Members If you have any information, comments or questions to share in the next newsletter, please submit to the general CFPA email address: info@cfparcw.ca We are Rural Crime Watch, a network of concerned residents, committed to making a safer community through basic crime prevention principles. Our security is greatly enhanced when we work together as good neighbours.

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