

# **RCMP and Enforcement Services Community group support services**

April 22, 2025

# Community group support services

Strathcona County residents have access to a variety of support services provided by community groups in partnership with the RCMP and Enforcement Services.

Three of the most notable programs include:

- Victim Services Unit (VSU)
- Citizens on Patrol (SCCOPS)
- Crime Watch (SCCWA)



# Victim Services Unit

- VSU is a vital support system designed to assist individuals affected by crime, trauma, or crisis situations.
- These services operate within police agencies, community organizations, and government institutions to ensure that victims receive the emotional, practical, and legal support they need.
- The primary goal is to help victims navigate the aftermath of crime, empowering them with knowledge, resources, and guidance.
- Crisis Call Out volunteers have responded to over 100 emergency requests, assisting victims at homes, hospitals, roadsides, or other locations.

# Victim Services Unit

The aftermath of a crime, traumatic event, accident or emergency can be chaotic and overwhelming for the victims and witnesses. VSU provides the following services:



**Support to victims and witnesses of crime and trauma**

**Arrange referrals to community organizations**

**Provide 24-hour response through RCMP**

**Give information and guidance through the criminal justice process**

**Aid with victim of crime assistance program**

# Victim Services Unit

## Court support and advocacy

**Victim Services offers court support to help victims navigate legal proceedings by:**

**Explaining court processes and legal terminology**

**Providing emotional support during court hearings**

**Assisting with victim impact statements**

**Acting as a liaison between victims, police, and prosecutors**

**Volunteer criteria:**

- 18+ years old
- Permanent resident
- Reside in Strathcona County
- Clean enhanced security clearance and vulnerable sector screening
- Maintain confidentiality
- Handle stressful and unpredictable situations
- Clean driver's abstract



# Citizens on Patrol

- SCCOPS is a non-profit organization consisting of 35 members that serve as “extra eyes and ears” for the RCMP to detect and deter crime in Strathcona County.
- SCCOPS remains grateful to Strathcona County for your continuing financial support for our many activities directed towards community safety and security.



# Citizens on Patrol

## **Accomplishments:**

- 736 patrol hours, covering over 9000 km County wide.
- 470 hours contributed to ten community-based events hosted by County administration and non-government organizations.
- 123 hours dedicated to traffic safety in school and playground zones by Speed Watch teams.
- 1230 hours devoted to administrative activities, including training and meetings.
- 175 hours focused on Impaired Driving Simulation events, primarily for young drivers.

# Volunteer with SCCOPS



---

All SCCOPS volunteers need to submit a Criminal Record Check.

---

SCCOPS volunteers receive training on their responsibilities, limitations, and the types of incidents that should be reported to the RCMP.

---

SCCOPS use their own vehicles when patrolling in pairs, never alone.

---

SCCOPS volunteers are covered by liability insurance through the local COP group.

---

Please visit [www.SCCOPS.ca](http://www.SCCOPS.ca) to access a volunteer application.



# Crime Watch



- Encourage members to report criminal and suspicious activities to local police.
- Urge County residents to get to know their neighbours.
- Collaborate with community partners to promote crime prevention and awareness programs.
- Focus on crime prevention in urban and rural Strathcona County.
- Installed 346 Crime Watch signs throughout Sherwood Park and Strathcona County.

# Crime Watch

## Supported community events:

- APRCWA Annual General Meeting & Symposium
- Chamber of Commerce Great Canadian Trade Fair
- RCMP Bike Rodeo
- RCMP and Enforcement Services Golf Tournament
- Ardrossan Parade
- South Cooking Lake Trail Days Parade
- RCMP and Enforcement Services Town Hall





# Volunteer with SCCWA



Are you interested in promoting crime reduction and prevention in Strathcona County?

Would you like to make a positive impact by volunteering with a local non-profit organization?

If so, please send your resume, criminal records check, and letter of interest to:

Email:

[strathconacountycrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:strathconacountycrimewatch@gmail.com)

# Summary

This presentation highlights the critical role that the RCMP and Enforcement Services community support groups, including the Victim Services Unit, Citizens on Patrol, and Crime Watch play in ensuring the safety and well-being of Strathcona County residents.

Together, these groups contribute significantly to the overall safety, resilience, and cohesion of Strathcona County. Their efforts not only prevent crime but also build trust and cooperation between residents and law enforcement agencies. Continued support and investment in these programs are essential for maintaining the high quality of life that our community enjoys.



# Questions

