

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2022 CAPITAL GRANTS

| Applicant | Grant \$ Awarded |
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| Cottonwood-Gordon Ag. Society (Hall) | 25,000.00 |
| Poplar Ridge Community Centre | 20,000.00 |
| Ridgewood Community Association | 27,193.00 |
| Spruce View Community Association (Hall) | 15,000.00 |
| Antler Hill Community Association | 35,819.00 |
| Balmoral Community Association | 5,681.00 |
| Glenellen Community Centre | 50,000.00 |
| Linn Valley Community Hall | 8,493.28 |
| Willowdale Community Hall | 7,000.00 |
| Burnt Lake Community Centre | 2,418.10 |
| Spruce View and District Agricultural Society | 35,000.00 |
| Crossroads Agricultural Society | 3,000.00 |
| Kevisville Ball Diamonds Association | 14,000.00 |
| Danish Canadian National Museum | 35,000.00 |
| Stephan Stephansson Soc.(Buttermaker House) | 16,395.62 |
| Total all grant requests | \$300,000.00 |

County Council approved these capital grants to community groups at the November 29th Council meeting. The Rural Community Facility Capital Assistance Grant is a funding tool contained within the Support to Rural Community Facilities Policy. Each year, rural community facilities are eligible to apply and receive between \$1,000 and \$100,000 for capital projects.

Senior's Nordic Walking

Nordic walking supplies provided.
Registration required. Call 403.505.9091

Benalto - Tuesdays 9-10 AM
Markerville - Tuesdays 10-11 AM
Springbrook - Wednesdays 9-10 AM



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

MEDICINE RIVER CRIMEWATCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Medicine River Crimewatch Society has several new board members and a new executive. The new board is looking at developing more methods for communicating with Crimewatch members.

Crimewatch membership has its benefits! Members receive weekly reports from local RCMP detachments and also receive rural crimewatch signage to put at your gate. Being a member of a local Crimewatch group helps us all be watchful in our communities to prevent crime. A criminal record check is required in order to become a member.

The Medicine River Crimewatch Will be hosting a general meeting at the Eckville Legion on Wednesday, April 19. Guest speaker to be determined. County peace officers and members from the Sylvan lake RCMP detachment will be giving updates.

If you would like to become a Medicine River Crimewatch member or update your membership, email medicinerivercws@gmail.com

2022 PROTECTIVE SERVICES Year in Review



2022 was another busy year for Red Deer County Patrol, which currently has six full time Community Peace Officers (CPOs) and one support staff. Patrol continues to work closely with a variety of stakeholders including, five surrounding RCMP Detachments, RCMP Central AB District Traffic Unit, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Fish & Wildlife, CN & CP Rail and Alberta Sheriffs.

Our CPOs attend many community-related meetings throughout the year including 5 Rural Crime Watch groups operating within the County, AB Safe Communities Road safety Committee, Blackfalds and Three Hills RCMP Police Advisory Committees (PACs). Four of our CPOs are certified to conduct Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Assessments for County ratepayers and business owners at no charge.

Patrol upholds and enforces (when necessary) numerous County Bylaws which include Road Protection Traffic Control, Noise, Land Use, Nuisance Abatement and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) etc. In addition to bylaw enforcement, CPOs have the authority to enforce several provincial statutes which include the Traffic Safety Act (TSA), Environmental Protection Act, Fuel tax Act, Petty Trespass Act and AB Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act.

Protection of County infrastructure and public safety are two of Patrol's top priorities. CPOs conduct patrols on County roadways, County and Crown land within the County. Boat patrols are periodically conducted on Gleniffer, Pine and Sylvan Lakes to educate users on boating and water safety. Quad patrols are also conducted in efforts to uphold the TSA and OHV bylaw.



Patrol has developed a robust drone program which include 4 CPOs obtaining their Advanced Pilot certifications. Drones are used to assist with fire investigations, bylaw investigations, collision investigations, Search & Rescue (SAR) missions and Emergency Management mitigation projects etc.

Officers facilitated and coordinate several bike rodeos throughout the County in efforts to educate many of our youth regarding bicycle safety. In addition to bike rodeos, CPOs participated in several pop-up spray parks, participated in an annual soap box derby in Delburne and completed a positive ticketing program which resulted in two (County) youths being drawn to win bicycles.

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Red Deer County Search and Rescue (SAR) is one of over 300 Canadian volunteer SAR groups that assist police by providing the human resources, technical knowledge and equipment necessary for a missing person and evidence searches within the County and throughout Alberta as requested by the RCMP. In 2022, members of Red Deer County SAR attended four (4) missing person searches for the RCMP in addition to partnering with other SAR teams on regular training. Red Deer County would like to thank our SAR volunteers for their continued service to the team and the community that we serve.



What is Emergency Management? Emergency Management (EM) involves organizing and managing the resources and responsibilities for dealing with humanitarian (life, property, environment & economy) aspects of emergencies, with an aim to reduce the harmful effects of all hazards through all four (4) phases of a disaster: prevention and mitigation; preparedness; response; and recovery. In 2022 Red Deer County Emergency Management were given the opportunity to work with three emergency management students on their capstone projects. The three topics included:

1. Engaging Emergency Social Services Lodging Vendor Capacity
2. Red Deer County Community Resiliency Building
3. Understanding Trauma – A Holistic Approach to Introducing Trauma Informed Practice into the Field of Emergency Management.

It was exciting to work with these students and ultimately benefit from their hard work in gaining some useful insight into how to strengthen our emergency management program.

In addition to these students, emergency management also had the privilege of having a volunteer assist with building a Companion Animal Plan. This plan will allow Red Deer County and our emergency social services partners to ensure that our residents' companion animals are considered and cared for in the event of an evacuation due to an emergency or disaster. Red Deer County, along with our regional partners, administered training for the Central Region AllHazards Incident Management Team (CRAHIMT), including continuation training for existing municipal members and completion of deployment training for eighteen (18) new members. CRAHIMT is one of six (6) all-hazards incident management teams in Alberta and members are trained to provide overall incident management for large-scale emergencies that impact populations throughout the province. Allhazards teams focus on the management of response resources regardless of disaster type, though common responses include floods, wildfires, severe weather events, and hazardous materials incidents.



2022 was a very busy year for the Fire & Rescue side of Red Deer County Protective Services. As of Dec. 12, Fire Services has received 770 calls for response. Calls for service included Motor Vehicle Collisions, Fires, Water Rescues, and various other emergencies. These calls resulted in 7713 staff hours for responders within five of the 7 Fire districts within Red Deer County.

Response has not been the only item keeping our Firefighting and Technical Rescue personnel busy. As usual, training has been a high priority for Fire & Rescue. Training is a key component of all emergency services, as it aids responders in developing and maintaining their skills. During this year, responders partook in 12 National Fire Protection Association certified training courses in fire and rescue, a Before Operational Stress Course for responders and 8 in-house first-aid courses. In addition to this formal training, Responders also attended weekly training sessions to maintain their skill levels. The culmination of all this training was 3388 training hours by responders. This past year, Fire Services had 3 new fleet additions: Spruce View Fire District received a new Engine/Rescue Truck to replace a stand-alone engine. Red Deer Fire district received a replacement bush unit, used for grass and wildland firefighting. Protective Services' also received a new on-call response pick-up truck. Each of these units were purchased to replace aging equipment. Recruitment numbers were down, in 2022, from previous years. During the year, Fire Services brought on 8 new recruits, at least one in every district. These members, along with several others, will be added to the 2023 recruit training class as a part of their formal training.

In addition to the previous mentioned activities, Fire Services had many additional activities as well. Development and construction of Grain and Trench Rescue training props was a significant project for the department. These items allow technical rescue training to be conducted locally. Throughout the year, Fire Services worked with many of their mutual aid partners and continued to further those relationships. With great appreciation, Red Deer County Fire Services would like to thank all of those involved in helping the communities we serve.

