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General

The Rural Crime Watch (RCW) program was established in Alberta to reduce the incidence of crime in rural areas. The program focuses on farmstead security, property identification and general rural crime awareness. The program was started in Alberta in the early 1980s and is now managed and administered by the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association.

The program involves rural area residents who work with the local RCMP detachment on crime prevention issues. The usual participants of the program include, but are not limited to: farmers, ranchers, acreage owners and others who either temporarily or permanently reside in rural areas. The association also works with First Nation bands to involve them in crime prevention activities.

Groups of rural residents and rural communities participating in the RCW program have the opportunity to inform the motoring public that they are part of the program through the use of RCW signs.

Standard

RCW signs come in three sizes: 24" x 24" (609 mm x 609 mm), 30" x 30" (762 mm x 762 mm) and 48" x 48" (1219 mm x 1219 mm). A link to the 24" x 24" sign is provided here:

<https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/product-detail/area-sign>

The signs can be purchased only from the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association at www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca.

Previous versions of the Rural Crime Watch Area signs are still accepted for installation.

No information tab (such as the tabs informing about the association activities, workshops, etc.) will be allowed beneath the primary sign.

Guidelines for Use

The initial contact when organizing a RCW group is through:

- Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association
PO Box 4520
Edmonton, AB, T6E 4T7
aprcwa@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

The local RCW group is required to provide a Letter of Support from their RCMP Detachment Commander / Liaison Officer **and** the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association when applying for a sign installation permit showing that they are in compliance with all necessary requirements.

Once the local Rural Crime Watch program application is approved and the local group becomes a member of the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association, the group becomes eligible for installing Rural Crime Watch signs in their area.

Guidelines for Placement

Rural Crime Watch signs are placed within the highway right-of-way. Only one sign is allowed for each highway entrance into a Rural Crime Watch Area.

Signs should be installed on separate posts. Attaching Rural Crime Watch signs to other

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signs (e.g., with a Corporate Boundary sign) will not be allowed.

Large Rural Crime Watch signs should be installed at the property line. Smaller signs may be permitted adjacent to the highway edge provided they do not interfere with other traffic control devices or block sightlines.

Alberta Transportation will work with the Rural Crime Watch group from the area to

select suitable sign locations along the highway.

References to Standards

<i>Recommended Practices</i> Section: General	General Provisions for Installing Private Signs Within the Highway Right-of-Way
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