

District 69 (Oceanside) Citizens on Patrol Society (C.O.P.S.)

Is a partnership between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) and the communities of Qualicum Beach, Parksville, Bowser, Nanoose Bay, and Arrowmith (Errington, Coombs, Hilliers, and Whiskey Creek).

Our History

In 1994, the Detachment Commander of the Oceanside RCMP established the "Citizens on Patrol Society" (C.O.P.S.). This was in response to the high standard of policing which is demanded and expected by the general public, and to meet the objectives of the RCMP Law Enforcement Programs.

C.O.P.S. is under the guidance of the local detachment of the RCMP which is governed by Federal and Provincial Laws.

Our Objective

To act as an extra set of "Eyes and Ears" for the RCMP, by providing the following services:

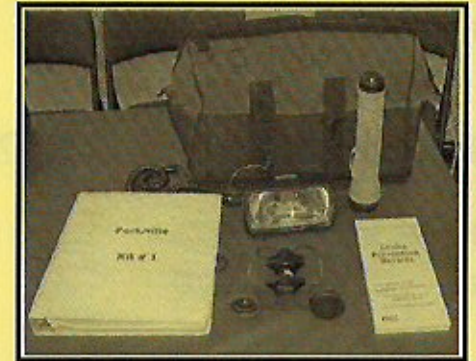
- patrolling designated areas of the community;
- detect, report and record:
 - suspicious persons
 - suspicious activities
 - unlawful activities
 - traffic patterns
 - traffic violations
 - abandoned vehicles;
- Lock Out Auto Crime Program;
- input license plates into the Stolen Auto Recovery Program;
- and aid with community events.

Who We Are

The C.O.P.S. Program is made up of volunteers from the respective communities within the policing boundaries of the Oceanside Detachment of the RCMP (District 69). Patrol members, unlike the members of the RCMP, do not have any extraordinary powers.

The volunteers must remain within the bounds of the law in the

performance of their duties and are expected to discharge their activities in a professional manner.



The C.O.P.S. Program is not designed to replace the functions and duties of the RCMP, but to aid and assist the RCMP, which allows them to focus on other areas of responsibility and concern.

The C.O.P.S. volunteers do not receive any remuneration; however, there is a gas rebate. The cost of operating the program is borne by the respective zones and administered by the District 69 C.O.P.S. administration.

Safe Communities Crime Prevention Common Goals