



CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM

MB COPP AGM - October 2019

Q & A Sheet

Q: Why do we have a Parliamentarian for the AGM?

A: The Board determines the AGM Agenda and the Parliamentarian's role is to advise on the planning of the AGM and maintain order by following the Rules of Order during the AGM.

Q: Are we going to continue as a Provincial COPP and what are we doing for future funding?

A: MB COPP is committed to move forward with the next phase of COPP and is currently in process of pursuing new funding/ sponsorship of COPP including exploring new operating options. The MB COPP will continue to work with MPI to transition administrative duties.

Q: Are we going to be covered by insurance?

A: We are once again requesting that groups ask their communities to cover the local COPP group under the municipal insurance umbrella, at no extra charge to the municipality. For communities that are not able to do this, MB COPP will continue with the current insurance which expires December 12, 2019. MPI has agreed to pay for the cost of renewing these policies for an additional one year term only, expiring December 12, 2020.

Q: Are we going to continue collecting seatbelt & cell phone stats?

A: If the RCMP or law enforcement request we assist in their annual collection of stats, groups are encouraged to participate.

Q: Is there still going to be a provincial website?

A: MB COPP has requested permission and has been granted all rights and access to continue the website, funding this site will need to be resolved.



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Q: Where are we going to get our patrol equipment after the funding expires in March 2020?

A: MPI will donate all existing supplies and equipment to the program. This means that the equipment currently on loan to individual groups, will be given to that group permanently. The only exception being the MTS cell phones for the rural groups that have them on loan. Those are on rental through MTS, so MPI is required to return them at the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2019).

MPI is also donating all existing stock of additional supplies and equipment not yet distributed to groups. This means that the Board will have at its disposal, extra equipment it can distribute to new groups or to replace damaged or outdated equipment.

Q: Are we still going to have law enforcement support?

A: Law enforcement agencies across Manitoba support the COPP and we expect our relationship to continue.

Q: Is COPP still going to do SpeedWatch?

A: It was communicated to groups in the spring that the SpeedWatch program through MPI has now ended. The Speed Watch name is owned by MPI, so we cannot use that program name any longer. Active groups who wish to continue using the reader boards to monitor roadside speeds may continue to use them in an unofficial capacity. Group Coordinators are to advise the Provincial Coordinator if their COPP group would like to return, keep, or request a speed reader board with maintenance and upkeep of the boards being the sole responsibility of the COPP group.

Q: Do we still need Criminal Record Checks (CRC)?

A: Yes, new members will still need to acquire a CRC as before. The board has reviewed the policy and modified it to reflect current times. This revised policy can be seen on the website.



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Q: Can we patrol alone?

A: Yes, in a vehicle only, as long as your group approves and the new Policy & Procedure # 10 “Vehicle Patrolling Alone” is followed. Reference the web site for complete details.

Q: Can we still use the COPP logo?

A: MPI has gifted the COPP logo to us, and has no copy write or trade mark on it. The COPP Board will develop a list of standards and guidelines for how individual groups will be allowed to use the logo.