

Happy 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary COPP Members!

We now move on with new beginnings forward with renewed funding from Manitoba Justice to allow continued program operations, training and equipment for patrolling. This core support for funding is much needed and appreciated. A huge thank you to the Manitoba Government for their generous support and contributions to our program.

I would like to thank our current board members; Vice Chairperson Dustin Brown, Secretary Joan Neuman and Ernie Dyck for their continued dedication. Volunteering, countless hours of updating, addressing problems and all the travel, weekend board meetings, training and all the other thankless tasks, takes away from family time and they do it with a smile on their face.

Thank you to our previous board member participants Val Uffelman, William Brown and Bianca Hamblin and Ernie Dyck for 6 consecutive years of service. I would also like to recognize the COPP Groups for their ongoing patience while the program restructures and their efforts to contribute and help keep their communities safe.

On a sad note, our resource council law enforcement members from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Brandon Police Service (BPS) and Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) have been reassigned, retired or taken new positions. Thank you to BPS S/Sgt Michael Tosh, RCMP Sgt Doug Lukaway, RCMP Cpl Theresa Labbe, WPS Cst Maria Buduhan and WPS Cst Chika Modozie, it has been my pleasure working with you, not to mention the laughter we shared. We look forward to welcoming our new resource council members in the coming days as they assist us through the coming year.

And now a HUGE thank you to Detlef Hindemith our Program Administrator, without his hard work and guidance we would not have made it such a successful year. He has logged countless hours ensuring member / trainer lists, equipment tracking, website maintenance just to name a few items.

Being part of COPP is a fulfilling journey, working alongside the members to the WPS, BPS, RCMP. Every Patrol has the potential to aid law enforcement as we continue to grow and learn and reduce crime in both Rural and Urban Communities.

Thank you

Marg Potts

Chairperson

Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program