



SPRING NEWSLETTER
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How far that little candle throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a weary world.
~William Shakespeare



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Everyone;

In my final message as the Crime Prevention Society of Nova Scotia "Chair" since April 2006, I have to say "Where did two years go" as we have looked forward to the new challenges and strategies in promoting community safety, two years have passed so quickly. It was our commitment to provide the best facilitators/presenters in Crime Prevention Education as well as making every effort to make these opportunities affordable to all our members. I believe we have accomplished these goals with all the good work this organization has done in reducing crime through the promotion of education/awareness activities in communities throughout Nova Scotia.

The benefits CPSNS has achieved for our communities have been numerous, just to mention a few:

We enjoyed a soaring attendance at the CPSNS Seminars.

Organization's membership to CPSNS has doubled.

Topics for our information sessions/presentations have been extremely successful and very well received by our members, with a wide range of current topics and the expertise of the best facilitators throughout Nova Scotia. Training and with certificates granted to our members has been a first for CPSNS members.

We requested and received funding from Nova Scotia Department of Justice twice in the past two years.

We are looking forward to the Provincial Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Honourable Cecil P. Clark attending our Seminar, another first time ever to have his attendance to CPSNS.

We were able to keep our members informed of many events/conferences/training opportunities, funding opportunities, resources, CPSNS updates and business, through our Secretary and his many informative emails to our members, this was a well utilized way of current communications for our CPSNS, and greatly appreciated by our members to be so well informed and kept up to date on such a regular basis.

Our web site www.cpsns.com which was very successfully maintained by our Treasurer Dale Saulnier was another very important communication tool for our CPSNS members as well as the rest of the world to discover who we are & what we are doing in a very timely manner. Both Dale & Francis performed their tasks to the maximum, both of whom I can't thank enough for their relentless efforts for the success of CPSNS.

We successfully hosted the 21st Annual ACC Conference, with the first time ever presences of the Federal Minister, the Honourable Stockwell Day attendance as our Keynote Speaker. We also had many CPSNS Volunteers give their time to assist in making this conference extremely successful.

Their participation provided CPSNS with the opportunity to make a very positive impact on the delegates from the other Atlantic Provinces and beyond, as well as

our elected officials, on the relentless work CPSNS has been doing, and the support we have to compliment all of our efforts. On a personal note, I must say again that I am extremely honoured to have been chosen the Crime Prevention Society of Nova Scotia Volunteer of the Year for 2007.

We are looking forward to working with the Asst. Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Elizabeth Denham, from Ottawa, who has shown a great interest in our partnership with the Office of the Privacy commissioner of Canada.

Relationships/Partnerships between CPSNS and the Police Agencies from across Nova Scotia – Municipal, Regional & RCMP, Government Agencies {Nova Scotia Dept. of Justice, NCPC and Nova Scotia FOIPOP Freedom, of Information & Protection of Privacy}, and our Elected Official's has been strengthened greatly and the support of all these agencies have grown beyond expectations.

These challenges have only been successfully met by the dedication and efforts of your Executive Team, CPSNS Teams and Representatives from the Government Agencies involved with CPSNS, and most importantly, you the members. It has been exciting to work with people and partners who share the same vision of excellence for the Crime Prevention Society of Nova Scotia. I would like to thank you for the support and the trust you have given us {your Executive Team}. We wish CPSNS these continued successes in the future.

Barb Dewtie – CPSNS Chair

April, 2008

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Cole Harbour RCMP Seniors Safety Program

Cole Harbour RCMP Seniors Safety Program has held 3 Seniors Police Academies and had graduated 75 seniors to date.

We have started our 4th Academy on April 8/08, the fifth starting April 25/08. The academies have been very successful and have received very positive feedback from our participants. The seniors have had input as to which speakers they wish to have included in the Academies.

In the near future, we plan on starting seniors workshops in our communities with various pertinent topics of interest to our seniors.

We continue to maintain a Senior's Data Base; it will be used in the event of emergencies or disasters. All seniors have consented to having their information shared with HRM Fire Services, EMO, Police & EHS.

We are in the process of applying for funding to continue to improve upon our very successful RCMP Seniors Safety Program.

Submitted By:

Betty Nauffts

Cole Harbour RCMP

Seniors Coordinator

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Chester Crime Prevention

We kicked off our Lucky Duck ticket selling on Feb.10/08; so far it looks like we will have no problem selling all our tickets.

At our meeting of the Chester Crime Prevention, we held election of officer for 2008-2009. I again will be Chairperson and contact person for the Chester Crime Prevention.

Submitted By:
George Cooper,
Chairperson, Chester Crime Prevention

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East Hants Citizens on Patrol

We have increased our membership, with eight new members. We are in the process of training our new members as well as doing upgraded training for our senior members.

New members must complete three patrols with a senior member before going out on their own; this training has been going very well, with two of the members having completed their training.

On Dec.1/07 several of our members braved the extremely cold, snowy and windy afternoon to take part in the "Santa Claus Parade" along with some of their children and grandchildren.

On Jan.26/08 six of our members attended a First Aid Course.

Our annual fund raiser is under way; we have tickets for sale on a "Spring Basket" This will be drawn for on May 2/08 at the Seniors Cards and Luncheon.

Submitted by;

Jean Hiltz, Senior Patroller, East Hants Citizens Patrol

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East Hants Crime Prevention Association

The East Hants Crime Prevention has had another very successful year. Our Christmas Parade was well attended even with the minus 20 degree and a blowing winter wind.

We were all involved in the Detachment Christmas Dinner and Dance a good time was had by all. Most of us were at the Seniors Christmas lunch and helped with the preparations, decorating the tables and buying the gifts for the seniors.

We helped the East Hants Emergency Response Association pull off a very successful Dinner Theatre on February 23rd, it was a sell out. They raised over \$3,500. for their cause. We helped them raise \$50,000. over the past 2 years to buy the generator for the Comfort Shelter.

We have an advertising board on the lawn of the Detachment for all of East Hants to use to advertise their events.

We will be hosting our annual Battle of the Brains on April 26, 2008. We have had to put on our application form "first come first in" there are so many who want to come to it and we only have room for 25 teams, 5 persons to a team.

We are looking forward to the summer as is everyone and our July 1st parade.

Submitted by;

Betty Woolridge, Chairperson, East Hants Crime Prevention

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East Hants Crime Prevention

Safe Seniors At Home

Our Safe Seniors At Home held their annual Christmas Luncheon on December 7th, 2007. We had our turkey dinner with all the trimmings, provided by the Enfield RCMP Detachment, including a visit by the jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus. Santa passed out little token Christmas Gifts to every senior who attended all 100 of them.

S/Sgt. Murray Urquhart welcomed our Seniors plus our special guests, AC Ian Atkins, Commanding Officer "H" Division RCMP, Sgt. Frank Skidmore, Community Policing "H" Division, Gerry LaPierre, and Volunteer Coordinator for "H" Division, Roberta Mayfield "H" Division and Brenda Mitchell, "H" Division.

AC Atkins thanked the organizers and volunteers for putting this meal together. He also thanked the off duty members of Enfield Detachment for coming in their Red Serge and serving the meal. This goes to show just how well the community and the police work together.

Our monthly cards for our Seniors continue until May, this is when we have our last session for the season; we start up again in September.

Our next project is a seminar in May for our Seniors; this is a continuation of our Police Academy which we started in 2006. This will be a session on Alzheimer with the caregiver and those interested in knowing more about the disease. Lunch will be served.

We have another session planned for September with a topic of interest to our seniors. This is all part of our Safe Seniors At Home.

Submitted by;

Betty Woolridge, Chairperson, Safe Seniors At Home

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Antigonish Town & County Crime Prevention

The continued success of Antigonish Town & County CP Association lies in the hands of the dedicated Volunteers with in the group.

In December 2007 CP and RCMP sponsored a local school dance in the county for 160 students, along with door prizes. The dance was appreciated by staff and

students. Crime Prevention volunteers and RCMP were very pleased with the response.

December 14th Duncan/Kathleen Chisholm hosted our Annual Christmas Gathering at their home in St. Andrews with a sat down dinner for Forty CP/RCMP members. A Big Thank You to Duncan & Kathleen.

January a very busy month for our Seniors Safety Program Coordinator Kimberly Timmons. She put together and overview report on the "Seniors Safety Program" that covered 2003 – 2007. The overview report was placed in the hands of the Town/County Counsellors with one sent on to Ottawa. The overview we hope will help in our efforts to put in place Sustainability Funding with new stakeholders.

Kimberly Timmons completed a training session in New Brunswick in November.

On January 17th 2008 Elections took place for Board of Directors and Executive for 2008/2009.

February 2008 – five of our Members attended CPSNS Meeting in Halifax.

February 14th 2008 CP/RCMP supported the second school dance with in the Town this one was held in conjunction with "Winter Carnival" once again very successful.

We have supported a number of other programs with in the town and county. A pilot breakfast program, adopt a Library and Havre Boucher TaeKwonDo Program, to help support the purchase of equipment for youth with financial challenges.

We are looking forward to our up coming events in the months ahead.

Submitted By;

Catherine Hartling,
Chair-Person, Antigonish Town & County Crime Prevention Association

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ATLANTIC COORDINATION COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY

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THE CITIZENS CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND
AND LABRADOR PRESENT:

The 22nd Annual Crime Prevention Conference

June 5th – 8th, 2008

Sir Wilfred Grenfell Collage

Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador

The Keynote Speaker; will be Councillor Barbara Steele, Councillor Steele has
been a resident of Guildford, B.C. for 26 years.

Councillor Steele will be presenting on the City of Surrey Crime Reduction
Strategy.

FREE SPECIAL SESSION FOR POLICE ONLY

Time Thursday, June 5th from 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Topic: Target Crime with Literacy..... A project of Canadian Association of
Chiefs of Police.

Presenter: Cheryl Stephens, Consultant to Literacy and Policing in Canada

There will be 19, Concurrent Sessions that are sure to be of interest to all who
attend.

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AGM APRIL 11 & 12/08

SEMINAR TOPICS

Saturday April 12, 2008

9:00 am – Crime Prevention Bureau – Larry Meister and Wayne MacDonald
Director, Atlantic IBC. Investigative Services – Crime Prevention Programs
Available.

10:30 am – Nova Scotia Police Province Wide Helmet Rewards Program Non-Motorized Wheeled Activities (IWK). In July 1997, Nova Scotia enacted mandatory helmet use legislation (section 170A (1) Motor Vehicle Act). This helmet law targeted cyclists. Since the law was enacted, the rate of helmet use by cyclists has increased from 36% in 19195 to 84% in 1999 (Canadian Medical Journal 2002; 166(5): p592). In May 2003, Section 170B (1) of the Motor Vehicle Act was added. This section requires that all persons riding; skateboards, in-line skated, roller skates and scooters must wear helmets. On January 12, 2007 Bill 86 became law requiring that all persons engaging in wheeled activity are required to wear a helmet. This strong legislation places Nova Scotia in a position for one of the most aggressive and comprehensive helmet legislations in Canada. Presented by: Dr. Walling – Division of Neurosurgery
Neuro-Trauma/Injury Prevention Program, CDHA, HI Building, QE11 HSC

1:00pm – Clarification on New Laws – Hear it First Hand

- Cell Phone Law: Cathy Mac Isaac Communications Director for Nova Scotia Dept of Transportation.
- Smoking in Vehicle Law: Sue Mac Gage Media Relations Director of Nova Scotia Health Promotion & Protection.
- Enforcement Component: Police Officer

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