

	<b>RURAL CRIME WATCH SIGN</b>		<i>Issued: SEPT 2004</i>
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<b>RECOMMENDED PRACTICES</b>	PART	HIGHWAY SIGNS	
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### General

The Rural Crime Watch 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 1980's 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: 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 Rural Crime Watch program have the opportunity to inform the motoring public that they are part of the program through the use of Rural Crime Watch signs.

### Standard

A standard Rural Crime Watch sign (ID-221) has black lettering on a yellow background. The standard sign sizes are: 600 mm x 600 mm and 1200 mm x 1200 mm.



<b>ID-221</b>	<b>600 mm x 600 mm</b> <b>1200 mm x 1200 mm</b>	
	<b>Colour</b>	Symbol and Border Background
<b>Sheeting</b>	ASTM, Type III or IV	

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 Rural Crime Watch group is through one of the following:

- Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association

#302, 7000 – 113 Street,  
 Edmonton, AB  
 T6H 5T6

Phone: (780) 422-0922

Web address:

<http://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca>

- RCMP “K” Division  
Program Manager  
Victim Services, Family Violence  
& Crime Prevention  
11140 109 Street,  
Edmonton, AB  
T5G 2T4  
Phone: (780) 412-5369

These two sources provide the required contact to initiate a Rural Crime Watch program in a given rural area. Boundaries of the area are the same as the local RCMP detachment boundaries.

Once the local Rural Crime Watch program application is approved and the local group becomes a member of the Rural Crime Watch Association, the group becomes eligible for installing Rural Crime Watch signs in their area. The signs have a standard format and are distributed by the Rural Crime Watch Association.

A local Rural Crime Watch group also needs approval from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation in order to place signs along the highway.

Usually, a local RCMP officer will forward a letter of application to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation indicating the interest in installing Rural Crime Watch signs along the highway. A listing of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation district offices is provided at the following web-site:

<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content/docType329/Production/distaddress.pdf>

After reviewing an application, an Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation representative will issue a Letter of Approval for installing Rural Crime Watch signs within the highway right-of-way.

### **Guidelines For Placement**

Rural Crime Watch signs are placed within the highway right-of-way. Only one sign (either 600 mm x 600 mm or 1200 mm x 1200 mm) 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 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 Infrastructure and Transportation will work with the Rural Crime Watch group from the area to select suitable sign locations along the highway.

### **Installation and Maintenance**

The requirements for fabricating, installing and maintaining Rural Crime Watch signs are outlined in the Recommended Practices guideline entitled General Provisions for Installing Private Signs within the Highway Right-of-Way.

The Rural Crime Watch group is responsible for all costs associated with Rural Crime Watch signs, including installation, future replacement of signs and sign structures, and maintenance.

### **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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