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General

The Citizens on Patrol (COP) program is a provincial program sponsored and administered by the Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association. The purpose of the COP program is to assist in crime prevention within urban communities through organized night or day-time patrols. COP is a voluntary program involving community residents who work with the local R.C.M.P. detachment to develop a suitable patrolling program.

Citizens on Patrol signs are installed at the entrance to an urban community to inform the motorists that a community participates in the Citizens on Patrol program.

Guidelines for Use

Eligibility

An urban community group participating in the Citizens on Patrol program may apply to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to have Citizens on Patrol signs installed for that community. The request from a group must receive endorsement from the local R.C.M.P. detachment.

In order to be eligible for a sign, a community must meet all of the following criteria:

- be recognised by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing as a Hamlet or Incorporated Community;
- participate in the Citizens on Patrol

program sponsored by the Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association (A.C.O.P.A.);

- be served by a provincial highway;
- receive an approval and support from the local R.C.M.P. detachment.

A community participating in the COP program must submit an application to one of the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation district offices in order to have signs approved for installation along a highway.

After reviewing an application, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation may issue a Letter of Approval allowing for the placement of signs within the highway right-of-way.

A listing of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation district offices and an example of the sign application is provided at the following link:

<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/613.htm>

Rural communities have the option of participating in the Rural Crime Watch program.

For more information on the Rural Crime Watch program and its signing options, please refer to the Recommended Practices guideline entitled Rural Crime Watch Sign.

Standard

The Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association (A.C.O.P.A.) has developed standard signs to mark a community participating in the program.



Figure 1 – Example of the COP sign

The standard size of the sign is **600 mm x 600 mm**.

Guidelines for Placement

Citizens on Patrol signs may be placed within the right-of-way of a provincial highway, within the boundaries of the urban community participating in the COP program. Typically, two signs are placed on each highway passing through an urban community, one for each direction of travel.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will work with the community COP program representative to determine the exact sign locations.

Installation and Maintenance

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

Each Citizens on Patrol group is responsible for all costs associated with Citizens on Patrol signs in their area, including installation, future replacement of signs and sign structures, and maintenance.

References to Standards

Recommended Practices Section: General	General Provisions for Installing Private Signs within the Highway Right-of-Way
Recommended Practices Section: Miscellaneous Signs – Public Awareness	Rural Crime Watch Sign