



SRCWA Newsletter

Winter 2026

Who We Are

The Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association is a grass roots, non-profit association, incorporated in November 2020. The goal is to provide advocacy and services to local crime watch groups across the province. Rural Crime Watch members are volunteers who serve as the 'Eyes and Ears' of their communities and contact the police to report suspicious persons/vehicles.

Since inception, the organization has been busy. A few of the highlights are:

- Growing membership
- Development of internal policies
- Distribution of signs to the SRCWA membership to distribute to their jurisdictions at zero cost to members
- Development of a new logo
- Four meetings throughout the year
- A booth at the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Annual Convention
- Presentations at the Rural Municipal Administrators Association Annual Convention

Are you interested in becoming a crime watch member? Information on following pages provides detailed information on how to form a crime watch group in your area.

If you are already a member or would like to purchase crime watch signs for your area or property, contact tbrodt@sasktel.net or karlambear@gmail.com.



"I feel a lot safer around here since your Grandad joined the Neighbourhood Watch!"



POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

To start a crime watch group in your area get in touch with your local RCMP detachment. If you require further assistance call Tim Brodt, President of the Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association for more details."

RCMP Detachment Info:

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/find/SK>

Tim Brodt: 306-539-9117 or tbrodt@sasktel.net

How to Start a Crime Watch Group

- Form an Executive committee with a minimum of 6 members including a president, secretary and treasurer.
- Pick a name that represents your community/area.
- Set up an official group email for communication with other groups/organizations.
- Create a membership form and keep accurate accounting and minutes of your meetings.
- Setup a main group on any instant messaging application to alert your members instantly of an incident.
- Plan a meeting and promote your group with flyers, door-to-door visits.
- Create Facebook page or use other social media for promoting your group.
- Invite local law enforcement to speak at the launch meeting.
- Contact neighbours. The success of your group is based on number of participants and their commitment and cooperation.
- Contact existing crime watch organizations and groups as they may provide an existing structure for your group.
- Hold regular meetings and activities and provide feedback on stats in your neighbourhood to keep members informed and enthusiastic.
- Promote safety at all times. Report possible crime but members should never put themselves in harm's way.

Contact the RCMP Detachment in your area to organize a local Rural Crime Watch group today.



Board Member Biographies

Bruce Wilson

Bruce is a U of S graduate of Professional Mechanical/Agricultural Engineering, of 40 years. He has a family of five, and lives on his 114 year-old farm. He has worked across Canada in scientific instrumentation within environmental monitoring industry, electronic equipment manufacturing, emergency vehicle fabrication, and oil field piping and tank design. He is currently a construction project manager within buildings and recreation groups for in the city of Saskatoon. Bruce is active in competitive sports, and is now teaching his kids. He started his local crime watch group in 2018 because farms were increasingly being vandalized and the old-style rural social network is fading away.

Gavin Nash

Gavin Nash is the Executive Director of Court Security, Prisoner Transport, and Investigative Services, Provincial Protective Services, Ministry of Public Safety, He came to the Ministry in 2018 with over 31 years of policing experience with the RCMP. Gavin and his family currently reside in Regina.

Karla Bear

Karla is married with three children and eight grandchildren. She has worked for the Government of Saskatchewan for ten years. Karla is the VP of the Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association and President of the Lake Country Crime Watch group at Christopher Lake. She travels across Saskatchewan helping newly formed groups get up and running.

White Butte Community Consultation

Background:

The White Butte Detachment has discussed the success of their community consultation plan. The approach has received significant positive feedback, which has even been discussed at SUMA and SARM. The detachment commander, S/Sgt. Corey Niedzielski shared the positive results and would like to explore sharing this approach as a best practice for all detachments.

Framework:

White Butte RCMP has monthly meetings with all elected officials in their detachment area present to discuss crime statistics, significant occurrences, and community concerns.

There are several ways their approach differs from less developed approaches. The meetings:

- have a set date and time each month
- include elected officials from all communities in the detachment area
- follow-up on the RCMP response and action taken on previously identified concerns
- include open conversations about the complexity of issues in each of the communities
- include a roundtable that allows the elected officials to bring up their concerns and listen to the concerns of other communities in the detachment area

The positive benefits that White Butte has seen from this approach include:

- stronger community relationships
- increased transparency and trust
- increased understanding of the challenges faced by the detachment
- a policing service that is more responsive to community needs
- the ability to have open conversations about issues and concerns
- increased understanding from all communities about the issues faced and the police response

Analysis and Recommendation:

Detachments will have a lower maturity level if they have informal meetings with elected officials. They could be more developed if they have a structure in place.

White Butte has moved to the higher level of engagement maturity in facilitating constructive discussions not only between the detachment and elected officials, but also amongst elected officials.

It is recommended that the White Butte Detachment consultation approach be shared with all detachments in Saskatchewan.

Testimonials:

The White Butte Regional RCMP Committee has truly shown what can happen when communities and law enforcement work hand in hand. Their approach isn't just about meetings, it's about building trust, understanding, and real connections. Every month, elected officials from across the detachment area come together with the RCMP to talk openly about crime trends, community concerns, and the challenges everyone faces. These conversations aren't one-sided, they're collaborative, honest, and constructive. Committee members leave the table feeling heard and trust that action will follow. The results speak for themselves: stronger relationships, greater transparency, and a policing service that feels more responsive to the needs of the community. It's no surprise this approach has caught attention at SUMA and SARM, it's a model that works. What makes White Butte's success so special is the sense of partnership it creates. Communities understand the pressures on the detachment, and the RCMP gains insight into what matters to residents.

It's a win-win that makes everyone stronger. This committee is proof that when we commit to listening and working together, we can make a real difference. White Butte has set the bar high, and their success is something worth sharing across Saskatchewan. On behalf of the municipalities of Pilot Butte, White City, Balgonie, Edenwold, Grand Coulee, Pense, RM of Edenwold, RM of Sherwood, and RM of Lajord, we would like to sincerely thank Corey and the White Butte Detachment for keeping this committee going and for providing exceptional service to our communities. Your dedication and commitment make a real difference every day.

You remain anonymous. CRIMINALS DON'T.

**SASKATCHEWAN
CRIMESTOPPERS** 
Working to make our communities safer for over 30 years.

TALK or TYPE your TIP:

 **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**

 **www.saskcrimestoppers.com**

 **app for tablets and smartphones**



Board Member Biographies

Tim Brodt

Tim is the President of the SRCWA. He is also been a Councillor for the RM of Edenwold since 2014. He is a third-generation farmer along with his wife, Brenda. They moved to their grain farm in 1984. Their children and their families have both settled within a mile from our farm, enabling Tim and Brenda to see their grandkids daily.

Tim got involved in his local Rural Crimewatch group and became passionate about the concept of neighbours looking out for neighbours. His goal is to see a Crimewatch sign at everyone's property.

Pat Irwin

Pat lives in Pebble Bay, SK. It is a resort village on beautiful Iroquois Lake located about 1.5 hours north east of Saskatoon. She is a part of the Pebble Bay Crime Watch Group, which started in March of 2025. Pat is a recently retired Physiotherapist of 30 years, and a teacher of 10 years. Pat is an active volunteer in her community, and enjoys being out on the boat fishing, reading, and helping people.

George Petrescue

George grew up in rural Saskatchewan and moved to the Zehner area in the mid 1990's. He joined the local crime watch group and has been an active member for many years. He is the executive for his local crime watch as well as a director for the SRCWA. He and his wife Carol enjoy a balance of living on a ranch and being close enough to a city to enjoy the events and amenities. George continues to work in the office equipment service industry and enjoys woodworking in his spare time.

Bob Moulding

For the past 18 years, Bob has served rural Saskatchewan as a part of various boards and elected positions. Bob is currently on council for the RM of Abernathy No. 186 and the SARM Director for Division 1. He and his wife live on a small mixed farm operation outside of Abernethy where they raise purebred Charolais Cattle, and grain farm alongside their son.

Colin Venables

Colin lives in Lashburn, SK. He is a retired dairy farmer, originally from England. Colin has been chairman of the local church board and was on the provincial board of Sask Milk Producers Association, ending up as president. He has been president the local crime watch group for about 10 years. The group has been active for 40 years. In the early years they helped the local RCMP detachment, providing various equipment. Now the equipment is otherwise provided, but they maintain excellent relations with the detachment.



Keep Your Farm Safe

The remote location of farms and ranches presents a problem in crime prevention. Longer response times mean rural yard sites are targets for thieves. There are a number of things farmers and ranchers can do to help prevent rural crime.

- Put up security cameras
- Install adequate lighting
- Build fencing and gates to make entry more difficult
- Secure outbuildings and equipment – Lock things up and don't leave keys where they are easily found
- Use guard animals
- Establish a community crime watch network

www.realagriculture.com/2024/10/rural-security-101-ten-tips-for-a-safe-farmyard/

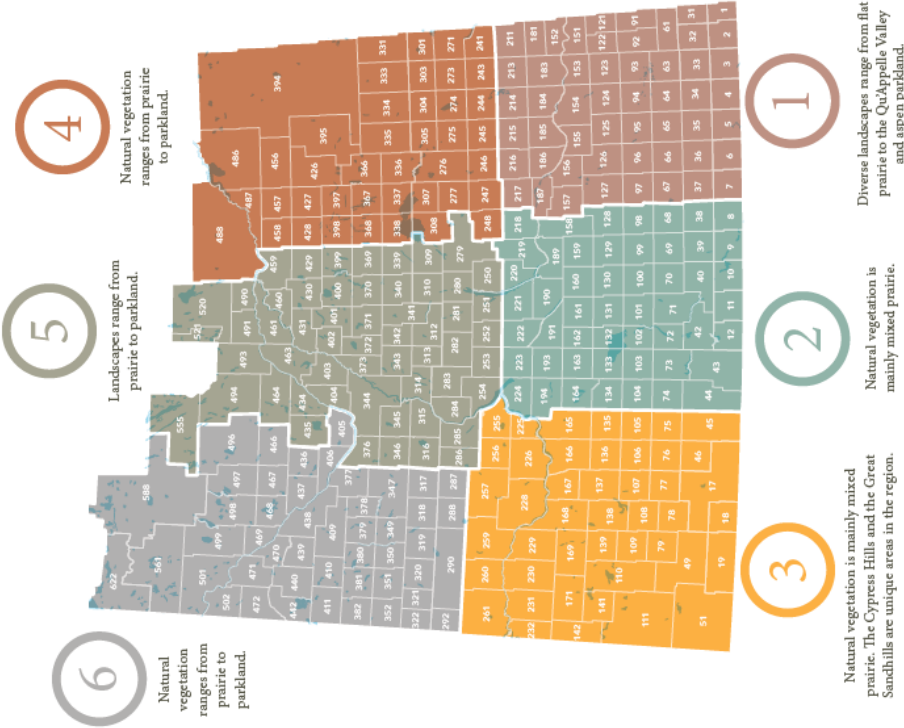
Word Scramble

- | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1. ilpoec | _____ | 9. hcwat | _____ |
| 2. cmrie | _____ | 10. eeyrnmce | _____ |
| 3. alurr | _____ | 11. atpolr | _____ |
| 4. twsashkcaen | _____ | 12. ssicpuuio | _____ |
| 5. usyrecti | _____ | 13. lunoeetvr | _____ |
| 6. amfr | _____ | 14. ptrroe | _____ |
| 7. cfeoifr | _____ | 15. icaonolt | _____ |
| 8. asetyf | _____ | 16. cmyouimnt | _____ |



1. police 2. Crime 3. Rural 4. Saskatchewan 5. Security 6. Farm 7. Officer 8. Safety 9. Watch
10. emergency 11. Patrol 12. Suspicious 13. Volunteer 14. Report 15. Location 16. community

RM Map + List



South Eastern Division No. 1

Argyle No. 1
Mount Pleasant No. 2
Enniskillen No. 3
Coalfields No. 4
Estevan No. 5
Cambria No. 6
Souris Valley No. 7
Storthoaks No. 31
Reciprocity No. 32
Moose Creek No. 33
Browning No. 34
Benson No. 35
Cymri No. 36
Lomond No. 37
Antler No. 61
Moose Mountain No. 63
Brook No. 64
Tecumseh No. 65
Griffin No. 66
Weyburn No. 67
Mayfield No. 91
Walpole No. 92
Wawken No. 93
Hazelwood No. 94
Golden West No. 95
Filimore No. 96
Wellington No. 97
Moosomin No. 121
Martin No. 122
Silverwood No. 123
Kingsley No. 124
Chester No. 125
Montmartre No. 126
Francis No. 127
Rocanville No. 151
Soy Hill No. 152
Willowdale No. 153
Ekapo No. 154
Woleseley No. 155
Indian Head No. 156
South Qu'Appelle No. 157
Langenburg No. 181
Fertile Belt No. 183
Grayson No. 184
McLeod No. 185
Abernethy No. 186
North Qu'Appelle No. 187
Churchbridge No. 211
Saltcoats No. 213
Stanley No. 215
Tullymet No. 216
Lipton No. 217

South Central Division No. 2

Lake Alma No. 8
Surprise Valley No. 9
Happy Valley No. 10
Hart Butte No. 11

South Western Division No. 3

Val Marie No. 17
Lone Tree No. 18
Frontier No. 19
Mankota No. 45
Glen McPherson No. 46
White Valley No. 49
Reno No. 51
Pinto Creek No. 75
Auvergne No. 76
Wise Creek No. 77
Grassy Creek No. 78
Arlington No. 79
Glen Bain No. 105

North Eastern Division No. 4

Calder No. 241
Wallace No. 243
Orkney No. 244
Garry No. 245
Ituna Bon Accord No. 246
Kellogg No. 247
Touchwood No. 248
Cote No. 271
Sliding Hills No. 273
Good Lake No. 274
Ininger No. 275
Fram Lake No. 276
Emerald No. 277
St. Philips No. 301
Keys No. 303
Buchanan No. 304
Invermay No. 305
Elfron No. 307
Big Quill No. 308
Livingston No. 331
Clayton No. 333
Preeceville No. 334
Hazel Dell No. 335
Sasman No. 336
Lakeview No. 337
Lakeside No. 338
Kelvington No. 366
Ponass Lake No. 367

North Central Division No. 5

Whisk Creek No. 106
Lac Pelletier No. 107
Bone Creek No. 108
Carmichael No. 109
Plapot No. 110
Maple Creek No. 111
Lawtonia No. 135
Coulee No. 136
Swift Current No. 137
Webb No. 138
Gull Lake No. 139
Big Stick No. 141
Enterprise No. 142
Morse No. 165
Excelsior No. 166
Sask. Landing No. 167
Riverside No. 168
Pittville No. 169
Fox Valley No. 171
Canaan No. 225
Victory No. 226
Lacadena No. 228
Miry Creek No. 229
Clintworth No. 230
Happyland No. 231
Deer Forks No. 232
Coteau No. 255
King George No. 256
Monet No. 257
Snipe Lake No. 259
Newcombe No. 260
Chesterfield No. 261

North Western Division No. 6

Spalding No. 368
Hudson Bay No. 394
Porcupine No. 395
Barrier Valley No. 397
Pleasantdale No. 398
Blorkdale No. 426
Tisdale No. 427
Star City No. 428
Canwood No. 494
Paddockwood No. 520
Lakeland No. 521
Big River No. 555
St. Andrews No. 287
Kensley Valley No. 288
Milton No. 292
Marriott No. 317
Mountain View No. 318
Winslow No. 319
Oakdale No. 320
Prairieville No. 321
Antelope Park No. 322
Biggar No. 347
Grandview No. 349
Mariposa No. 350
Progress No. 351
Heart's Hill No. 352
Glenside No. 377
Rosemount No. 378
Reform No. 379
Tramping Lake No. 380
Grass Lake No. 381
Eye Hill No. 382
Great Bend No. 405
Mayfield No. 406
Buffalo No. 409
Round Valley No. 410
Seniac No. 411
Douglas No. 436
North Battleford No. 437
Battle River No. 438
Cut Knife No. 439
Hillsdale No. 440
Manitou Lake No. 442
Meeting Lake No. 466
Round Hill No. 467
Meota No. 468
Turtle River No. 469
Paynton No. 470
Eldon No. 471
Wilton No. 472
Spiritwood No. 496
Medstead No. 497
Parkdale No. 498
Mervin No. 499
Frenchman Butte No. 501
Britannia No. 502
Loon Lake No. 561
Meadow Lake No. 588
Beaver River No. 622

Division 1: George Petrescue
pipstone@gmail.com

Division 2: Tim Brodt
tbrodt@sasktel.net

Division 3: Karla Bear
karlambear@gmail.com

Division 4: Pat Irwin
pbccrimewatch2025@gmail.com

Division 5: Bruce Wilson
brucewilson@sasktel.net

Division 6: Colin Venables
crv47@live.ca

Administrator: Leah Ward
leahward@sasktel.net