# Citizens On Patrol Program (COPP)



#### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The RM of Ste. Anne has been approached about starting a Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP). This initiative would be volunteer-led and supported by Manitoba COPP. This is a great opportunity to get involved in crime prevention, community awareness, and safety patrols right here in our municipality. If you've ever thought about making a difference in your neighbourhood, now is the time!



#### WHY BECOME A COPP MEMBER?

- Contribute to the well-being of your community by helping reduce crime.
- Learn about crime-related issues and prevention strategies.
- Patrol alongside like-minded individuals who share a common goal.
- Patrol when it fits your schedule.
- Meet your neighbours and have fun while making a difference!



## What's involved?

- Patrol the community (on foot, bike, or by vehicle).
- Identify and report suspicious or concerning behaviour.
- Notify local law enforcement of emergency and non-emergency situations.
- Keep proper notes and maintain confidentiality.
- Follow COPP policies, procedures, and present a positive presence in the community.



## **Qualifications**

- Minimum 18 years of age.
- Be in good health.
- Live, work, or have a vested interest in the patrol area.
- Must complete a Criminal Record Search through Manitoba COPP.
- Strong communication skills.
- Positive attitude and ability to work in a team environment or independently
- Willing to participate in training sessions.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?

At this stage, we are gathering names of those who would like to learn more and are interested in participating.

- Contact us at pwrec@rmofsteanne.com to add your name to the list.
- Once enough volunteers have come forward, we will organize an information meeting for all interested residents.
- Volunteers will decide together if they wish to proceed, if so, a meeting with a COPP representative will guide the next steps.