



ENFORCEMENT EDITORIAL

The official newsletter of the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association

President's Message

On behalf of the AMEA executive, I would like to begin by recognizing and paying tribute to our courageous colleague, Rod Lazenby, who devoted his entire career to public service and safety. Rod's devotion to serve and protect will never be forgotten. Please see page 2.

The executive has been hard at work planning and lining up this year's Fall Training Session. This year, we will be offering a 4-day Law Enforcement Bicycle Association's (LEBA) Class B bicycle course. Furthermore, the training course will be held in beautiful Canmore!!

Although this course will not apply to everyone, we really wanted to offer some specialized training that will allow officers the opportunity to leverage themselves and their job role.

The Class B Bicycle Certification training will cover the following areas:

- Accident prevention for the mountain bike officer
- Safety equipment, uniforms, and accessories
- Proper bicycle fit
- Emergency braking
- Nutrition for the mountain bike officer
- Cholesterol explanation and N.C.E.P. guidelines
- Saddle, knee, hand, and foot injuries
- Stretching
- Slow speed balance drills
- Hypothermia and dehydration
- Effective Cycling video and lecture
- Training rides (minimum of three)
- Gears and cadence
- Police technical skills: Cross-over Drills®, Cross-Over Exit®, Cross-Over Take-down®, Powerslide Exit®, Push off Cross-Over®, Kickstand Exit®, and Look Over Drill®
- LEBA written examination consisting of a minimum 25 questions

*Bike's will not be provided. Officers need to supply their own

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Please see page 8 for the registration form.

Kaila Tipton
2012 AMEA President



Rod Lazenby

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In Memory of Rod Lazenby

On Friday, August 10th, a tragedy occurred just outside of Priddis, Alberta. One of our own, Rod Lazenby, lost his life while on duty responding to an Animal Complaint.

Rod was a retired RCMP officer of over 35 years. He worked as a Community Peace Officer with the MD of Foothills since January, 2009. Rod dedicated his entire career to public service and public safety; including his time working as an undercover homicide detective—once even posing as a mob boss in Ontario.

Rod is survived by his loving family—wife, Lolita; children, David, Grady, and Meghan; two step children, and eight grandchildren—as well as Rod’s friends, extended family, and colleagues. We send our utmost and deepest sympathies and condolences.

Rod’s devotion to serve and protect will never be forgotten.



Celebrating the Life of a Kind and Generous Man

By **Kaila Tipton**, *Municipal Enforcement Officer, City of Edmonton*

On Friday, August 24th, in High River, Alberta, about 700 Peace Officers, Police Officers, Bylaw Officers, Firefighters, and Paramedics from across Alberta and Canada, gathered to remember Rod Lazenby.

I felt privileged to be present at what was a massive and honourable tribute ceremony for Rod. Unfortunately, I was not able to partake in the incredible parade that initiated the memorial service as in my MEO role, I do not wear a uniform.

Throughout the entire path of the parade, there were people along the street sides who came to witness what was an incredibly moving and emotional tribute and mark of respect. What was very prevalent in the air that day was an intense

feeling of comradeship, support, and solidarity.

As we all entered into the hall one by one, we heard from Rod’s friends, old colleagues, and family, who ever so generously shared their reminiscing stories about Rod. As each spoke, they painted a very vivid picture of the type of person Rod was and how he saw the world. They explained how he was a kind, giving, funny, athletic man who clearly enhanced whomever’s life that he was a part of; for those of us who did not personally know Rod, their stories underscored that we had most definitely missed out!!

As the stories continued, it was very evident that the world is a better place

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because Rod was in it, and without a doubt, the world most definitely needs more people like him.

The day started with dark clouds in the sky and a light rain, however just as the parade began, the rain stopped and the clouds began to fade, letting the sun peak through. After the service, as everyone left the hall and all the uniformed officers lined the road to salute the funeral procession, the sun was abundantly shining bright. I don't think it was a coincidence... I think it was a sign from above, letting us know that Rod was watching!

For those of you who worked with Rod, were friends with him, and to all of his family members, words can not explain

how much sorrow we feel for you. There is a very special place in the sky for people like Rod. He will never be forgotten.

Lest We Forget.



Clean-Up Orders

By Sean Ward, Reynolds Mirth Richards Farmer LLP, AMSC Casual Legal Service Provider

When a property owner fails to comply with a Clean-Up Order, it can be difficult to determine precisely how far the Municipality can go to enforce the Order. A recent case in Manitoba provides some guidance on the standard expected of a Municipality when enforcing a Clean-Up Order.

In that case, an elderly homeowner had a residence on 3 acres of land that was adjacent to an elementary school. After a complaint, a building inspector attended on the premises and found the property to be “grossly unsightly,” as a result of large volumes of junk that had accumulated and were spread out across the property. As a result, the Municipality issued an Order to remove and properly dispose of all the items in his front and rear yards.

The homeowner appealed the Order to the Municipality without success, and was then given an extension to comply with the Order. However, after the deadline had passed, the Municipality determined that the yard looked no different. As a result, the Municipality attended at the premises with a team of workers from its contractor to carry out the removal of the items scattered across the property. The cost of the clean-up—totalling over \$10,000—was then added to the tax bill for the property, along with a 2% administration charge and a credit to the property owner for the value of scrap metal recovered from the property.

The homeowner then challenged the Order and brought a court action seeking compensation for the removal and disposal of the personal property, some of which he claimed to have been valuable and not merely junk. He claimed that the Municipality had exceeded its authority and acted in bad faith by disposing of items not specifically



referenced in the Clean-Up Order. However, the Court found that the Clean-Up Order was reasonable and sufficiently described what was required of the homeowner. The Municipality was not expected to list each individual item that had to be removed, and the Court noted that the homeowner had more than a year to remove any items that he believed to be of any significant value. The Court also noted that in removing items from the property, perfection on the Municipality’s part was not possible, and the fact the Municipality did not intentionally or maliciously remove any items of value was sufficient to protect it from liability.

This case suggests that Municipalities have some protection when enforcing Clean-Up Orders as long as the homeowner has sufficient time to carry out the necessary work himself, and provided that the Municipality acts in good faith in attempting to carry out the Order.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have...

- a story to share?
- an idea for a column?
- some fun facts or interesting tidbits?

Is there something you would like to see in upcoming issues of your AMEA newsletter?

Contact your Publicity Officer, Ryan Berezanski, with your thoughts, ideas, and stories!

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Tips for New Officers

By **Amanda Oling**, *Bylaw Officer, County of Grande Prairie*

You've finally reached your goal – you've been hired by a Municipality as a Community Peace Officer. You arrive at your new Office and are getting ready to start your first day. You start by setting everything up and picking up your uniform. You are now officially ready to go. But wait a minute, where do you start? The calls are coming in fast and furious and everything seems a little overwhelming. Hopefully this article will be able to give you a few tips to make your new career a little bit less overwhelming and a little more enjoyable.

1. Get to know your jurisdiction.

Get a copy of your County or Town map and have it laminated. Having a laminated map allows you to use the map in all sorts of weather (emergencies seldom happen in good weather) and protects it if you accidentally spill your coffee on it! Start learning where key areas are located and mark their locations on your map. Key areas include places such as your Office, RCMP Detachments, Fire Halls, County or Town shops, Tow Truck Facilities, etc. (oh and of course the closest Tim Hortons). One of the best ways to learn your area is to close your eyes and point to a spot on the map. Try to drive to that location so you can become familiar with some of the roads and landmarks in your area.



2. Get to know the names the local people use for roads and areas in your jurisdiction.

Often the RCMP and other Officers will refer to these roads by those names, so to save you the embarrassment of trying to get directions in an emergency, take the initiative to learn this information before you need it. Mark the names of the roads on your map in permanent marker so you can find them quickly when needed.

3. Don't be afraid to talk to the local people.

They can sometimes be your best resource! Attend the local coffee shops and introduce yourself to some of the local people. This helps break the ice and helps them realize you are a human being and a person they can feel comfortable coming to when they need your help. Taking small items such as key chains or pins from your Office to hand out to the people also helps break the ice.

4. Introduce yourself to the local RCMP Detachment(s) and get to know the Officers in adjoining jurisdictions.

It helps if you start building a relationship early by stopping by the RCMP Detachment or adjoining Peace Officers Office for coffee and meeting some of the officers for a quick coffee from time to time. It makes it that much easier to work together on files if you already know each other, and if you are in trouble, the other Officers will be more likely to give you a quicker response if they know who you are. The last thing you want is to be calling for help on the radio and receive the response of "Who are you?"

Your 2012 AMEA Executive

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Tips for New Officers *Continued*

5. **Read your Mutual Aid Agreement or find out if one exists.** Find out if those in a County have authority within the Towns and those in Towns if you have authority in the County. Also, find out what role your RCMP play and how you are able to assist them and how they can assist you through the agreement.
6. **Know your jurisdictional boundaries.** There's nothing more embarrassing than having to phone people to cancel tickets you've written because you wrote them in the wrong jurisdiction. Knowing your jurisdiction also helps you determine if a complaint is in your jurisdiction or if it should be passed to an adjoining one.
7. **Don't be afraid to tell people on the phone you are new to the area and will call them back with an answer to their questions.** Bylaws and Policies differ from one municipality to another. Bylaws vary from Town to Town and County to County. Don't assume that the Bylaws you had at your previous place of employment or residence are the same as your new place of employment. If in doubt, take the caller's name and number and advise them that you will call them back shortly with an answer. Most people understand if you tell them you are new to the job and just want to double check to make sure you are giving them the correct answers.
8. **Talk to other experienced Officers. Watch how they deal with people and calls and learn from their successes and mistakes.** Never be afraid to ask for advice or to run something by them. Most Officers, whether it is in your office or an adjoining jurisdiction, are willing to help and provide advice when needed.
9. **Know the scope of your appointment and don't go beyond it.** Know what authorities you have and what legislation you can enforce. If you go outside the scope of your appointment, you could find yourself unemployed if the Solicitor General revokes your agencies authorizations to employ Peace Officers.
10. **Most importantly, have fun in your job!** Don't be afraid to give warnings to people or be creative. For example, one RCMP officer I met from BC would stop a person for speeding and if they had a clean driving record, the speed wasn't too bad and the driver has his or her spouse sitting next to them in the vehicle, he would write "Warning" on the ticket "to be paid in full by taking your spouse out for Dinner and dates as many times as it takes to pay off this ticket." He then handed the ticket to the spouse. People loved him and in some cases he had men begging him to give them the ticket, but it made people realize he was human and it was a legacy he left behind when he retired.

Remember, all members of the AMEA are here to help. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call or e-mail. We're all in this together!



Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association 2012 FALL TRAINING

October 15–18, 2012

CANMORE, ALBERTA

Stoneridge Mountain Resort

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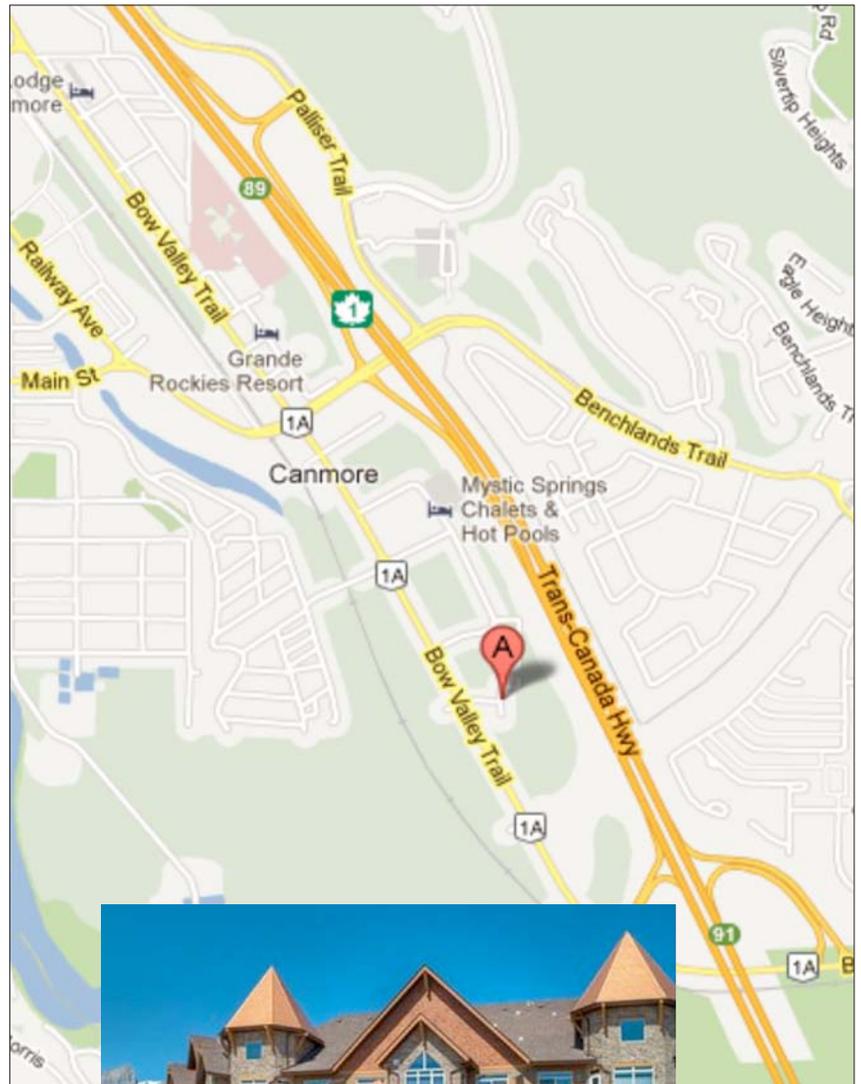
Law Enforcement Bicycle Association's (LEBA) Class B bicycle course

A 4-day Law Enforcement Bicycle Association's (LEBA) Class B bicycle certification course in Canmore. This training covers a large number of topics and provides an opportunity for Officers to expand their roles. Please note that bikes will not be provided. Officers must supply their own equipment.

Topics include:

- Accident prevention for the mountain bike officer
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- Proper bicycle fit
- Emergency braking
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Registration Form

Attendance Confirmation required by September 21

LEBA BIKE COURSE • OCTOBER 15–18, 2012		PRICE
Members (4 Nights)	\$1100 ⁰⁰	
Members (3 Nights)	\$920 ⁰⁰	
Non Members (4 Nights)	\$1160 ⁰⁰	
Non Members (3 Nights)	\$980 ⁰⁰	
Total:		

Accommodations, breakfast, and lunch are included in the price.

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