



For many people the only image of a police officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is that of a police officer in a vehicle responding to a crime in progress. What you may not be aware of is that the RCMP is committed to crime prevention and addressing the needs of those affected by crimes. Many of these crime prevention programs are community based and community driven.

The initiatives and programs are run by volunteers working in conjunction with the Morinville RCMP Detachment. These volunteers have a number of values and beliefs which are in alignment with those of the RCMP: ensuring safe communities and safe streets, being an active part of the community and helping make the community a better place. These volunteers have seen the value that a little commitment of their time can make in achieving these shared goals.

The Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch and Morinville Citizens on Patrol programs are an extension of the patrols which are conducted by the RCMP. Volunteers make patrols in their communities and become the eyes and ears of the RCMP. Any suspicious activity is reported to the RCMP for follow up and investigation. The Victim Services Unit - Sturgeon Region is based out of the Morinville RCMP Detachment and works with and helps victims of crime or trauma. Too often the focus is on the investigation and the accused and little is done to recognize the "damage" that crime does to the victim.

All of these programs have proven beneficial to the RCMP and the community. If you are interested and feel that you could be of assistance to any of these programs I encourage you contact the Morinville Detachment of the RCMP to help make positive change in your community.

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