Red Deer County and Blackfalds RCMP Detachment

POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bridging Communication between the Community and Police

Crime and the fallout affects all of us. We have a vested interest in the safety and well-being of our communities. But often our current Justice System is set up in a way that does not meet the needs of individuals or the community, as a retributive system it provides little or no healing for the victim, offender or the community.

Restorative Justice and Practices is an alternative way of addressing crime and conflict, keeping the wrong-doer accountable for his/her actions while emphasizing the importance of repairing damaged relationships and harms.

Restorative Justice requires vision and creativity. The first recognized case of Restorative Justice in Canada was documented in Elmira, Ontario, in 1974. Restorative Justice is not just a set of new programs or a short term project; it is a new way of thinking about crime, community and working together for the future.

Restorative Justice is an all-inclusive approach to addressing crime and conflict with an emphasis on helping offenders take responsibility for their actions with willing participation from all those affected by conflict or acts of crime.

The Police Advisory Committee (Red Deer County & Blackfalds RCMP detachment) has undertaken a Restorative Justice Program which we hope to initiate in late fall 2020. The program will operate within the Police Advisory Committee with community partners, Red Deer and Lacombe Counties and the Blackfalds RCMP detachment.

As this is a new program for the Red Deer County Police Advisory Committee and Blackfalds RCMP Detachment we wish to proceed slowly ensuring a strong foundation for the program within the area. Initially our referrals will come from Blackfalds RCMP School Liaison Officer within the detachment area. The program will serve the youth of the detachment area. The principal philosophy of the Police Advisory Committee is that “the police are the community and the community is the police”.

If you wish to participate in this project either as volunteer/ or a Coordinator or have your business participate in the restitution process or just find out more information on how you can assist please send your name and contact information to rjprogram@rccounty.ca.

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