

POLICY #:	PS 009	POLICY TITLE:	Community Peace Officers
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APPROVAL DATE AND MOTION:	June 25, 2013 (71-06-13)	CROSS-REFERENCE:	Replaces Policies PS-E 001 & PS-E 002
RESPONSIBILITY:	Protective Services	APPENDICES:	
APPROVER:	Council	EFFECTIVE DATE:	June 25, 2013
REVISION DATE(S)/ MOTION #	March 14, 2017 (2017-03-05) January 30, 2024 (2024-01-55)	NEXT REVIEW DATE:	2028

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.a. Community Peace Officer is a law enforcement officer designated under the *Peace Officer Act* (Alberta), who receive their authorities through their individual appointments, given to them by the Solicitor General.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.a This policy provides direction on the authorities, duties, responsibilities, and governance of the Public Safety Division – Peace & Bylaw Enforcement Officer Program.

3. OBJECTIVE

- 3.a. The primary purpose of the Community Peace Officer Program is to maintain a presence in our industrial/oil areas, the protection of County road infrastructure promote community safety and enforce municipal bylaws.
- 3.b. Peace Officers are governed by the *Public Safety Peace Officer Program: Policy & Procedures Manual*, the *Peace Officer Act* (Alberta) and their individual appointments.

- 3.c. Bylaw Enforcement Officers are governed by the Municipal Government Act, and applicable Bylaw(s).
- 3.d. Protective Services – Public Safety members are additionally regulated by the County of Vermilion River Public Safety Standard Operating Guidelines.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.a. With more than 5,250 kms of roads throughout the County of Vermilion River the municipality invests significant resources into constructing and maintaining road infrastructure. The County endeavours to protect this investment from unreasonable wear and take measures to ensure the safety of the travelling public. The County also has an obligation to enforce non-compliance with municipal bylaws.
- 4.b. The County of Vermilion River is an authorized employer of Peace Officers, as approved by the Director of Law Enforcement for the Province of Alberta, part of that authorization is to provide direction, governance and legislation as it relates to the role and responsibilities of Peace Officers.
- 4.c. Bylaw Enforcement Officers are appointed law enforcement officers (and within the County of Vermilion River, this designation is bestowed upon Community Peace Officers). As such, it is advantageous to provide similar guidance, direction and legislation to Bylaw Enforcement Officers to ensure proper adherence to regulatory standards expected from a person in that position of trust.

5. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 5.a. Community Peace Officers are responsible for:
 - 5.a.i. Ensuring Community & Public Safety through diligent execution of their duties
 - 5.a.ii. Protecting municipal road infrastructure
 - 5.a.iii. Enforcing traffic infractions on roadways within the County (and including 1, 2 & 3 digit highways)
 - 5.a.iv. Provide education on legislation and bylaws
 - 5.a.v. Enforcement of County bylaws where required and necessary

- 5.a.vi. Enforcement of Provincial Statutes as authorized under their appointments
- 5.a.vii. Providing compliance and document service for administration of the County of Vermilion River
- 5.a.viii. Cooperating/assisting with the RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs, Alberta Peace Officers, Town of Vermilion Peace Officers, Bylaw Officers of the Villages of Kitscoty, Marwayne and Paradise Valley, County of Vermilion River Fire Services, neighbouring law enforcement agencies (Wilton Police, Lloydminster Peace Officer Program, Military Police, etc.), County of Vermilion River Emergency Management Agency and other agencies as delegated by the Director of Protective Services

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ROLE/TASK	TITLE(S) OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE
HANDLING INQUIRIES	Protective Services – Public Safety
MONITORING REVIEWS AND REVISIONS	Manager – Public Safety
IMPLEMENTING POLICY	Director of Protective Services
COMMUNICATING POLICY	
INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS	
EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS	