

Wilberforce and Area Police Volunteer Association (WAPVA)

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The Association had a very busy year as residents of Wilberforce and its surrounding area took increasing advantage of the fact that they have a volunteer police association. The year started with a major problem involving our communications system working at half of the normal rate. This was due to some changes made by the Municipality. WAPVA was told that there would be some changes to the system and that it all would be fully tested with all the bugs worked out before any final changes would take place. Changes were made before all the bugs were worked out, and as a result out members were left for a period of 2 months without a fully operational communication system.

The overall activities log shows a sharp increase, with the number of calls up to 62.

This year members were kept extremely busy with numerous break-ins, and the extra patrols that had to be put in place for Cottage roads. During regular WAPVA patrols, members are still finding places open and are making sure they get locked up and secured correctly. The annual cottage check has been completed and members now are patrolling the back roads where possible, to make sure that they are kept safe and secure.

Association members, as always, assisted the Fire Department on a number of occasions by directing traffic at fires and accidents. The Association also received some calls from the OPP for assistance as well as information that led to the arrest of two suspects.

On two occasions, WAPVA members were out looking for missing persons. One in the Wilberforce Area who was found by the Police after 8 hours, and two

elderly persons missing from Harcourt Park for 7 hours were found safe and sound and taken home by the members.

Members also found some stolen property including a jet-ski and a paddle boat as well as receiving a call regarding an ATV sitting in the bush. After checking it out it, we found that it was also stolen, so the OPP were called, who had it taken away and returned to the rightful owners.

The annual Roast Beef dinner was a great success again this year, and we would like to thank all those that supported the Association, we need your support to keep it going.

As usual, members directed traffic and provided security for Country Good as well as during the Martin's Ball Tournament and dance in Harcourt, around the clock during the Agricultural Fair and during Halloween trick or treating in both Wilberforce and Harcourt.

This year, members had to deal with numerous power outages, during which we had go out and reset a lot of security systems. Members also kept an eye on the elderly at Maple View, where they checked on them every hour to make sure that they were ok. The outages created a secondary problem for the area, as there was no back up power for the new communications system, in case first response services were needed for medical help etc. The Association had the emergency power going at the Sub-office just in case, so people could drop in if needed. We told those at Maple View that they could come over if they wanted, where it is a major problem for the people there, as there is no back up power.

With your support and encouragement we look forward to serving you in the next year to provide you all with a safe and crime free community.

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