

COPKA

Co-operative Policing: Killaloe Area



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Memberships

Membership is steadily growing and so far continues to be our sole source of funding. Your membership dollars have established our website, printed brochures, funded our incorporation, and helped to send a COPKA delegation to provincial hearings on new legislation.

CPAC

From our inception in the fall of 2005, COPKA has attended each monthly community policing advisory committee (CPAC) meeting for the Killaloe detachment area. This is how we stay in touch with the OPP Staff Sergeant and address our members' concerns.

Taser

In response to local incidents last summer involving Taser use by the police, COPKA researched the weapon, its uses and abuses. We asked detailed questions at two CPAC meetings. Our efforts resulted in increased public awareness of the issues involved, in-depth coverage by the local media and a new dialogue with the OPP. To date we know of no further incidence of Taser use in our area.

Police Complaints System

COPKA presented recommendations to the government at hearings in Toronto regarding Bill 103. Our recommendations were echoed by more than 20 other citizens' groups at the hearings and we established valuable contacts with them.

Complainant Support Team

COPKA is developing a complainant support system. This year we will train volunteers to assist people in filing a complaint against the police. We will offer assistance with paperwork, interactions with the police and follow-up.

Restorative Justice

COPKA has begun research into an alternative way of dealing with offences. Restorative Justice is used all over the world in a variety of forms. Offenders and victims, when willing, meet face to face in a supportive environment to discuss the effects of the crime and develop a plan for making amends.

For more information or to find out how you can get involved,
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