

Newsletter #6

Spring 2009

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMES TO KILLALOE!

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario, has granted COPKA \$30,400 to see us through the first year of COPKA's new restorative justice program.

Genevieve Jones has been chosen as COPKA's Restorative Justice Program Coordinator. Genevieve has been working hard over the past year and a half to research restorative justice practices, then to find funding and design the program in detail. She has completed the draft Policies and Procedures manual and is very close to finalizing agreements with the OPP and the Crown Attorney.

"Everyone has been so helpful, from community leaders, to business people, social service agencies, teachers and clergy... And working with Staff Sgt. Colin Slight and Crown Attorney Jason Nicol has been very enjoyable," says Genevieve.

A growing Advisory Committee, including youth, seniors, teachers, police, the Crown Attorney, and help agency representatives will meet regularly to support and inform the work of the program coordinator.

"Restorative Justice is an exciting option that will benefit both the public and the police. COPKA is proud to offer this new service to the community." – Brian Tyrrell, President.

To find out more, or to attend a Restorative Justice Workshop in your area, call 613-757-3104 or email copka@vianet.ca.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES

Joan Peplinski-Lougheed and Georgia Steffan resigned from the COPKA Board May 1st 2009. Chris Bransfield and Bob Howe were appointed by the Board as Interim Directors. Both men are very familiar to COPKA's membership, as Chris is one of our founding members, and Bob has been a long time supporter. Both bring dedication, skill and clarity to the Board.

On May 8th, Janice Visneskie resigned from the Board, due to unforeseen time constraints.

Your COPKA Board now consists of Brian Tyrrell (President), Larry Dusseault (Treasurer), Bob Howe (Interim Director), and Chris Bransfield (Interim Director). Genevieve Jones continues as Secretary. There is room for one more Interim Director, so if you or someone you know would like to join, please contact the office 613-757-3104 or copka@vianet.ca.

Full steam ahead, folks!

...2

OBSERVER NETWORK

Cruiser speeding through built-up areas has been significantly reduced throughout the detachment area. Observers have reported occasional incidents, and COPKA continues to inform the OPP Staff Sgt. You can help. Join our Observer Network by calling 613-757-3104 or emailing copka@vianet.ca.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Video recorders have been installed on all holding cell cameras at the Killaloe OPP detachment. These will provide important evidence for protecting both the public and the police.

Further upgrades are planned to bring the Killaloe detachment up to the provincial standards, which includes recording throughout all public areas.

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)

Members of COPKA continue to attend the monthly meetings of CPAC, presenting community concerns to the OPP and municipally elected officials

MEMBERSHIP

Renewing your COPKA membership is easy! Just call 613-757-3104 or email copka@vianet.ca for a form.

COPKA VALUES

Respect for everyone
Serving the expressed needs of our community
Exemplifying the qualities of integrity, trust and competence

COPKA OBJECTIVES

To raise awareness of legal rights and responsibilities for both the public and the police
To promote increased understanding, communication and cooperation between the public and the police
To help develop a credible, effective and accessible police complaints system
To develop community justice options
To provide high quality programs and services

For more about COPKA's activities and volunteer opportunities, or to share your suggestions for COPKA, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you.



*COPKA is grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation,
an agency of the government of Ontario, for their generous support.*