



## NEWSLETTER - #7

**Fall 2009**

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: KILLALOE is now up and running!** - As you may recall, the Ontario Trillium Foundation has granted COPKA \$30,400 to see us through the first year of the restorative justice program.

Genevieve Jones has been chosen as COPKA's Restorative Justice Program Coordinator. She has been working hard over the last two years, researching restorative justice practices, finding funding and designing the details of the program.

If you or someone you know has been affected by crime, you can contact COPKA for a restorative justice Circle. Circles may be arranged through the OPP and the Crown Attorney's office as well.

Call COPKA for brochures or a presentation on restorative justice for your group. To find out more, or to attend a workshop in your area, contact Genevieve at the COPKA office.

**CHANGES TO THE BOARD - Since our last newsletter there have been a number of changes in the composition of COPKA's Board.** The current Directors are:

Robert Howe, President  
Larry Dusseault, Treasurer

Brian Tyrrell  
Chris Bransfield  
Heather Caloren

A COPKA member raised the question of conflict of interest, because Brian Tyrrell (then President) and Genevieve Jones (Secretary) are a couple. Both COPKA and the Ontario Trillium Foundation investigated and are satisfied that there is no actual conflict of interest and that proper procedures and safeguards are in place. However, to avoid any *perception* of conflict of interest, Trillium asked that Brian Tyrrell step down as President for the duration of the restorative justice grant.

**COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)** - Members of COPKA continue to attend this monthly meeting, presenting community concerns to the OPP Staff Sgt. and representatives from the 6 townships served by the Killaloe OPP detachment. As a member, if you have questions or concerns that you would like COPKA to bring to this meeting, please contact our office.

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**WHAT'S IN A NAME? - Our name 'COPKA' and the 'scales of justice' logo have frequently caused people to mistake COPKA for a police-sponsored organization.**

We are looking for a new name and logo, which will better identify us as a citizens group, dedicated to bringing about improvements in local policing.

Send us your ideas for a new name and/or logo, no later than December 31, 2009. The Board's committee will present its recommendations chosen from the suggestions received, at the Annual General Meeting in March, 2010.

**OBSERVER NETWORK - Cruiser speeding may be on the rise again.** You can help. If you see cruisers speeding through built up areas, you can call COPKA with the date and time of the incident (and the car I.D. number if possible). We can bring that information to the attention of the OPP Staff Sgt. You will not be identified.

***Mark Your Calendar!***

**The next Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held at Killaloe's Community Resource Centre, on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010, 7pm.**

**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE - Until March 2009, there was no recording of video surveillance in holding cells at the Killaloe OPP detachment.** After COPKA made inquiries, the equipment was upgraded so that today video recorders have been installed on all of their holding cell cameras. This will provide important evidence for protecting both the public and the police.

Further upgrades are planned to bring the Killaloe Detachment up to provincial standards, which require video recording in all areas of public contact.

**MEMBERSHIP - Your membership dollars and donations keep us going.**

Becoming a COPKA member or renewing your membership is easy; just contact the office by phone or email. It's still only \$20.

**VOLUNTEERS - We are excited to welcome new volunteers.** This is a great time to join the growing COPKA team. You can help us with:

Special Events	Research	Observer Network	Publications
Restorative Justice	Membership	Complainant Support	Fundraising

***As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for COPKA, please get in touch.***