



## NEWSLETTER #9 – December 2010



### **COPKA volunteers and friends wish you all a Merry Christmas:**

(back row) Leslie Rivers-Garrett, Doug DeLaMatter, Robert Howe, Larry Dusseault, Fred Caloren, Gary Beanish, (front) Genevieve Jones, Heather Caloren, Brian Tyrrell. And Skye Faris took the picture!

### **NEW COPKA WEBSITE**

Volunteer Doug DeLaMatter has done a fantastic job developing a new website for us. Check it out at [www.copka.ca](http://www.copka.ca) and find:

Newsletters

Articles

COPKA services

A handy membership form

Helpful links

Stay in touch - we look forward to your feedback.

### **ADDRESS CHANGE**

**COPKA's new mailing address is  
200 Queen St., PO Box 246,  
Killaloe, ON, K0J 2A0.  
Phone 613-757-3104, email  
[copka@vianet.ca](mailto:copka@vianet.ca)**

### **COPKA COMPLETES STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Board gathered in September to develop its Strategic Plan 2010-2015.

### **COPKA'S OBJECTIVES:**

- Increase organizational capacity
- Improve communication and cooperation between police and public
- Provide information on rights, responsibilities and duties of both the public and the police
- Promote an independent, credible and effective police complaints process
- Support local alternatives to the criminal justice system

### **MONITORING IN DETACHMENT BUILDINGS**

COPKA is very concerned that there are still areas in the Killaloe OPP detachment buildings that are not monitored and recorded. This means that if there is a complaint of abuse, there is no 'real' evidence available and it becomes the citizen's word against the officer's word.

COPKA is pressuring the OPP Headquarters in Orillia, ON to correct this situation. We have asked judges, lawyers, township councils, our MP and MPP, as well as the Canadian Civil Liberties Association for their endorsement. Their letters of support are coming in, and we expect to see this issue resolved in 2011.

### **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

COPKA has met its goal in establishing a restorative justice option for our communities. The Restorative Justice: Killaloe Program is now moving to a new umbrella organization, and COPKA continues to support local restorative justice efforts.

**BAY DAY** (May): COPKA provided an information booth for the public at Bay Day in Barry's Bay, dodging raindrops and dispensing lots of candy.

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

(May): COPKA was proud to present certificates of appreciation to then president Brian Tyrrell, Secretary Genevieve Jones, researchers Delores Smock and Leslie Rivers Garrett, OPP Staff Sgt. Colin Slight and to Joanne King, Executive Director of the Killaloe Community Resource Centre.



*Volunteer Leslie Rivers Garrett cuts the cake*

**CPAC BBQ** (June): Several Board members attended the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) BBQ. It was a good opportunity to connect with officers and politicians in a social setting.

### **RIDE WITH BRANDON**

(September): COPKA provided an information booth at this year's Ride. It was a great day for riding ATVs and dirt bikes, and the mud bogging was awesome! We met lots of new people and had good conversations about policing in the Whitney area. The Ride With Brandon has been a strong supporter of COPKA, as Brandon was a great believer in our work.

### **BOARD NEWS**

Pat McDowell had to step down from the Board due to an increase in her business commitments. We sure enjoyed having her on the Board, and we wish her well in her endeavors. The current Board membership is as follows:

Robert B. Howe, President  
Heather Caloren, Vice President  
Larry Dusseault, Treasurer  
Brian Tyrrell, Spokesman.

### **QUESTIONS FOR COPKA:**

*"Who is allowed to see the COPKA membership list?"*

In compliance with the Ontario Corporations Act, any COPKA member in good standing may see our membership list, but they may not make a copy. Otherwise the list remains private and confidential information.

