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Parkland County receives approval for CPO training.

PARKLAND COUNTY, AB. Not only has Parkland County received the go-ahead to conduct in-house training to its community peace officers, approval was also given to offer training to other municipalities as well.

“Last May, when the new *Peace Officer Act* became law, every organization that employs Level 2 community peace officers (CPOs) was required to develop an in-house training program for them,” said Peter Morris, Supervisor, Patrol Services. “We created a program that addresses the unique needs of a municipal enforcement agency and we are pleased we can share our program with other municipalities.”

Prior to development of the program, Level 2 CPOs received training through the legal studies course at the Solicitor General Staff College in Edmonton.

“There are two main advantages to being able to train in-house,” said Morris. “First, our program is customized for CPOs in a municipal setting, something not offered in the general legal studies course. Second, we can conduct the training as needed instead of waiting for the course to begin at the college.”

Currently, all but one Parkland County Animal Control Officer has the Level 2 training. With the in-house program approved, that officer, along with new hires, will receive the training.

Parkland County’s CPO2 Basic Training Program includes:

- Introduction to Law
- *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*
- Provincial statutes
- Municipal bylaws

“CPO Training Approval”

- Patrol procedures
- Use of force
- Note-taking
- Report writing
- Investigational techniques
- Court procedures
- Professionalism and ethics
- Public Security Peace Officer program.

Parkland County currently employs five Level 2 CPOs, who operate as Animal Control Officers and nine Level 1 CPOs, who perform traffic enforcement and other quasi-policing duties.

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Parkland County is a rural municipality located immediately west of Edmonton. Covering an area of 246,462 hectares (609,007 acres), it is one of the largest in size and the highest populated of all rural municipalities in Alberta. Parkland County has grown to a community of over 29,000 people and has seen generations of families continue to enjoy country living.

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