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*The Official Newsletter of the  
Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association*

## President's Message

I would like to begin by thanking the membership for showing support in designating me as your new President. I began my executive term in 2006 as the Treasurer and set a goal to ultimately move up into the President role but I didn't anticipate it happening so quickly. I want to thank Past President Bev Bentley for all of his efforts and continuing support. As my term begins I am both excited and inspired for the future of the Association.

As president I recognize the importance of bringing forward new ideas but know that it is equally important to ensure that we do not lose sight of our direction. I believe in this Association for which it stands and will not lose sight of the originating principles.

One thing that I understand is that I am only one of an 8 person team. When I started on the executive I quickly learned that an executive member's title was only that-a title. Although everyone is given a specific role it takes a collaborative effort to make things successful. As I watch everyone contribute in discussions and see decisions made collectively I leave inspired for the next challenge.

What makes this Association stand out is the positive interaction amongst membership. With my own personal experience being welcomed into the Association many years ago I want to ensure that this tradition continues.

I am always interested in hearing new ideas that can create opportunities to further solidify the Associations positive reputation. New opportunities can lead to positive changes.

We are about to enter into new territory this year by introducing a first ever United Conference with our sister Association the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers. Last year your new Vice President (Becky Oxtan) and I approached both the AMEA and AACPO executives with an idea of a United Conference for 2009. The idea behind it was not to amalgamate the Associations but to collaborate and combine training efforts to produce the best Conference yet. Our goal in this joint adventure is to open the doors to new connections and create innovative opportunities by expanding camaraderie amongst membership.

Although this Conference is a huge project for all of us, I realize that this is not the only one and things don't stop there. As executive members we plan on expanding our training, increase membership and will strive to bring forward exciting and new ideas for our membership.

As the new President for the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association I am proud to say that I am part of a great group and will strive to represent the membership to its highest capacity.

Vanessa Ergang  
President



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# 2008 Outstanding Municipal Enforcement Officer Award - Tammy Francis

Tammy's love of animals started as a child growing up in a livestock and farming community in Saskatchewan. Tammy enrolled in the Grant MacEwan Policing and Security Program after a brief taste of Edmonton's Animal Control Enforcement Unit in 1998. Her life with the City of Edmonton Animal Control Services started with a field placement in 2000. Tammy literally started at the bottom and worked her way up. From licensing canvasser, through animal control radio dispatcher, pound labourer, Animal Control Field Inspector to her current role as a community relations officer for the Complaints and Investigations Section.

Tammy views her own career as both an adventurous and challenging one. She relishes the opportunity to develop partnerships with community groups such as the Edmonton Reptile and Amphibian Society, speak with reptile enthusiasts, rescue groups, vet clinics, stakeholder industry groups, and champion responsible pet ownership.

Recently Tammy took home the Distinguished Service Provider Award at the 2007 Banff Summit on behalf of Edmonton's Animal Control Services. This award is a testament to the victim services, animal disaster preparedness planning, networking and collaboration work that she has accomplished

Never afraid to speak, listen and learn Tammy's dedication and commitment to community relations, public outreach, child programs, public education and awareness is outstanding. She is described by friends and colleagues as passionate, dedicated and energized about Animal Control in every aspect. Finding a profession that is your true passion is a rare gift. Tammy lives her dream each day!

On behalf of the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association we congratulate Tammy Francis as recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Municipal Enforcement Officer Award.

# 2008 Leadership Award Clarence Nelson

Clarence is a born and raised Edmontonian where he lives with his wife and three children. While having a mixed enforcement career spanning weed control to Animal Protection Act enforcement, Clarence has settled and spent the last the last seven years in the Town of Beaumont and currently holds the position of Senior Community Peace Officer.

During his time in Beaumont his dedication and commitment to his community, volunteering and personal development are second to none. Clarence has served as a member of the Beaumont Volunteer Fire Dept for more than 5 years and been recognized by his community for life saving work. This ability to save lives comes through his training as a registered Emergency Medical Responder.

When he is not breathing the life back into people or instructing in Ju Jutsu he is involved in tobacco reduction and enforcement efforts. Clarence worked for over two years on Beaumont's Smoke-Free Public Places Bylaw and securing significant Federal Grant funds for his municipality. In the past, Clarence was presented with the annual Barb Tarbox Award of Excellence -

Individual Category, a Leadership Award at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Capital Health Prevention Power Community Awards and a "Blue Ribbon Award" from the Edmonton Area Tobacco Reduction Network on March 14, 2007 at Edmonton City Hall.

You might wonder how he does any enforcement in Beaumont as he sits on the Leduc & Area Crime Stoppers Committee, Beaumont Dog Off-Leash Area Committee, Citizens on Patrol, AMEA Animal Control Committee, and the Black Gold Regional Schools Bus Safety Committee.

Along with this regular duties, community support activities and dedication to his profession he acts as a shining example of quality leadership. On behalf of the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association we congratulate Clarence Nelson as this year's recipient of the "Leadership Award"



Clarence Nelson and Tammy Francis

## New AMEA Executive Member Biographies



### Gord Sedgewick

Community Peace Officer/Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Town of Mayerthorpe

- Employed with Mayerthorpe since April 2006
- Previous employer was R.C.M.P. for 29 years in Sask, N.W.T. and Alta.
- Alberta boy from St. Albert
- Married for 31 years to Doris
- Have two grown daughters, Kim and Heather, both married and living in Edmonton
- Proud Grandpa of Gaby
- Enjoy fishing and snowmobiling.



### Derek Sutherland

I graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario with a diploma in Police Education in 1998. I moved to Calgary as soon as my last class was done. I worked Security in Calgary for Market Mall, Mount Royal College and The Calgary Stampede over several years before moving to Leduc and becoming a Park Ranger for the City of Edmonton in the Spring of 2003. While living in Leduc I was a Part time firefighter for the City of Leduc.

In June of 2007 I took a position as the Community Peace Officer in Didsbury. I am the only CPO 1 in Didsbury, we also have an animal control contractor. In addition to my role as the Peace Officer I am also the Director of Emergency Management for the Town. I live in Sundre with my two dogs and I volunteer for the fire department there.

**Wanted!**

**...a few good men and women!**

The AMEA is looking for nominations for the

**Leadership Award & Outstanding Officer Award**

Nomination forms can be found on our website, please check them out and look around and see if anyone you know deserves this recognition.

Nomination need to be in this year by October 31 2008.

Awards Ceremony will be held at the Joint AACPO/ AMEA CONFERENCE AND TRAINING SEMINAR, FEBRUARY 2009

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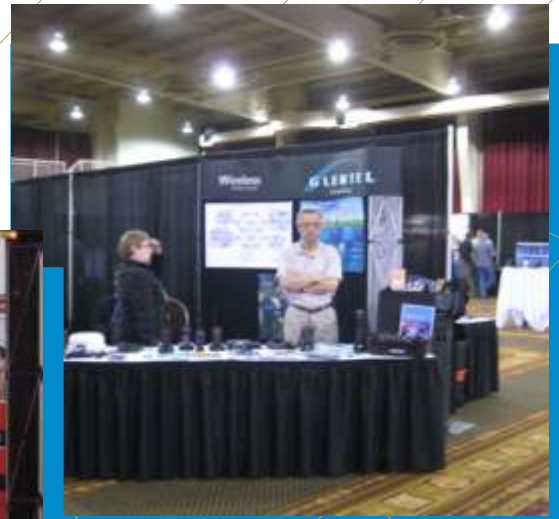
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# Conference 2008 photos





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# New Member Application

Current Members will be sent out a renewal notice

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Enforcement Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Section/Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby make application for membership in the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association and agree to uphold the constitution and bylaws of the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly dues of \$60.00 per member must accompany the application.  
When submitting payment for more than one applicant please make sure that all pertinent information for each applicant is included.

Make cheques payable to the  
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THE ALBERTA MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# 2009 United Conference

February 2-6, 2009

Red Deer, A.B

Capri Hotel, Trade &  
Convention Centre



**In the Spirit of**  
**Collaboration**

<b>CERTIFICATE TRAINING February 2nd &amp; 3rd, 2009</b>				
<b>MONDAY &amp; TUESDAY 8:00am - 5:00pm</b>		<b>MONDAY or TUESDAY 8:00am - 5:00pm</b>		<b>TUESDAY 8:00am - 5:00pm</b>
2-DayS	2-DayS	1-Day	1-Day	1-Day
<b>PPCT RECERTIFICATION</b>	<b>ETHICS &amp; COMMUNICATIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>UNSIGHTLY PREMISES COURSE</b>	<b>DEFENSIVE DRIVING</b>	<b>ANIMAL HANDLING COURSE</b>
Jamie Erickson Alberta Defensive Tactics  For those who need to recertify their Pressure Point Control Tactics or OC Spray. Prerequisite-PPCT Certification within 1 year. Must be included with registration. (limited space available).	Brenda Robinson The Robcan Group  Brenda has designed a course specifically for Enforcement Personnel including sessions on ethics, challenges, motivation, working with different leaders, communication, time management, organizational skills, wellness and dealing effectively with public.	Various Facilitators AMEA  The AMEA has redesigned this course to include the hot topics of Unsightly Premise enforcement. Further details will be provided.	Glenn Alford Yellowhead County  For those who require Defensive Driving for their job, would like a refresher course on driving or would like to see a few demerits reduced on their record this course comes with certification and a 3 Demerit reduction!!	Various Facilitators Animal Control Committee  The Animal Control Committee has created a new course specifically dealing with how to handle various Animals. Be prepared to leave the hotel and do some first hand training!
<b>MONDAY EVENING SOCIAL</b>		Hospitality Room		<b>7:00pm - 9:00pm</b>
PATCH TRADING NIGHT		Come in and trade patches with other members of both Associations		
<b>TUESDAY EVENING SOCIAL</b>		Exhibition Hall		<b>12:00pm - 8:30pm</b>
TRADE SHOW & CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Come out and enjoy a wine and cheese reception while browsing at the various vendor's tables and displays.				

<b>CONFERENCE February 4th-6th, 2009</b>				
<b>WEDNESDAY February 4th</b>				<b>8:30am - 5:00pm</b>
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS & WRAP UP				8:30am - 12:00pm
Network with Professional Facilitators at a variety of tables then hear an overall summary of all of them				
SOLICITOR GENERAL AUDITS	YOUTH EMERGING TRENDS	DANGEROUS DOGS / ANIMAL PROTECTION	MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT	LEGAL ISSUES
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	STRESS MANAGEMENT	FACILITATOR ROUND TABLE WRAP UP Begins at 11:30am	PROFESSIONAL DRESS & LOOK	GAMING & LIQUOR
REGULAR SESSIONS				You are free to choose any of the following seminars of interest 1:15pm - 5:00pm
LICENSE INFRACTIONS IN TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	PUBLIC SPEAKING	1:15pm	BUSINESS LICENSING	1:15pm
TBA	TBA		TBA	
	HEALTH & SAFETY	3:30pm	ILLEGAL DEVELOPMENT	3:30pm
	TBA		TBA	
<b>WEDNESDAY EVENING SOCIAL</b>				<b>Monaco Room 6:00pm - 10:00pm</b>
FUNNY MONEY CASINO & GAMES NIGHT Try your luck at winning some great prizes with our fun money Casino and Texas Hold'em Tournament. If gambling isn't your style and video games are come and show off your skills or just hang out with some friends. Snacks Provided				



<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>February 5th</b>	<b>8:30am - 4:30pm</b>
<b>COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW</b>		<b>8:30am</b>	Members of the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers
TBA			
<b>BYLAW WRITING</b>		<b>10:15pm</b>	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (9:00am -12:00pm)
TBA			
<b>SPONSORED LUNCH (12:00-1:00pm) GUEST SPEAKER-MATT BARKER</b>			
<b>ROAD DAMAGE</b>		<b>1:00pm</b>	Members of the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association
TBA			
<b>SUMMER VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT</b>		<b>3:00pm</b>	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (1:00pm - 4:00pm)
TBA			
<b>THURSDAY EVENING SOCIAL</b>		<b>Monaco Room</b>	<b>6:00pm - 10:00pm</b>
FORMAL JOINT BANQUET and AWARDS CEREMONY Dress Uniforms or Formal Attire Only			

<b>FRIDAY</b>			<b>February 6th</b>	<b>9:00am - 12:00pm</b>
<b>OFFICER SAFETY &amp; LIABILITY</b>	<b>DISASTER PREPAREDNESS</b>	<b>FINANCIAL &amp; RETIREMENT PLANNING</b>		
TBA	TBA	TBA		
<b>DRILL TRAINING</b>			<b>1:00pm - 2:30pm</b>	
AACPO HONOUR GUARD DRILL TRAINING				
<b>MANAGER'S MEETING</b>			<b>2:30pm - 4:00pm</b>	
For management personnel only. Gather together for a general discussion on various management topics and issues.				

# 2009 AACPO & AMEA United Conference Registration Form

NAME:
MUNICIPALITY:
DEPARTMENT:
ADDRESS:
CONTACT NUMBER:

**Please make cheques payable to: 2009 UNITED CONFERENCE**

For those who are not members of either AACPO or AMEA add 50% to fees		PRICE PER PERSON	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK BOX	<b>FULL CONFERENCE *</b> (February 2nd - 6th) Monday - Friday	\$ 400.00	
If you are attending the full conference you must indicate which certificate training you will be attending	2-Day ETHICS & COMMUNICATIONS		Monday & Tuesday
	2-Day PPCT RE-CERTIFICATION		Monday & Tuesday
	1-Day UNSIGHTLY PREMISES	Circle	Monday or Tuesday
	1-Day DEFENSIVE DRIVING		Monday Only
	1-Day ANIMAL HANDLING		Tuesday Only
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK BOX	<b>INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS</b>		
	2-Day ETHICS & COMMUNICATIONS ONLY	Monday & Tuesday	\$ 250.00
	2-Day PPCT RE-CERTIFICATION ONLY	Monday & Tuesday	\$ 250.00
	1-Day UNSIGHTLY PREMISES	Circle	Monday or Tuesday
	1-Day DEFENSIVE DRIVING	Monday Only	\$ 150.00
	1-Day ANIMAL HANDLING	Tuesday Only	\$ 150.00
	CONFERENCE ONLY *	Wednesday - Friday	\$ 300.00
	CONFERENCE 1 day only	Circle	Wednesday or Thursday* or Friday
	Extra Banquet Ticket		\$ 50.00
<b>*Includes one (1) Complimentary Banquet Ticket</b>			<b>TOTAL \$</b>

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