

Citizens on Patrol – Stratford salutes outgoing chair

The members of Citizens on Patrol – Stratford (COPS) gathered for their annual Christmas dinner on December 13 and took the opportunity to thank and honour long-time volunteer and chair Mary Matheson.

Stratford Town Councillor Gary Clow, chair of the Safety Services Committee, and Staff Sergeant Shane Hubley, Queens District RCMP, attended the celebration and presented certificates of appreciation to Matheson for her contributions to COPS and in making the town a safer place.

Matheson joined COPS in 2008 as a patroller and quickly assumed the role of treasurer; she became chair in 2015. She resigned her volunteer role in 2017 after moving to Brackley, but remains an important part of the Stratford community in her “day job” as manager-supervisor of the Stratford Early Learning Centre.

Thank-you, Mary!

Citizens on Patrol – Stratford is a volunteer program designed to encourage residents of Stratford to contribute to the safety of their community by observing and reporting suspicious events to the RCMP, and supporting Town initiatives. Committed to crime prevention, COPS volunteers patrol by car, in pairs, for one or two three-hour shifts a month, on Friday and Saturday nights and occasions like prom, Canada Day, and Halloween. To be eligible to participate in the program, COPS volunteers must be at least eighteen years of age, undergo a criminal records check, and complete an orientation of two evenings of supervised patrolling. If you're interested in learning more, contact Nicole Phillips at 902-388-1832.



Members Nicole (left) and Donna (right) present Mary (centre) with flowers



Councillor Gary Clow presents Mary with a certificate on behalf of council



Staff Sergeant Shane Hubley, Queens District RCMP, on hand to thank retiring COPS member Mary Matheson