

**Rocky Mountain House Rural Crime Watch Association** 

# o/a Clearwater Community Crime Watch

## **Trace Pen Identification Program**

We are pleased to present Trace Pen Identification as part of the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association (APRCWA) Project Lockup crime deterrent program. Both programs are being promoted by APRCWA in partnership with the RCMP K-Division throughout Alberta.

The Trace Pen identification program allows users to mark their valuables with a unique micro-dot identifier the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

If stolen and later recovered by the RCMP those markings can be traced back to the original owner. That not only gets the items returned to the owner but also ties the criminal to the crime scene, which is very valuable towards their prosecution. It also incriminates the property fences who are in possession of that property while harbouring and reselling stolen property.

The RCMP is encouraging everyone to use this identification for all their valuables as a crime deterrent. We believe this program will be very beneficial for homeowners, businesses, and industry partners to use for identification of their vulnerable assets which are typically attractive targets for thieves.

Bikes	Quads	Boats	Propane Tanks
Jerry Cans	Mobile Equipment	Firearms	Sporting Gear
Cameras	Computers	Batteries	Portable Tools
Instruments	Jewellery	Vehicle Accessories	etc.

We expect that most people and businesses may need 1-2 pens (~\$40 each) as each pen can mark about 50 items. That means having items organized together so they can all be marked in one session. Then the items and their serial numbers are logged into the online database as marked items. The homeowner retains the record of all their items marked with each Trace Pen.

We are working to create crime deterrent signage to distribute with each pen stating:

### Items on this site have been marked with Trace<sup>™</sup> Theft Deterrent Markings.

We encourage displaying the signage as a thieves will be reluctant to be caught with marked items.

If you would like more information about this Trace Identification program, the website with the demonstration video is at:

### https://traceidentified.com/Watch the video.

 The APRCWA website with a video of Project Lockup promoting the Trace Pen to Crime Watch members

 is at:
 <a href="https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/resources/trace-pen">https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/resources/trace-pen</a>

PENS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN JANUARY 2020, AT THE TOWN OFFICE - 5116 - 50TH AVENUE, ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, ALBERTA T4T 1B2

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