

Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program Constitution

Article I – Name of Organization

This organization shall be known as the Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program (herein referred to as Manitoba COPP).

Article II – Definitions

In these Articles, including this clause, and unless the context of the Manitoba COPP Constitution requires a different meaning:

- (a) “Annual General Meeting” means the regular meeting of the delegation of registered groups belonging to the Citizens on Patrol Program.
- (b) “COPP” stands for Citizens On Patrol Program.
- (c) “PAC” stands for Provincial Advisory Committee, the directing and governing body of Manitoba COPP.
- (d) “Resource Council” means a body of representatives from support agencies.
- (e) “Provincial Coordinator” means the person appointed by the sponsoring organization(s).

Article III– Mission Statement

The mission of Manitoba COPP shall be to build safer communities by mobilizing citizens throughout Manitoba to participate in a community-based crime prevention initiative in cooperation with law enforcement agencies.

Article IV- Goals and Objectives

Sc. (1) - The goals of this organization shall be to encourage, mobilize and support individuals and groups interested in improving the safety of Manitoba's communities through a coordinated sustainable approach.

Sc. (2) - The objectives of this organization shall be:

- (a) Deterrence: to provide a presence within the community through patrolling.
- (b) Education: to educate Manitobans on crime prevention.
- (c) Awareness: to increase Manitobans' awareness on crime related issues.

Article V – General Membership

Membership shall consist of individuals registered with Manitoba COPP.

Article VI - Structure of COPP Groups

- Sc. 1 - Each registered COPP group will consist of a general membership of individuals as noted in Article V.
- Sc. 2 - Each registered COPP group may select one coordinator and one co-coordinator to act as a liaison between the general membership, law enforcement agencies and Manitoba COPP.
- Sc. 3 - Each registered COPP group may elect its own executive.

Article VII– Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

- Sc. 1 - The role of the PAC is to provide advice and support to COPP groups through information sharing and recommendations from members of Manitoba COPP regarding the program and its operations.
- Sc. 2 - The PAC shall consist of elected members of Manitoba COPP from each COPP region in Manitoba.
- Sc. 3 - More than one PAC member may be elected in a region that has more than eight active groups.
- Sc. 4 - Terms of Office for Regional Representatives -
- (a) The Term of Office for Regional Representatives shall be 3 years.
 - (b) Each Regional Representative may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms.
 - (c) Each Regional Representative must reside in the region they are elected to represent.
- Sc. 5 – Provincial Advisory Committee Executive -
The PAC Executive shall consist of:
- (a) Chairperson
 - (b) 1st Vice- Chairperson
 - (c) 2nd Vice-Chairperson
 - (d) Secretary
 - (e) Provincial Coordinator
- Sc. 6 – Resource Council
- (a) The Resource Council may include non-voting representation from each supporting agency.
 - (b) The PAC may invite representation from new supporting agencies.

Article VIII - Dismissal of PAC Members

- (a) Failure by a PAC member to adhere to the program requirements may result in dismissal from the Committee.
- (b) The consequence in Article VIII (a) will be determined by a majority vote of the PAC membership after consultation with the Provincial Coordinator. The Provincial Coordinator may veto the decision of the PAC.

Article IX - Dissolution of a COPP Group

Failure to fulfill and/or adhere to the Program requirements as agreed to upon application to become a Manitoba COPP group, may result in the group being suspended or dismissed from the program.

Article X- Amendments to Governing Documents

- (a) Amendments to the COPP Constitution must be presented to the general assembly for ratification at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) By-laws and policies and procedures will be established by the PAC.
- (c) COPP group coordinators will be notified of the proposed amendments no less than 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Amendments to the Constitution must be approved by a simple majority of delegates at a General Meeting.

Ratification:

Ratified on April 19, 2009 at the AGM of delegates representing COPP groups throughout the province.