

## CITIZEN'S ACTION NETWORK

### HOW DOES CITIZEN'S ACTION NETWORK (C.A.N.) DIFFER FROM THE EXISTING COASTAL WATCH PROGRAM?

Citizen's Action Network is a new portion of the existing Coastal Watch Program. The toll free reporting number is still available for anyone who wishes to call in their observations to Coastal Watch, anonymously if they so choose. However, by collecting your personal contact information, law enforcement officers in both Canada and the U.S. may be able to better utilize our valuable resources (you!) to collect and disseminate information in a timely manner. This is Citizen's Action Network. Now there are two possible ways to participate in Coastal Watch:

1. By calling the 24 hour toll free Coastal Watch Reporting Line (1-888-855-6655) when you see something suspicious or;
2. By signing up to C.A.N. and becoming involved in two-way communication with the police.

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- You can call in your reported sightings, and the RCMP will recognize you as a valuable CAN contributor;
- The RCMP could contact you for information regarding activity in your immediate vicinity;
- You can receive RCMP or US Coast Guard media releases (via email) regarding current events;
- The RCMP may be able to rely on your observations to assist in response planning.



## YOU C.A.N. MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

The participation of concerned and dedicated citizens is crucial to the Coastal Watch Program and Citizen's Action Network. The criminal element has access to unlimited resources, and the scope of their behaviour is limited only by their imagination. Your experience, common sense, and knowledge of vessel traffic, the marine environment and your local area are your best assets in detecting suspicious activities.



**REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS  
MARINE-RELATED ACTIVITY.**

**CALL THE TOLL-FREE COASTAL  
WATCH REPORTING LINE.**

**1-888-855-6655**

Visit RCMP Coastal Watch on the web at  
[www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/bc/crops/caw](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/bc/crops/caw)

**ATTN: "E" Division Coastal Watch Coordinator**  
**c/o Island District (South) Phone:(250)380-6222**  
**2881 Nanaimo Street Fax:(250)380-6264**  
**Victoria, BC, V8T 4Z8 Pager:(800)501-4086**

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## COASTAL WATCH PROGRAM PRESENTS CITIZEN'S ACTION NETWORK



**DO YOU LIVE, WORK OR PLAY  
NEAR THE WATER?**

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**

**DO YOU WANT TO PUT THAT WATER  
VIEW TO WORK?**

**JOIN THE RCMP COASTAL WATCH  
CITIZEN'S ACTION NETWORK AND  
HELP ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE  
COMMUNITIES IN WHICH YOU LIVE.**

**We C.A.N. all make a difference.  
Be an active participant.**

# CITIZEN'S ACTION NETWORK - VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in becoming an active participant in Citizen's Action Network. The success of this new phase of Coastal Watch Program is determined by those of you who spend any amount of time on or near the water and are willing to volunteer your support to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

## ELIGIBILITY

To become a member of Citizen's Action Network, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be 19 years of age or older;
- Live, work, or play near the water on a regular basis;
- Ability to pass a brief criminal record/background check (if consenting with your date of birth);
- Be a proactive concerned citizen who wishes to make your community a safer place for all.

Please fill out this application form and submit it in any of the ways detailed below:

- **MAIL:** ATTN: Coastal Watch Coordinator  
c/o Island District South  
281 Nanaimo Street  
Victoria BC V8T 4Z8
- **FAX:** ATTN: Coastal Watch Coordinator  
(250)380-6264
- **E-MAIL:** cawbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

By submitting this form, you are providing your name and personal contact information to law enforcement personnel only. You retain the right to withdraw from this Program at any time.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not wish to submit to a background check, you can still be a valuable asset to CAN. In this case, you may still be contacted to provide assistance, but without your personal details, our response time may be delayed. Your personal information will be held by the Coastal Watch RCMP Coordinators only, will NOT be disseminated, and will be deleted once you withdraw from the program.

CONTACT INFORMATION			
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	PREFERRED FIRST NAME
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	POSTAL CODE
HOME PHONE	CELL / PAGER / FAX / ALTERNATE NUMBER(S)		E-MAIL
MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE			

LOCATION INFORMATION
TYPE OF RESIDENCE / BUSINESS AND TIME SPENT AT LOCATION (i.e. summer / weekend residence; fulltime residence; etc)
LATITUDE / LONGITUDE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS (this can be determined for you by the Program Coordinator)
HEIGHT OF EYE OF RESIDENCE (this can be determined for you by the Program Coordinator)
DESCRIPTION OF WATERFRONT VIEW IF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS *
DESCRIPTION OF MARINE RELATED ACTIVITIES (i.e. Type of vessel; Time spent on water; Location of activities; etc)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND TRAINING (i.e. First Aid, CPR, HAM radio operator; Coast Guard Auxiliary; Fire Fighter; Occupation; etc)
*ARE YOU ABLE TO PROVIDE A DIGITAL IMAGE OF YOUR VIEW? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DO YOU CONSENT TO A BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLETED BY AN RCMP OFFICER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES** <input type="checkbox"/> NO
** IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DATE OF BIRTH:
TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.
NAME SIGNATURE DATE