

Sign-up for Bison-On-Line

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If you are interested in communicating with other members of the RCMP from all across Canada, to use all radio open forums (includes RM's, CM's and Auxiliary members), then BISON-ON-LINE is for you. How you use it will be the "Quarterly" news more up to date? Part to discuss issues with members in other parts of the country? All you need is access to an Internet connection for your personal computer (it is independent of operating system, needs only 10MB, Windows 3.11, 95/98, etc.).

What is BISON-ON-LINE?
 BISON-ON-LINE is an RCMP member only accessible Internet World Wide Web site, where membership is verified via password, and various "features" are offered for members to promote Div or Division events, discuss concerns relating to police work, or specific to being a member of the Force. To date the "features" include:

- 1) A Guest Registry - sign in and let other members know you have signed onto BISON-ON-LINE. This also enables accessible your E-mail address for others to write you direct.
- 2) Division News Message Board - each Division has a guest registry where members can add their own "news items" to the message board for all to read. Announces the events of your monthly held events, drive, projects as you and by social events, promote training that might interest others. You make the news!
- 3) Lost & Found - looking for a long lost troopmate? Looking for someone you worked with years ago, but that's not left the division? Post a message to the Lost & Found. Someone, somewhere in the Force will know who it's that "lost" person is.
- 4) FOR SALE Message Board - want to sell that '84 magnum you bought a modern? Or maybe you want to buy a '84 magnum because of the modern? Want to sell quickly or lowest price? Post an ad, respond to others ads.
- 5) Announcements Message Board - Announce your marriage, birth of your children, before they are a year old, or before your 1st anniversary. Let everyone know you married or celebrated from celebrating, etc.
- 6) OTHER FORUM - you pick the topics and engage in discussion with whoever participates, online! Want to discuss pay rates? Promotion system? Firearms? Transfers? Open Forum issues just that.
- 7) Free-for-All Links Page - add your favorite links at WWW plus for the benefit of others, as they can visit, etc.

- * Advise me of the posting of current or ex-members and I'll post an obituary page.
- * Want to publish an article you wrote? Send it to me (via E-mail if possible) and I'll publish it on BISON-ON-LINE.
- * If you want "anonymous" without giving source, that's possible too.
- * You come up with the ideas of what you would like to see implemented, and we'll see what we can do.

Who is BISON-ON-LINE?
 This is a personal undertaking of Cst. Rick McIntyre of "F" Division. I am currently posted to DCAS/CSIS (they are amalgamated) in Regina. My Internet experience to date has been to post the RCMP's Criminal Museum on the 'net, and create personal home pages and commercial home pages.

Does it COST?
 YES! I have spent money to lease web server space, and hours of contact time to prepare this project, and it will bear heavy loads of Internet access time to maintain. Also the more people who post online, the more it costs me for web space.

HOW MUCH?
 One year subscription allowing access to BISON-ON-LINE via password is \$10.00 (tax included) per year.

HOW DO I SUBSCRIBE?
 Send a photograph of your ID card, with a memo on letter head signed by MCC Unit or CMC, verifying you are a member, and return back. I need your E-mail address and regular mail number, regular mail number will be your user ID, and a random password will be assigned and mailed to you along with the address of BISON-ON-LINE. This is a forum for members only, that's why the security. If this is mail will work in lieu of above, OK for the info to my house. OK send the documents and I will be mailing the funds separately.

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