

*Sept 6/07 for immediate release*

**Guardian Angels Founder, Curtis Sliwa, here this Saturday and Sunday for Graduation of Edmonton members.**

**Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels in New York City in 1979, on Sunday will be at the Montrose Community Hall 5920-118 Ave. Starting at 12 noon** he will be speaking at and conducting the graduation ceremony for Edmonton's first Guardian Angels and thanking various Edmontonians and businesses for their support. Dave Schroder, Edmonton Chapter Leader says this will be an excellent opportunity for people to find out exactly what the Guardian Angels are all about. Schroder sees the Guardian Angels as another way for citizens to make a positive contribution and work within the law, together with police and existing citizens groups to help make our community safer.

Edmonton members will join more than 5000 Guardian Angels in over 86 cities and 9 countries. The high profile street patrols are only one aspect of the Guardian Angels, also offered are educational programs for schools and communities including seminars on anti-bullying and neighborhood safety.

The CyberAngels, another division of the Guardian Angels, is the internet's oldest and largest online safety site devoted to educating parents, teachers, and children against internet predators and other online hazards. "CyberAngels give particular focus to Internet issues affecting children, this complements the emphasis that we prosecutors place on making Alberta a safe place to work, live, and raise families" as per an Alberta Crown Prosecutor.

Schroder would like to remind anyone considering joining the Guardian Angels that all members must abide by the first principle and main rule of anti-violence, as well as by all Federal, Provincial, and local laws. A police criminal record check must be provided. Membership is open to everyone regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or national origin. Members must be at least 16 years of age and there is no upper age limit. There is a three month training program which includes CPR, first aid, fitness and conflict resolution, as well as legal rights and obligations.

**The Guardian Angels invite men and women in all areas of law enforcement, to come on Sunday to hear what the Guardian Angels are all about and meet with and listen to a talk by Former Edmonton Police Superintendant Chris Braden. Mr. Braden has for the last 14 years travelled the world at the invitation of Chiefs of Police and various organizations as an international consultant on "Leadership and Organizational Change". Members of the various existing foot patrols, radio patrols, and neighborhood watch are also invited to attend.**

EdmontonGuardianAngels.com can be visited to get more information and to make contact with the Edmonton Chapter.

### **Schedule of Events**

**Saturday Sept 8, 11am to 2pm Curtis Sliwa conducts training patrol starting at Beverly Crest Travelodge 34st&118 ave.**

**7pm Curtis will speak at public meeting in Red Deer at the Red Deer Lodge in the Gull Lake Room.**

**Sunday Sept 9. 12 noon Graduation Ceremony at Montrose Community Hall 5920-119 Ave**

**1 pm approx. Edmonton members may, along with Calgary members conduct a short patrol of 118 Ave**

**2 pm approx. Curtis leaves for airport and flight to New York City.**