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Angels ready to hit streets Looking at summer

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As the Calgary chapter of the Guardian Angels gets rolling today, organizers will pass the torch to others in Edmonton.

And the leader of the red-beret wearing crime fighters said if the group has volunteers and a place to train, they'll hit city streets this summer.

"We're ready, and the problems here have not gotten any better," said Curtis Sliwa as he made his way to a community meeting last night in Montrose Community Hall, 5920 119 Ave.

A few locals have been chomping at the bit to launch a Guardian Angels chapter in Edmonton since January 2006, when the group began eyeing a base in Toronto.

Since then would-be members have targeted several launch dates with an eye to patrolling transit routes and the inner city.

Sliwa said yesterday that he'll graduate a Calgary chapter today and then hope to have a chapter set up in Edmonton by late summer.