



## GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

### Dog Days of Summer

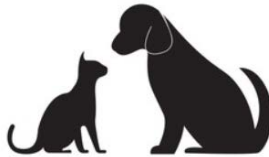
With the warmer weather, the RCMP are encouraging motorists to rethink leaving their pets in their vehicles for any amount of time. Each year the RCMP respond to complaints of animals and children being left in vehicles during the heat of summer.

In the time it takes to run a short errand, the interior of a vehicle can heat up fast, making it intolerable for pets. On a warm day, even with the windows open, a parked vehicle can quickly become like a furnace and could create potentially fatal conditions for pets left inside.

It is best practice to leave pets at home or visit pet friendly businesses to avoid a potentially tragic outcome.

Possible signals that an animal could be in distress include:

- Exaggerated panting
- Rapid or erratic pulse
- Anxious or staring expression
- Weakness and muscle tremors
- Lack of coordination
- Red or blue tongue and lips
- Convulsions or vomiting
- Collapse or coma



Remember, if the animal is alert, standing upright and barking, they are likely not in distress. If you come across an animal in a vehicle that appears to be in distress, look for the owner of the car. Go to nearby stores and have the owner paged. If you cannot locate the owner, call your local police and stay at the vehicle until police arrive. Do not contact police unless the animal is obviously distressed. *If you are unsure if an animal is in distress, call the Grande Prairie Regional Animal Care Facility at 780-532-4745*

### Support for Victims of Crime and Tragedy

Grande Prairie & District Victim Services role is to reduce the effects of crime and tragedy on victims. They offer an emergency call out service at the request of the RCMP; day or night, all year long. The services provided are free and confidential.

*How can Victim Services assist?*

- Domestic Violence Support
- Grief, Trauma and Tragedy Support
- Victim Programs – Financial Benefits and Restitution
- Court Support – Court Preparation, Orientation, Support while attending Court and Updates
- Referrals to Community Resources

The main office for Grande Prairie & District Victim Services is located at the Grande Prairie RCMP Detachment. There is also a sub office located at the Spirit River Detachment.

*If you are a victim of any crime, and charges have been laid, Victim Services can help you, you are not alone.*

Grande Prairie Office: 780-830-5755

Spirit River Office: 780-864-3525

[www.grandeprairievictimservices.com](http://www.grandeprairievictimservices.com)

### Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On June 9, 2021 RCMP received information from On-Star about the location of a stolen vehicle in Grande Prairie. RCMP attended the address provided, located the vehicle, as well as a female in the driver's seat with the keys. The female was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property.

### All that Glitters is Not Gold

Grande Prairie RCMP received several complaints in June involving a stranded traveller scam. Suspects approached individuals, requesting money for gasoline or food in exchange for jewellery and other goods. In this scam, suspects often take advantage of victims' goodwill, claiming they require cash in order to return home or feed their families. Goods sold to victims are later discovered to be lower quality than initially disclosed or are fake. Grande Prairie RCMP warns the public to be cautious of this type of activity. If you are a victim of such a scam or theft, please contact your local police.

### Racers Get Reprimanded

On June 24 Grande Prairie RCMP received a report of vehicles racing on a Township road East of Grande Prairie. Officers attended and located several vehicles on scene. Warnings were issued to all the drivers. RCMP reminds the public that street racing and stunting are illegal. Road safety is a priority of the RCMP and ask drivers to make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely, please report it to the RCMP.

### Dangers of Rooftop Hijinks

Grande Prairie RCMP are advising youth not to climb onto roofs of school buildings after receiving several complaints in June from worried members of the public. The consequences could be tragic if a child were to fall from the roof without anyone nearby to provide aid or to call for help. RCMP are asking parents to speak to their children and ensure they are aware of the dangers. Anyone who witnesses children trespassing or climbing onto rooftops is asked to contact the RCMP.

### Safety Bear Attends Canada Day

Grande Prairie RCMP Safety Bear made an appearance in Muskoseepi Park for the Canada Day Festivities. Safety Bear interacted with the public and also was able to assist a lost child being reunited with their parent.

Happy Canada Day!





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### The Grande Prairie District Rural Crime Watch Association

The Grande Prairie District Rural Crime Watch Association (GPDRCWA) began in 1983 and is a member of the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association. Their service area includes parts of the County of Grande Prairie and the Municipal District of Greenview.

The aim of the organization is to deter the crime rate in the rural areas of Alberta and ultimately, eliminate a good portion of it. They ask their members to be the extra "eyes and ears" to help assist law enforcement in the fight against crime in rural zones. If the crime rate can be lowered in rural communities, they will become a much safer place to live.

The association can best be described as "Neighbours Helping Neighbours." The association collaborates with the local RCMP, County Enforcement, Fish & Wildlife, and additional Community Crime Prevention Groups. GPDRCWA works along with their neighbouring associations; Beaverlodge and Grovedale.



The Grande Prairie District Rural Crime Watch can be contacted at:

Phone: 780-831-4390

Email: [info@gpcrimewatch.ca](mailto:info@gpcrimewatch.ca)

Website: [www.gpcrimewatch.ca](http://www.gpcrimewatch.ca)

### I Want to Ride My Bicycle

As the weather warms up and the days get longer, Grande Prairie RCMP typically sees an increase in bike thefts that peaks in June, July and August. Bike theft affects many citizens in our communities. The Grande Prairie RCMP take the thefts seriously and will continue to work to stop this trend.

It only takes a moment for someone to steal your investment and the RCMP are offering up a few tips to keep your two wheeler as safe as possible:

- Record your bike's serial number. Bikes can be registered at: <https://www.cityofgp.com/city-services/services/online-services>
- Photograph your bike
- Keep a detailed description of your bike (make/model, size/colour, value, distinctive features)
- Never leave your bike unlocked
- Use a high quality lock and/or having two locks to secure your bike
- Take the extra step and remove the seat or a wheel as an extra deterrent
- Store your bike in a safe location at home, preferable in a locked area
- Lock your wheels and frame together

If your bicycle is stolen, report it with the serial number and description to the Grande Prairie RCMP at 780-830-5700 or online through the RCMP [Online Crime Reporting](#) tool.

### Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	June 2020	June 2021	June 2020	June 2021
Break & Enter	40	26	9	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle	28	11	9	8
Theft From Motor Vehicle	88	22	7	4
Possession of Stolen Property	29	16	4	1

All Events	City		Rural	
	June 2020	June 2021	June 2020	June 2021
Total Police Events	2514	2129	440	520

\*Police events represent all police calls for service, officer generated files and traffic infractions. Note: These do not represent our final, official crime statistics

\*Crime statistics cover the period of June 1 through June 30, 2021 and are compared to the same period of the previous year. Note: The figures in the chart are raw and may be changed by our review process. They do not represent our final, official crime statistics.



**TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**  
call the **Grande Prairie RCMP** at **780-830-5700**  
or your local police detachment.



**IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS**  
you can contact **Crime Stoppers** at **1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)**, online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the *Apple App* or *Google Play Store*.