



GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

Sleds, Snow and Safety

Grande Prairie RCMP rural officers partnered with the M.D. of Greenview Enforcement Services and Conservation officers to conduct snowmobile compliance checks in the Kakwa area South of Grande Prairie.

Approximately 170 snowmobile operators were checked resulting in 33 provincial violations issued. RCMP officers conducted Mandatory Alcohol Screening which resulted in three impaired operators that were immediately taken off the trails, served Immediate Roadside Sanctions and their snowmobiles towed.



"Impaired driving comes in many forms," says Corporal James Johnston of Grande Prairie RCMP. "Driving a snowmobile while impaired by drugs or alcohol endangers everyone on the trail."

Grande Prairie RCMP reminds the public to keep safety in mind when snowmobiling and offer the following tips:

- Check the weather conditions before you leave.
- Let someone know your route, planned destination, and return time
- Wear proper clothing, including a helmet to keep you warm and safe.
- Ride in groups and carry a cell phone.
- Pack additional food and water and fire making equipment.
- Have a map and note any available shelters.

Ride sober! Drinking alcohol and using drugs while operating a snowmobile don't mix.

The Key to Locking Out Crime

-  Ensure your vehicle doors are always locked
-  Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended
-  Always park in well-lit areas
-  Never leave your spare key or GPS in your vehicle
-  Roll-up your windows and close the sunroof
-  Store your shopping bags and items of value in the trunk or a hidden area
-  Take all electronics and cables with you
-  Carry your vehicle registration and insurance on your person
-  Do not leave garage door openers in your vehicle
-  Lock all exterior doors to your home
-  Never leave money or valuables in plain sight

Crime Reduction Unit

Crime reduction is a policing priority for Grande Prairie RCMP. It is an important piece of the overall policing strategy designed to reduce the negative impact of crime on our community. Grande Prairie RCMP utilizes various crime reduction strategies such as having a Crime Reduction Unit (CRU).

CRU concentrates on identifying repeat offenders, conducting targeted enforcement initiatives and addressing the root causes of crime. It is a small percent of the population committing more serious crimes and that is CRU's primary focus. CRU monitors prolific offenders and creates offender management strategies.

These strategies include:

- **Completing compliance checks on offenders with court-imposed conditions (Release orders, Probation, Parole). CRU officers become familiar with the offender and can often recognize signs that they are returning to their criminal lifestyle (or drug/ alcohol use, etc.). Strict compliance is expected and any breach of conditions is investigated with charges laid whenever possible.**
- **Offering support services if it appears the offender is going down the wrong path**
- **Liaising with Probation officers/Bail supervisors and Parole Officers. Information sharing between agency partners allows all involved to better identify the most active and high risk offenders and those most likely to fail to abide by their release conditions**
- **Monitoring Police interactions of identified top offenders and following up on any intel gathered**


For more information on Alberta RCMP's crime reduction strategies please visit:

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab/data-and-innovation-donnees-et-innovation/index-eng.htm>

March on Fraud – Fraud Prevention

March is fraud prevention month. Grande Prairie RCMP will be sharing tips throughout the month to help you and your loved ones recognize fraud and reduce your chances of being victimized.

For more fraud prevention information and resources, follow us on:

 Facebook
@RCMPinAlberta & @RCMPGrandePrairie

 Twitter
@RCMPAlberta





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International Women's Day

The Grande Prairie RCMP recognizes March 8th as International Women's Day. International Women's Day is a global day for celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

Did you know that the International Women's Day has been occurring for over a century? The first International Women's Day gathering took place in 1911 and was supported by over a million people!! This day belongs to all groups collectively everywhere and is not specific to any country, group or organization.

For more information, please visit www.internationalwomensday.com.



Corporal Teresa Nelson and Constable Lexie Briggs

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 and there is a sub office 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.

780-830-5755 Grande Prairie Office
780-864-3525 Spirit River Office
www.grandeprairievictimservices.com

Hate Crime Awareness

A Hate Crime is any criminal offence committed against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by hate, bias or prejudice against an identifiable group. Hate-motivated crimes have long-lasting and serious side effects for victims, communities and society as a whole.

Victims of Hate Crime can experience

- Feelings of Isolation
- Emotional and Psychological Distress
- Fulfilling Victimized or Vulnerable

SEE IT. HEAR IT. REPORT IT.

How to report a Hate Crime:
For emergencies **phone 911**.
Property crimes file report online at <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta>
Contact your nearest **RCMP Detachment** www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/find/AB
For anonymous reporting, contact **CrimeStoppers** at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com, or by using the "P3 Tips" app

Benefits of reporting Hate Crime:

- Help hold those responsible accountable for their actions
- Allow police to provide victim support services
- Potentially assist police with other investigations, ultimately helping other victims
- Send a message to those responsible that these acts will not be tolerated
- Document the perpetrator's behaviour which can be used in court to highlight repetitive behaviour
- Allow police to gain a better understanding of issues within the community, and allocate resources towards addressing them.

Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	February 2022	February 2023	February 2022	February 2023
Break & Enter	28	15	3	6
Theft of Motor Vehicle	11	24	5	2
Theft From Motor Vehicle	44	31	5	4
Possession of Stolen Property	12	19	4	4

*Crime statistics cover the period of February 1 through February 28, 2023 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.

All Events	City		Rural	
	February 2022	February 2023	February 2022	February 2023
Total Police Events	1911	2246	414	479

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

Online Crime Reporting
<https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta/en>

Crime Mapping
Grande Prairie City
<https://www.cityofgp.com/city-services/emergency/rcmp/rcmp-crime-map>

County of Grande Prairie
<https://rcmp-k-div.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=572cd3cf20e445b7bc09065bf79ce0ac>



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 or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.