



## GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

### Rural Door Knocker Program

Starting June 2021, Grande Prairie RCMP rural officers will be visiting residences as part of an initiative to increase police presence within rural communities. Additionally, RCMP officers will be speaking with residents to gain a better understanding of issues that are occurring in that area.

RCMP officers attending will be in fully marked police vehicles and in full uniform. Information will be provided to residents on how to secure their property.

#### *Tips to Secure Your Property:*

- Lock residence patio doors and ground floor windows with a second locking device
- Ensure all garage/shop/outbuilding doors and windows are closed and locked
- Consider installing motion sensor lights on your residence and outbuildings
- Store off-road vehicles and gas in a secure area
- Remove keys from any vehicles/ATV's/farm equipment on your property
- If possible, lock property gates to secure your driveway
- Record serial numbers of valuable and/or insured equipment/property
- Consider the use of video recording/surveillance on your property
- Contact the Grande Prairie RCMP if you observe suspicious activity

#### *If you suspect someone is outside your home:*

- **Remain inside**
- **Turn on lights and activate any audible alarms**
- **Contact the Police (911)**

### Did You Remember to Lock Your Vehicle and Remove Valuables?

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Grande Prairie RCMP received complaints of a female attempting to gain entry into multiple vehicles in the area of 101 St. and 102 Ave. With information provided by witnesses, police were able to locate and arrest the female. A 39-year-old female from Grande Prairie was charged with Mischief and Possession of Stolen Property. The same female was arrested again on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 after RCMP received a complaint of a female rummaging through vehicles in the area of 109 Ave and 102 St. The female now faces additional charges of Mischief, Possession of Stolen Property and Breaching a Release Order.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Grande Prairie RCMP received a complaint of a suspicious person trying vehicle door handles in the area of 109 St. and 102 Ave. RCMP attended the area and were able to locate the subject that was believed to be involved. The subject was arrested and charged with obstruction as they provided false names to officer.

### Found Ring

Grande Prairie RCMP is looking to return a found wedding ring to its owner. If you have lost or are missing this ring and can describe the unique identifying markings, please call or attend the Grande Prairie RCMP Detachment.

### Hit and Run

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at approximately 4:43 a.m., Grande Prairie RCMP officers responded to a hit and run complaint in the area of 126 Ave. and 96 St. The suspect vehicle had left the area but was soon located with the assistance of information received from a witness. The driver of the vehicle was issued Immediate Roadside Sanctions (IRS), as well as violation tickets under the Traffic Safety Act.

### Medical Emergency

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 a Grande Prairie RCMP rural officer was patrolling Clairmont when he observed a male laying on the road who appeared to be in medical distress. The officer provided first aid until EMS attended and transported the male to hospital.

### Break & Enter Leads to Charges

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Grande Prairie RCMP officers were called to a break and enter in progress at a residence. Officers attended and located the accused in a shed behind the house. The accused was arrested and charged with Break and Enter and Mischief.

### Impaired Motor Vehicle Collision

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at approximately 10:07 p.m. Grande Prairie RCMP responded to a collision in the area of 102 St. and 101 Ave. Upon arrival, RCMP officers located the driver of the vehicle who subsequently failed a roadside screening device. The driver was issued Immediate Roadside Sanctions (IRS), as well as, violation tickets under the Traffic Safety Act for operating a vehicle without registration or insurance.

### Stolen Flowers

Grande Prairie RCMP are seeking public assistance to identify culprits responsible for stealing flowers from Aspen Grove School. On May 29, 2021 at approximately 2:30 p.m. a grey Chevy extended cab truck pulled into the parking lot. A female, approximately 20 years old, got out of the passenger side door and removed flowers from two planters. The female was wearing brown cargo pants and a camouflage hoodie. RCMP are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact the Grande Prairie RCMP or Crime Stoppers.





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### Commercial Break Ins

During the month of May 2021 Grande Prairie RCMP received several reports of break and enters resulting in thefts from businesses and work sites. Grande Prairie RCMP are reminding the public to take every step possible to protect their businesses or work sites.

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our communities safe. Report all suspicious behaviour, break-ins and attempts to police. The reports help officers and crime analysts determine potential hotspots and where to focus patrols. If you catch someone in the act, call Police (911), rather than confronting them yourself.

#### Tips to Remember:

- Ensure that all surveillance systems are up to date and recording properly
- A sign noting that your business/worksites is frequently monitored, has a video surveillance system and/or an active alarm in place, and does not keep cash on the premises may help to deter potential criminals
- Lock/secure all doors and windows to all buildings, sheds, garages and any other structures on site
- Keep all exits and entrances well lit at all times; if possible, keep an interior light on after hours
- Remove items like shovels or ladders that are kept outside or near doors. They can potentially be used as break-in tools or even weapons. Consider storing them safely inside so they cannot be used by criminals



### Grande Prairie RCMP Officers Receive Recognition for Life Saving Efforts

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Grande Prairie RCMP Detachment Officer in charge, Superintendent Sean Curry, presented four Grande Prairie officers with the St. John Life-saving Silver Award. The officers received this award for their immediate and decisive action while on duty, to provide first aid to members of the public who were in medical distress.

The officers that were acknowledged are:  
*Constable Ashley Brand, Constable Jason Hunka,  
 Constable Shannon Friesen and Corporal David Illi.*

For more information on the St. John Ambulance Life-saving Awards, visit:  
<https://stjohn.ab.ca/stjohn-ab-ca/life-saving-award/>

### Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	May 2020	May 2021	May 2020	May 2021
Break & Enter	33	34	7	14
Theft of Motor Vehicle	22	12	14	10
Theft From Motor Vehicle	61	36	5	1
Possession of Stolen Property	23	17	7	7

\*Crime statistics cover the period of May 1 through May 31, 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.

All Events	City		Rural	
	May 2020	May 2021	May 2020	May 2021
Total Police Events	2183	2157	483	519

\*Police events represent all police calls for service, officer generated files and traffic infractions. Note: These 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*.