

Hot Holiday Plans

The winter months are a great time to escape the cold and head somewhere warm. While it is nice to get away - making sure your property isn't a target while you are gone is important. It is a good idea to have someone that can check in on your residence. Also letting trusted neighbours know that you will be away is helpful to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity.

There are some things that can be done to not alert others to your absence:

- **Set indoor and outdoor lights on a timer or sensor lights outside**
- **Have a neighbour or friend shovel your driveway/walkway**
- **Install a camera that you can monitor**
- **Do not announce your travel plans on social media**

These tips can help give you peace of mind while gone and hopefully prevent you from returning home to find unwelcome activity on your property.

Grandparents – Targeted By Scammers

Grande Prairie RCMP have noticed an increase in bail money scams being reported to police locally. At least three victims in the Grande Prairie area have reported that they have received phone calls stating their grandchild had been arrested and that they required bail money. The victims are then instructed on how to send the money via Purolator. The money requested has been between \$8,000 and \$12,000.

Here are some other tips to avoid being a victim of this scam:

- **Never offer information to the caller. If they prompt you with a question like, "Do you know who this is?" simply say no and have them tell you.**
- **Ask the caller a few personal questions that a real grandchild could answer but an imposter could not**
- **After you hang up, verify the story by calling the parents or other relatives of the "grandchild"**
- **Never send money to someone under uncertain conditions.**
- **Never provide your credit card number over the telephone or Internet unless you are sure about who you're giving it to**
- **Police will never ask for money to be sent via Purolator for bail money.**

For more information on this scam, you can visit

<https://cba.ca/grandparent-scam>

Candy Cane Campaign

On December 12, 2022, Grande Prairie RCMP partnered with community partners, including Alberta Health Services, to bring back their successful Candy Cane campaign for another year.

The Candy Cane campaign (formerly known as the Candy Cane Checkstop) was held southbound on 100th Street between 104 and 105 avenues.

The goal of the Candy Cane Campaign is to create positive interactions with local law enforcement and emergency services to encourage safe driving habits and to remind motorists not to drive impaired.

Travelling for Turkey? Remember These Tips

When travelling during the winter months, it is imperative that you remain prepared for any weather you may run into during your travels. The weather conditions can change rapidly and making sure you have what you need to keep yourself and others in your vehicle safe is crucial. When travelling, it is a good habit to let others know what your travel plans are. Let others know the route you plan on taking and when you expect to arrive. Keep your phone charged and make sure your vehicle is in good working order before heading out. In extreme weather conditions, there can be a delay in emergency services or tow trucks getting to your location - so be prepared to have the things you need until help arrives. Checking road conditions before setting out is always recommended. You can get up to date information in road conditions at 511 Alberta.

Things we recommend having on hand when travelling include:

- **Food that won't spoil-such as energy bars**
- **Water-ensure they are in bottles that won't break if the water freezes**
- **Blanket(s)**
- **Extra clothes and boots**
- **First aid kit**
- **Small shovel**
- **Flashlight**
- **A small candle**
- **Whistle- in case you need to attract attention**



For more information on being prepared for winter travel, you can visit

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201012-en.aspx>





GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

Cram the Cruiser – Thank You Grande Prairie!

The Grande Prairie RCMP on December 17, 2022 had participated in a food drive at the FreshCo grocery store in hopes of filling a police cruiser, or three, with donations. They collected non-perishable food items for those in need, which was then be donated to the Salvation Army Grande Prairie Community and Family Services.

Thank you to everyone who braved the frosty weather and donated.



Happy Holidays

As 2022 draws to a close, the officers and staff of the Grande Prairie RCMP detachment would like to wish everyone in Grande Prairie and the surrounding communities, a safe and happy holiday season. As we look ahead to the new year, we remain committed to working hard to keep our communities safe.



Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	December 2021	December 2022	December 2021	December 2022
Break & Enter	18	29	10	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	34	25	13	5
Theft From Motor Vehicle	32	13	2	2
Possession of Stolen Property	26	17	15	3

**Crime statistics cover the period of December 1 through December 31, 2022 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	
	December 2021	December 2022	December 2021	December 2022
Total Police Events	2336	2135	2844	2562

**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=572cd3cf20ed45b7bc09065bf79ce0ac>



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*.