



GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

New Officer In Charge at the Grande Prairie Detachment - Superintendent Lee Brachmann

Superintendent Lee Brachmann recently arrived at the Grande Prairie Detachment to take on the Officer In Charge role.

Supt. Brachmann has nearly 18 years of service with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, all of which in the province of Alberta. His previous posting was as the Inspector at the Lloydminster detachment. He has also worked at the High Level, Fort Vermillion, Killam-Forestburg, and St. Paul-Saddle Lake detachments.

Alberta is Supt. Brachmann's home province as well and he is happy to have the opportunity to be back in the Peace Country and Treaty 8 Territory.

Community involvement is very important to Supt. Brachmann. He has been involved in the community in various capacities in all of his postings, ranging from coaching minor hockey and soccer, to being active at the Board level of two soccer associations and a local ski/snowboard area. He is looking forward to building community relationships in Grande Prairie and surrounding area.

Supt. Brachmann is dedicated to focussing on enhancing community safety, reducing crime through proactive, intelligence led, community based policing initiatives, engaging with partners and the community to develop policing priorities and tackle public safety concerns. He will be developing strong and trusting relationships with the community which includes diverse populations and supporting reconciliation.



"My family and I are very happy to have made our home in Grande Prairie and I look forward to serving all of the communities in the Grande Prairie Detachment area."

-Superintendent Lee Brachmann

Putting the Brakes on Stolen Bikes

Grande Prairie RCMP wants to remind everyone to put your bicycles inside or lock them up when you are not using them. With lots of people out enjoying the beautiful summer weather, we do not want your bike to go missing! Our stats from 2020 and 2021 show that we saw the most reported thefts between June, July and August each year. Use a lock when you are out and have to leave your bike. When at home, put it inside or lock it up outside to deter someone from taking it. Make sure you note the serial number for your bike. In the event that it does get taken, we can then reunite you with your bike if we find it!

Did you know you can register your bike with the City of Grande Prairie? Visit the City of Grande Prairie website:

<https://cityofgp.com/city-services/more-services/online-services>

Counterfeit Money

Is it Faking You Out?

Since May 2022, multiple local businesses have reported counterfeit money being used in the City and County of Grande Prairie. The reported denominations of counterfeit money being passed are \$20, \$50 and \$100 dollar bills, with the majority being \$100 dollar bills.

Here are some tips for dealing with potential counterfeit money:

- Know the security features to look for on the currency you are handling
- Limit accepting certain denominations of money
- If you think it is counterfeit, politely refuse it. Explain that you suspect it could be counterfeit
- Inform your local police of a possible attempt to pass suspected counterfeit money
- Be courteous. Remember that the individual in possession of the currency could be an innocent victim who does not realize the note is suspicious.

Counterfeiting has a large scale impact on our communities, and the RCMP is committed to enforcing these laws and stopping those responsible for these crimes.

For more information on Counterfeit money prevention, please visit:

<https://www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes/counterfeit-prevention/>





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Archie Harvey Memorial Golf Tournament

We are happy to announce the return of the annual Archie Harvey Memorial Golf Tournament after a 2-year hiatus!!

This will be the 48th anniversary of the golf tournament and is a great opportunity to partake in a FUN best ball golf tournament for charity. The tournament will be taking place on August 19th at the Dunes Golf and Country Club.

The cost is \$145, which includes:

- Green fees for 18 holes
- A power cart
- Breakfast sponsored by ReMax/Jack Ouellette
- Dinner Banquet
- Registration Gift as provided by our Signature Sponsor – Harold's Towing
- Raffle prizes
- A great time!



Cpl. Donald Archibald "Archie" HARVEY
March 31, 1933 - June 23, 1967

Donald "Archie" HARVEY joined the RCMP when he was 18 years old from Arcola, Saskatchewan. He served 16 years with the RCMP at 8 different locations in Alberta. HARVEY and his partner, Cpl. Bill BIGGAR, were investigating a homicide when HARVEY was shot and killed as he attempted to exit his police car. He was 34 years old at the time of his death and survived by his wife and two young children.

The Archie HARVEY memorial golf tournament is currently celebrating its 48th year. The Archie HARVEY foundation raises money annually to fund two bursaries at Grande Prairie Regional College, and through the Slain Police Officers Fund. To date we have raised more than \$200,000 in support of local charities.

For more information, please email: KGPArchie.Harvey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

All Washed Up For Our Furry Friends

The Grande Prairie RCMP and the Grande Prairie Fire Department had a wash-off that benefitted the local charity, Bandaged Paws Animal Rescue Association. The friendly competition saw a total of 42 dogs get a shampoo and blowout and \$940.00 was raised. The fire department edged out the police in funds raised but the police earned their keep with more pups getting bathed.

Thank you to all of those that came out to support this worthy cause!

Scooters Returned to Rightful Owners

Grande Prairie RCMP were dispatched to an abandoned property complaint where three electric scooters were recovered in the 101 Street and 113 Avenue area.

Police were able to locate the owners from Wembley and reconnect them with their scooters.



Cpl. Patrick McPhee and Cst. Lindsay McNab return found scooters

Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	Jun/July 2021	Jun/July 2022	Jun/July 2021	Jun/July 2022
Break & Enter	47	78	17	32
Theft of Motor Vehicle	26	75	14	34
Theft From Motor Vehicle	39	111	5	11
Possession of Stolen Property	38	39	6	20

**Crime statistics cover the period of June 1 through June 30, 2022 and are compared to the same period of the previous year. Note: The figures in the chart are raw and June be changed by our review process. They do not represent our final, official crime statistics.*

All Events	City		Rural	
	Jun/July 2021	Jun/July 2022	Jun/July 2021	Jun/July 2022
Total Police Events	4768	5324	1084	1045

**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=572cd3cf20ed45b7bc09065b79ce0ac>

