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GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

Lock It or Lose It!!

The Grande Prairie RCMP wants to remind residents to lock their vehicle doors and remove all valuables from view.

Theft from vehicles can be a crime of opportunity so here are some ideas to help prevent your vehicle from becoming an easy target:

- **Park in a well lit area. If it is outside of your house, make sure to have your outside lights on or a motion sensor light**
- **Do not ever leave your keys or wallet in your vehicle!**
- **Make sure that your doors are locked. Make it a habit to check that they are locked before you go to bed each night**
- **Do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle. This could lead to your garage and/or house being targeted at a later time**
- **Leave as little as possible in your vehicle. It can make your vehicle less attractive to would be thieves if it appears that there is nothing inside to take**

DID YOU KNOW that If your vehicle does get broken into and you do not have any suspects- you can report the crime ONLINE? Visit https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta/en OR you can call the Grande Prairie RCMP at 780-830-5700.

Boat Safety is a "Shore" Thing to Practice

With the weather getting warmer outside, everyone is eager to get out and enjoy it!

We want to remind everyone to BE SAFE while out on the water. Here are a few things to remember while having fun his summer:

- **Boat Sober - Whether it's prescription drugs, alcohol or cannabis, the use of intoxicants is careless and illegal.**
- **Wear Your Lifejacket - make sure everyone has a lifejacket and is wearing it properly at all times!**
- **Advise others of your plans - Let friends and family know of your boating plans. Make sure you have a phone in case you need help and the proper survival tools in the event you become stranded. Advise what time you are expected to return and the area that you plan to be in.**
- **Check your equipment- Ensure that your boat is in proper working order before heading out!**
- **Have FUN – boating is a great way to get outside and enjoy what nature has to offer**

For more information on boating and boating safety visit Canadian Safe boating Counsels website at https://csbc.ca/en/.

Taking Care While Cycling

Now that the snow is in the rear view mirror and the sun is shining, it brings a great opportunity to get our bicycles back out onto the streets of Grande Prairie. Over the summer months, there is an increase of people on bicycles, so it is important to review some safety tips to keep cyclists safe.

Follow these safety reminders to keep safe while riding your bike:

- **Always wear a properly fitted helmet**
- **Wear a reflective vest or bright clothing so others can see you**
- **Equip your bike with a bell or horn**
- **Inspect your bicycles condition and avoid wearing loose clothing that could get caught in the bike chain**
- **Obey the traffic laws and use hand signals to indicate your intentions while biking**
- **Be alert and watch for other cyclists, pedestrians, or motorists using the roadway, especially at driveway entrances and intersections**
- **Don't be distracted by using a cell phone and avoid listening to music to ensure you can hear what is happening around you**

By using caution and following the rules of the road can go a long way towards keeping everyone safe.

Put A Lid On It

Constable Lindsay McNab with the Community Engagement and Diversity Unit attended Ecole Montrose to talk with the Grade 2 students about helmet and bicycle safety.

With more youth riding bicycles, skateboarding, rollerblading and scootering to and from school, as well as on their own time, we want to ensure everyone is doing it safely and with the proper equipment.

Please remember to have a proper fitting helmet and that if it has any cracks or has been involved in an accident to replace it.

Cst. McNab educates a youth on helmet safety at Ecole Montrose

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NYTRO – A Lot to Bark About

In 2020, a litter of puppies were born at the RCMP Police Dog Service Training Centre in Innisfail, Alberta. All RCMP Police Service Dogs are purebred German Shepherds. At 6 weeks of age, these puppies, called "Potential Police Service Dogs (PPSDs)," are put through a structured evaluation. Only PPSDs who display the unique qualities of an RCMP working dog will go forward into the imprinting program. The RCMP Imprinting Program develops PPSDs and prepares them to be successful for their eventual Police Service Dog (PSD) training.

Imprinters are RCMP Members from all across Canada who have career aspirations of becoming dog handlers. They volunteer hundreds of hours every year ensuring the PPSDs are socialized and familiarized in many different environments. They also introduce the PPSDs to tracking humans and criminal apprehension. Once the PPSDs are approximately 1-year-old, they will be evaluated for their suitability to come into formal training to become full Police Service Dogs.

The PPSDs are then teamed up with their handler, who are either current Handlers or Imprinters who were selected for the Police Service Dog Handling course. Upon successful completion of the Police Service Dog Handler course, the new teams are sent to their postings across Canada.

Meet Grande Prairie RCMP's newest RCMP Police Dog, Nytro. Nytro is a two-year-old German shepherd. Nytro was raised in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and met his handler, Cst. Pearce, in September of 2021 at the training centre in Innisfail. Nytro and Cst. Pearce graduated the RCMP Police Dog Services program in February of this year and have been best friends ever since.

Nytro's favourite things are getting brushed, playing with his Kong toy and running really fast. Nytro is not a fan of being woken up for work and being hungry.

Police Service Dogs and their handlers are highly trained and specialized in their field. Nytro is trained in tracking people, searching for lost persons, apprehending criminals, finding firearms and evidence, and searching for narcotics.

Residents of Grande Prairie may see Police Service Dogs, their handlers, and RCMP Members raising puppies training in our community as they often train in operational environments both in urban and rural settings. The capabilities of these dogs can be very impressive and interesting to watch. Residents are welcome to stop at a distance to observe training. However, if it appears a police dog and their handler are on an active call for service, please remember to give them space to work.

Furry Friend Rescue

On May 10th Grande Prairie Rural RCMP were called to O'Brien Provincial Park as an individual needed help retrieving their dog who had fallen down an embankment. Grovedale Fire department also attended to assist. It was also discovered that there were 3 grizzly bears in the area- a mother bear and her 2 large cubs. Fish and wildlife were contacted and also attended. Thankfully the dog was rescued safe and unharmed!

Dog Wash for Charity

Bring Fido and Fluffy down to the Pet Valu on 11030-100 Street on June11th from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., where they will be bathed by RCMP officers. All donations from your pup's pampering will be going to local animal rescues.

Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City May 2021	City May 2022	Rural May 2021	Rural May 2022
Break & Enter	34	**40**	14	**9**
Theft of Motor Vehicle	12	**27**	10	**7**
Theft From Motor Vehicle	38	**38**	1	**6**
Possession of Stolen Property	18	**11**	8	**6**

Crime statistics cover the period of May 1 through May 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 May 2021	City May 2022	Rural May 2021	Rural May 2022
Total Police Events	2161	**2550**	521	**510**

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

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