



## GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

### Crime of Opportunity – Vehicle Vandals

Grande Prairie RCMP have had nine documented theft of motor vehicles in November where the theft was attributed to the vehicle being left running. In almost all cases, the keys were inside. Five trucks, two SUV's and two cars were stolen which primarily took place in commercial parking lots. There was no specific targeted time as these were all reported to have happened at different times throughout the day. These are a crime of opportunity, especially in public parking lots where you can be observed walking away from a running vehicle. Never leave your vehicle running unattended, locked or unlocked, with the keys inside or fob near by.

### There's An App For That!

On January 7, 2022, the Alberta RCMP officially launched a mobile app which provides easy access to online reporting of non-emergency crimes, as well as both mental health supports and partner law enforcement services in Alberta. The app also provides easy access to detachment locations, crime statistics, Project Lock Up, crime mapping, Crime Stoppers, news and links to RCMP social media accounts.

*The Alberta RCMP app is currently available for a free download via the Apple app store and google play store by searching for 'Alberta RCMP'.*

Grande Prairie RCMP remind the public that the app is not used to report urgent crimes and the app does not collect personal data or your location.

### Excuse Me, Could You Spare a Dime?

The holiday season also brings a lot of charity campaigns to raise money for really great causes. If you choose to donate money this holiday season, make sure you know that your money is going to legitimate charities.

Here are some tips when considering donating:

- **Don't let anyone pressure you. A legitimate organization will respect your wishes if you do not want to donate.**
- **Be assertive. Don't be afraid to ask questions**
- **Never send cash and don't give your personal information, social insurance number, credit card, or banking information to a stranger.**
- **If you want to support a particular organization, consider planned giving. You can decide how much you can afford to give and contact the organization directly to set up a monthly or one-time donation.**

For more information you can visit:

<http://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/giving-charity-information-donors.html>

### Did You Know?

In 2022, the Grande Prairie City and Rural officers did an outstanding job in getting firearms off the streets in our city and surrounding area. Between January and December 2022, officers removed 283 firearms off the street.

Types of firearms recovered included a variety of restricted firearms, rifles and shot guns. Firearms classified as rifles accounted for the majority of the firearms seized by police. Approximately 60 firearms were held for safekeeping.



There are numerous ways that the police can become involved with firearms during the course of their duty, such as calls for service, traffic stops, search warrants and Crimestopper tips. While we know the majority of gun owners are responsible and law abiding, we want to prevent firearms from making it into the wrong hands.

### Tis the Season for Giving

#### *Cram the Cruiser - Food Drive Campaign*

The Grande Prairie RCMP will be participating in a food drive to collect non-perishable food items for those in need, which will then be donated to the Salvation Army Grande Prairie Community and Family Services.

On December 17, 2022, Grande Prairie RCMP officers will be at the Frescho grocery store, located at 9844 - 92 Street, Grande Prairie from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. collecting non-perishable food donations in hopes of filling up a police cruiser.





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### Cops In Our Community



### Battle of the Badges

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, Grande Prairie RCMP took on the Grande Prairie Fire department in a Battle of the Badges hockey game. It was a great game and the fire department came out on top with a score of 9-3. The purpose of the game was to have some friendly competition while raising money for great causes. In total \$4855.00 was raised. That amount will be split between the Grande Prairie Firefighter's Charitable Foundation and the 3D Children's Charity. The money for the firefighter's charity will be going towards the Christmas campaign called Sparky's Secret Wish. They will be donating \$500.00 and a ham over the Christmas season to 50 different families that have been nominated. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the teams.



### Giving Your Sidewalks Some Winter Attention

Now that we have had a few weeks of snowfall in the city, it is a great time to remind everyone of the importance of keeping your sidewalks clear of snow and ice during the winter months. Grande Prairie has a bylaw that states that residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks adjacent to their own property within 24 hours following the most recent deposit of snow or ice. Uncleared walkways can make it unsafe and difficult for many individuals to navigate, so let's all do our part and keep the sidewalks clear this winter!

For more information on the bylaw, please visit: <https://cityofgp.com/city-services/bylaw-enforcement/common-concerns>

### Holiday Mail – Keeping It Safe

Around this time of year, we notice an increase of community mailboxes being vandalized and broken into. Gift cards and money being sent in the mail is usually greater around the holiday season. Alternate options can be choosing to send digital gift cards and e-transferring money instead of sending cash or cheques.

If your mailbox is vandalized or broken into, please advise Canada Post (1-866-607-6301) and the RCMP.

### Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	November 2021	November 2022	November 2021	November 2022
Break & Enter	41	26	12	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle	32	20	10	4
Theft From Motor Vehicle	48	28	3	6
Possession of Stolen Property	12	11	11	9

\*Crime statistics cover the period of November 1 through November 30, 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	
	November 2021	November 2022	November 2021	November 2022
Total Police Events	2408	2364	476	439

\*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](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the *Apple App* or *Google Play Store*.