



GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

Garage Door Openers and Theft

Rethink items left in your vehicle!!

There has been an increase in reports of garage door openers being stolen from vehicles. Since September, at least 5 reports have been received of garage door openers being stolen from vehicles. Items such as these can be used to facilitate break and enters. Consider making it a habit to take your garage door opener into your residence when you get out of the vehicle. One less thing for possible thieves to target your vehicle for!

Good Neighbours

On October 31st, a concerned citizen reported their elderly neighbour's yard was entered by two males. The two then walked away with stolen property from the yard. Photo's of the individuals were obtained by the complainant along with the last direction of travel. RCMP officers conducted patrols and the two males were located, taken into custody and charged. The stolen property was recovered and returned to the owners. The observant behaviour and quick thinking of the neighbour was ultimately what helped officers locate the suspects and the property.

We want to thank our community for being the eyes and ears of Grande Prairie.

When Winter Warm Ups Go Awry

Keeping Your Vehicle Warm and Safe

With temperatures dipping below zero, the Grande Prairie RCMP would like to remind residents to be cautious this winter season when starting and letting their vehicles warm up unattended.

Grande Prairie RCMP warn residents to never leave a running vehicle unattended with the keys inside, even if the doors are locked. A window could be easily broken, and a thief could have full access to your vehicle. To avoid vehicle theft, a remote car starter could be used, but if that is not possible, an alternative is to dress warm and wait with your vehicle while it warms up.

Other ways to protect your vehicle is to remove all valuables, use a steering wheel lock, remove garage door openers and spare keys, never leave children or pets in an idling vehicle, and park in well lit areas.

It only takes seconds for someone to get into an idling vehicle and drive away.

Town Halls

Superintendent Lee Brachman of the Grande Prairie RCMP Detachment invites local community members to town halls being held at various locations throughout the city.

Residents served by the Grande Prairie Detachment who may have any issues comments and/or concerns about policing issues in and around Grande Prairie are invited to attend.

"Town Hall meetings provide us an opportunity to engage directly with the community and hear the community's perspectives on policing and community safety in Grande Prairie." Says, Superintendent Lee Brachman Officer in charge of Grande Prairie Detachment. "This important community input is then fed back into the Grande Prairie RCMP's annual planning process, ensuring that policing priorities in Grande Prairie are directly informed by the residents of Grande Prairie and are reflective of the community's policing needs. Collaboration with the community and residents of Grande Prairie is a critical component of effective community-led policing."

These town halls are not only a way to connect with local community members, it is an excellent opportunity for people to let us know their concerns on policing priorities which helps the RCMP to better serve our communities.

Members of the public are not required to register for these events.

Date	Time	Location	Address
November 21	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Teresa Sergeant Hall/ Montrose Cultural Centre	9839-103 Avenue
November 21	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Safe Communities Grande Prairie & Area	10318-92 Street
November 22	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Alexander Forbes School	7240 Poplar Drive
November 24	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Design Works Centre – KMSC Law Meeting Room	#6 Knowledge Way
November 28	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	St. John Paul II Catholic School – KMSC Law Theatre Hall	300 Arbour Hills Boulevard

We look forward to meeting with you and connecting at the 2022 Grande Prairie Town Halls.





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Brown Paper Packages Wrapped Up With String – Keeping Your Favourite Things

Online shopping has become a quick and convenient way for Albertans to make purchases. With the holiday season approaching, it is likely more packages will be delivered and left on door steps until homeowners are able to get home and safely store the packages indoors. When packages are left unattended, potential thieves, sometimes known as ‘porch pirates,’ may take advantage by stealing delivered items.

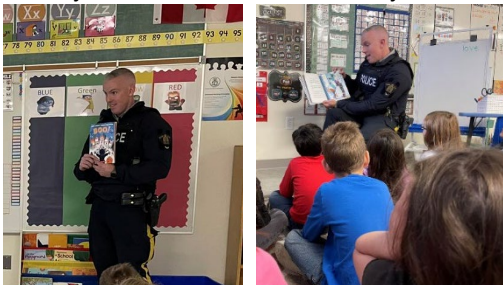
Grande Prairie RCMP are providing the following tips to help protect your packages from being stolen:

- Track the package shipments by requesting email or text message updates/notifications.
- Where is the best place for a package to be delivered? If you are likely not going to be home during the delivery period, consider having it delivered to your workplace or to a friend’s residence.
- Request a signature confirmation. This means that someone needs to sign and accept the package before it can be delivered.
- Provide instructions to the seller or delivery company if you want the package left in a specific area outside your residence out of sight, such as at a back door or side door.
- Ask a friend or neighbour who you know i
- s home to retrieve the package for you if you are not available.
- If you frequently order parcels, consider investing in equipment, such as a parcel drop box, security cameras, or a video doorbell.

Cops In Our Community

Grande Prairie Community Engagement and Diversity (CEAD) Unit are making their way through grade 1 classes in the public school system as part of family literacy week in January. It can be a challenge to get to every school during literacy week, so we have teamed up with the schools to focus on 3 schools a month to visit. Having police officers in the schools reading to kids helps to form a connection between kids and police and to help create a positive bond.

Family Literacy week is celebrated each year in January to help raise the awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy related activities as a family.



Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	October 2021	October 2022	October 2021	October 2022
Break & Enter	33	30	2	26
Theft of Motor Vehicle	27	35	10	23
Theft From Motor Vehicle	42	46	4	9
Possession of Stolen Property	25	26	9	12

*Crime statistics cover the period of October 1 through October 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	
	October 2021	October 2022	October 2021	October 2022
Total Police Events	2682	2589	585	645

*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=572cd3cf20ed45b7bc09065bf79ce0aac>



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.