



GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

Winter is coming, Drivers take heed

The fall weather has been spectacular this year - however we all know that winter is right around the corner. While there are many things to look forward to about winter, we also have to remember that with snowfall, ice, and colder temperatures, we need to be prepared to adjust our driving habits for the winter season. Here are a few things to consider as we move into chillier months:

- Prepare by changing out your current tires for winter tires before the first snow fall arrives
- Give yourself extra time to get where you are going and cancel or delay a trip if the weather is inclement
- Check 511 before travelling to be up to date on current road conditions
- Ensure that your windows are free from snow and ice before driving
- Reduce your speed while approaching intersections covered with ice or snow.
- Keep a safe distance back from snow plows, and salt/anti-icing trucks.
- Prepare a winter driving kit for in your vehicle



Safe winter driving is everyone's responsibility. An ordinary driver reacts to the road situations - A good driver anticipates crises and avoids them!

Halloween is an occasion that is enjoyed by many, and the Grande Prairie RCMP want to make sure that it is safe and FUN! As always, report any suspicious activity that you witness by calling the non emergency line at 780-830-5701.

An Increase in Thefts of and from Vehicles

The Grande Prairie RCMP have noticed recently an increase of thefts of motor vehicles, as well as, thefts from vehicles. Police would like to remind the citizens (and visitors) to the City of Grande Prairie and area of the following suggestions to keep your vehicle and property safe:

- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle, especially if it is running
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you exit your vehicle
- Ensure that all valuables are removed
- Park in well lit areas and/or plenty of visibility if possible
- Report any suspicious activities or thefts as soon as possible to the police

We have Safety in Our Sights

As fall is upon us, hunting season has begun. Grande Prairie RCMP are reminding hunters to continue their responsible hunting practices by following all the rules and regulations. Recently, police had been called for a bird that had been killed without proper licensing. An individual was arrested and charged under the migratory bird act for this offence. This was an unfortunate incident and occurrences like this will continue to be investigated if they occur.

For more information on the hunting regulations in Alberta, please visit:



albertaregulations.ca/huntingregs/

Not so Trickster Tips for Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner! And while we know that Halloween is loved by both children and adults, we want to make sure everyone is safe while having fun trick or treating.

- Make sure costumes are reflective. Don't have a reflective costume? Try adding glow stick bracelets or necklaces to your costume to make yourself or your children more visible
- Encourage kids to go trick or treating in groups and to let an adult know where they are going
- Remind everyone to use sidewalks and crosswalks while out and about
- Consider taking a flashlight while trick or treating for better visibility
- Driver's are asked to slow down and be even more diligent with the increased amount of foot traffic on Halloween
- If you are handing out treats, ensure that there is a clear path to your door for the trick or treaters
- Encourage kids to wait until they get home to eat their candy





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Frauds Targeting Businesses

The Grande Prairie RCMP General Investigative Section have received multiple reports from local businesses who have been targeted by a phishing scam. In these cases, the would be scammers are contacting companies impersonating legitimate subcontractors through an email similar to that of the subcontractors who have conducted work for the company. The subjects are then asking to update their banking information for the payment of services rendered.

The RCMP are asking the public to be aware of these types of incidents and asking businesses to continue their diligence in their payment practices.

For additional information or to report a crime of this nature, please contact the Canadian Anti Fraud Center at 1-888-495-8501 or online at www.antifraudcentre.ca. You can also contact Grande Prairie RCMP at 780-830-5700 or your local police. 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."

Cops In Our Community



Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	September 2021	September 2022	September 2021	September 2022
Break & Enter	34	35	9	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle	27	36	12	16
Theft From Motor Vehicle	34	58	3	4
Possession of Stolen Property	27	26	14	6

**Crime statistics cover the period of September 1 through September 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	
	September 2021	September 2022	September 2021	September 2022
Total Police Events	2479	2624	645	545

**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*.