

July 2024 Slave Lake RCMP Release

During the month of June, the Slave Lake Detachment responded to a total of 501 calls for service, which included:

- Assault (x 17)
- Break and Enter (x 14)
- Utter Threats (x 6)
- Theft (x 18)
- Mischief – Damage to Property (x 14)
- Causing a Disturbance, Mischief (Nuisance) (x 37)
- Mental Health (x 5)
- Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Property (x 37)
- Wellbeing Checks (x 12)

Slave Lake General Investigation Section conducts arrest following online video

Slave Lake, Alta—On May 24, 2024, Slave Lake RCMP were made aware that the rear passenger window of a pickup truck had been smashed in the parking lot of the Medicine Shoppe on Main Street. The Slave Lake RCMP General Investigation Section (GIS) canvassed the neighbourhood for surveillance and witnesses. The Slave Lake RCMP GIS team was able to obtain a description of the suspect, the vehicle and the licence plate. Shortly after, Slave Lake RCMP GIS became aware of a video, which had never been given to them, circulating through social media. Thanks to the video, the suspect, who has a profound criminal record, was identified by Slave Lake RCMP GIS and subsequently arrested.

As a result of the investigation, Nevada Avery Houle (26), a resident of Slave Lake, was charged with mischief under \$5000. Houle was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody. He is next set to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in on July 3, 2024.

Slave Lake RCMP arrests the same suspect twice in two weeks

Slave Lake, Alta. – On May 25, 2024, Slave Lake RCMP were conducting proactive patrols when they came across a known offender, who was suspected of being in possession of stolen property the month before. The officer spoke with the suspect and conducted an arrest. Search incidental to arrest revealed a hand gun, a rifle, ammunition and 60g of suspected meth.

As a result of the investigation, Raymond James Foss (35), a resident of Smith, Alta., was charged with:

- Possession of stolen property over \$5000;
- Firearm-related offences (x4); and
- Possession of a controlled substance.

Foss was brought before a justice of the peace and released on conditions. He appeared at the Alberta Court of Justice in Slave Lake on June 5, 2024.

On June 6, 2024, Slave Lake RCMP received a complaint regarding a suspicious vehicle near an Oil Well site. Officers responded and identified Foss in a stolen vehicle. Foss was arrested and search incidental to arrest revealed a small amount of meth as well as break and enter tools.

As a result of the arrest, Foss was subsequently charged with:

- Failure to comply with Release Order x 2;
- Possession of break in instruments;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000; and
- Possession of a controlled substance.

Foss was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody. He is next set to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Slave Lake on July 10, 2024.

RCMP remind citizens how to safely store and protect off-road vehicles

With the summer season starting, the use of recreational vehicles will begin to increase. The Alberta RCMP would like to remind everyone about protecting their off-highway vehicles (OHV), such as side-by-sides, quads, dirt bikes, and all-terrain vehicles.

The Slave Lake RCMP emphasizes the importance of keeping your property safe. You can do so by following these steps:

- When you're finished using your recreational vehicle, park it in a locked garage or shed and remove the keys.
- Follow a nightly checklist to ensure all your property is locked up and secured for the night.
- Turn on your outside and motion-detection lights at night.
- Make sure you have installed a timer for lights and security systems.

Follow #SecureYourRide on X (@RCMPAlberta) and Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) for crime prevention tips this month to keep your OHVs safe so you can enjoy them all season long!

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

The summer season means more travel for Albertans. Whether visiting our provincial and national parks, or enjoying a nice drive through the mountains, drivers will be sharing the road with commercial vehicles.

To ensure a safe trip for commercial and passenger motorists, the Slave Lake RCMP offers these tips:

Commercial drivers:

- Complete pre-trip equipment checks to ensure your vehicle is road-worthy.
- Be sure to leave enough distance between you and other vehicles on the road.
- Have an alternative route plan in place in the event of road closures.
- Plan your trip with enough time to reduce urgency, and rest when you are tired.

Passenger vehicles:

- Commercial vehicles cannot maneuver or stop as quickly as a passenger vehicle. When behind a commercial vehicle, maintain a safe following distance. This can be determined by your ability to see their side mirrors at all times.
- Before changing lanes in front of a commercial vehicle, signal well in advance, and be sure to leave extra space before taking the lane. Avoid driving in a commercial vehicle's blind spots.

A reminder to all local residents that July's traffic focus for members will be Impaired Driving enforcement.



Coffee with a Cop

The Slave Lake RCMP is dedicated to maintaining direct open lines of communication with the communities we serve. We would like to get to know area residents better, discuss your concerns and ideas about law enforcement and conversely create an opportunity for you to get to know your local police officers to discuss our duties and responsibilities. Starting this month Coffee with a Cop will be held on the third Thursday of each month where you will find a Slave Lake Detachment officer having coffee, barring any emergency we are attending. The first Coffee with a Cop will be held:

- at the FIX Coffee Bar & Bakery July 18, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

and will continue on the third Thursday of each month. Feel free to stop in and have a coffee with us.

Email Questions

In order to seek important input from all stakeholders and residents, the Slave Lake RCMP will be completing monthly police briefs (like this one) in order to keep the public aware of our activities in the communities. In addition, we encourage interaction and anyone with any inquiries, questions, or comments can contact us at: KSLAVELAKEDET@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

During each monthly police brief members of the detachment will answer a few of the questions asked or provide education on a topic identified from the community. We look forward to hearing from you.

COFFEE WITH A COP

SLAVE LAKE

Learn more about:

- Crime in your community
- Current crime reduction initiatives
- How you can help keep your community safe
- Where to get more information on local crime

July 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The FIX Coffee Bar & Bakery
(317 Main St NW, Slave Lake)



Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar

Transportation and Economic Corridors



January

Intersection safety



Winter driving
Alcohol and drug impairment
Fatigue

February

Distracted driving



Winter driving
Fatigue

March

Seatbelts



Aggressive drivers
Fatigue

April

Speed



Aggressive drivers
Motorcycles

May

Motorcycle safety



Cycling
Alcohol and drug impairment
Construction zones
Off-highway vehicles
New drivers

June

Commercial vehicle safety



Cycling
Construction zones
Off-highway vehicles
Fatigue

July

Impaired driving



Cycling
Construction zones
Off-highway vehicles

August

New drivers



Cycling
Alcohol and drug impairment
Aggressive drivers
Motorcycles

September

Back to school



Cycling
Alcohol and drug impairment
Speed

October

Pedestrian safety



Wildlife
Fatigue

November

Child safety seats



Pedestrian safety
Wildlife
Winter driving

December

Impaired driving



Winter driving
Fatigue