

September 2024 Slave Lake RCMP Release

During the month of August, the Slave Lake Detachment responded to a total of 652 calls for service, which included:

- 911 Act (Static lines, 911 hang-ups) (x100)
- Assault (x 13)
- Break and Enter (x 13)
- Utter Threats (x 3)
- Theft (x 14)
- Mischief – Damage to Property (x 8)
- Causing a Disturbance, Mischief (Nuisance) (x 21)
- Mental Health (x 4)
- Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Property (x 27)
- Wellbeing Checks (x 18)

Slave Lake RCMP dispatched to lost kayakers

Slave Lake, Alta. - On August 3, 2024, at approximately 6:18 p.m. Slave Lake RCMP were dispatched following reports of two overdue boaters—a father and his young son—who were kayaking together. The pair had provided a planned route and estimated time of arrival but failed to return as scheduled.

Slave Lake RCMP, Slave Lake Fire, and Conservation officers swiftly launched a coordinated search operation, deploying boats, drones, and a helicopter to assist in locating the missing individuals. Despite their extensive efforts, the kayak was discovered overturned, and the search continued.

At approximately 9:00 p.m. the father was recovered safely a short distance from the overturned kayak. Tragically, the young boy was found deceased. Both individuals were wearing life jackets at the time of the incident; however, neither were able to swim. Our deepest condolences go out to the family and loved ones affected by this heartbreaking event.

We urge all boaters and water enthusiasts to exercise caution and ensure they are adequately prepared for unexpected circumstances. The safety of all individuals on the water remains our highest priority.

Slave Lake RCMP respond to an assault

Slave Lake, Alta. - On August 15, 2024, at approximately 1:40 a.m., Slave Lake RCMP responded to a report of an assault. Upon arrival officers learned that a security guard had approached an individual who was setting up a small encampment on the side walk. During the interaction, the individual assaulted the security guard. As a result, Slave Lake RCMP have arrested one male.

John Yellowknee, a 45-year-old resident of Slave Lake, has been charged with the following offences:

- Assault
- Possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose
- Unauthorized possession of a weapon
- Fail to comply with release order condition

John was brought before a Justice of the Peace and was released on a Release Order. He is next scheduled to appear in court on September 25 2024, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Slave Lake.

Alberta RCMP provides traffic safety tips for a safe return to school

School is back in session, making it a great time to brush up on traffic safety tips for students, parents, and drivers. With the return to school, comes the return of increased traffic and rush-hour commutes.

Stay safe this September, and all year long, by following these tips:

Parents/guardians and students:

Brightly coloured clothing can help make your child visible to motorists during dim mornings or when weather limits visibility. Rain, snow, fog and darkness may obscure the vision of motorists, making pedestrians difficult to see.

Teach your child to look in all directions before crossing the street, only cross at crosswalks, and always make eye contact with drivers before stepping out onto the road.

Instruct your child never to run after a school bus in an effort to catch it as neither the bus driver nor other motorists may see them on the road.

Show your child a safe route to walk/bike to school. Make sure to walk the route with them at least once to point out any hazards and show them how to properly use a crosswalk and obey traffic control devices.

If using a school bus, ensure your child is aware of the traffic hazards which may be present near the bus stop. Show them a safe place where they may wait to catch the bus.

If meeting your child at the bus stop after school, always wait at the actual bus stop, not just nearby. Children may forget traffic safety rules in their excitement to see you after their school day and run over to you without paying attention.

Texting or listening to music with headphones while walking can be dangerous. It's easy for children to get distracted by devices and step out into traffic without paying attention to motorists.

Drivers:

Pay extra attention for children walking to school as you pull out or back out of your garage or driveway.

Be mindful that it may be difficult to see pedestrians during dim mornings or dark evenings.

Remember, it is illegal to pass a school bus when it's lights are flashing red. Drivers on both sides of the road must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are turned off.

Slow down in school zones and be particularly alert for students during school hours, especially when dropping off and picking up children from school.

Don't assume pedestrians see you. Always make eye contact before turning to ensure everyone is aware of one another. Children especially can become easily distracted and do not always understand the rules of the road.

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. This month Coffee with a Cop will be held on the last Wednesday of the month where you will find a Slave Lake Detachment officer having coffee, barring any emergency we are attending. This month Coffee with a Cop will be held:

- at Slave Lake Legion on September 25th 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

September 25, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion
(400 Main St NW, Slave Lake)



CAFÉ AVEC UN POLICIER

SLAVE LAKE

Apprenez plus sur:

- La criminalité dans votre communauté
- Initiatives actuelles de réduction de la criminalité
- Comment assurer la sécurité de votre communauté
- Où obtenir plus d'informations sur la criminalité locale

25 septembre, 2024 - 18 h
Royal Canadian Legion
(400 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