

October 2024 Slave Lake RCMP Release

During the month of September, the Slave Lake Detachment responded to a total of 546 calls for service, which included:

- 911 Act (Static lines, 911 hang-ups) (x34)
- Assault (x 16)
- Break and Enter (x 9)
- Utter Threats (x 1)
- Theft (x 16)
- Mischief – Damage to Property (x 15)
- Causing a Disturbance, Mischief (Nuisance) (x 29)
- Mental Health (x 13)
- Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Property (x 35)
- Wellbeing Checks (x 18)

Slave Lake RCMP launch their own Crime Reduction Unit

Slave Lake, Alta. – In recent years, the increasing complexity of criminal activity and the demand for more effective policing strategies has necessitated a shift from reactive investigations to proactive crime prevention.

With this in mind, since June, the Slave Lake RCMP General Investigation Section has been utilizing more proactive crime reduction techniques to address the shift in priorities. Recognizing the benefits of this work and the need for continuous activity, the Slave Lake RCMP has decided to permanently shift resources by moving several members into a new Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) which will focus on proactive strategies, data-driven policing, and community collaboration to help reduce crime and enhance public safety.

Unlike General Investigations Sections, which primarily focus on responding to reports of crimes and investigating after the fact, the RCMP CRU teams focus on proactive approaches such as targeting high risk priority offenders, performing covert surveillance of noted targets based on available data, and conducting warrant round ups. In many communities a small group of individuals are frequently responsible for a large amount of crime. While crime rates in Slave Lake remain relatively low, not changing significantly from the past few years, the CRU team will aim to reduce crime rates even more by targeting priority offenders who cause the most harm in the community.

The Slave Lake CRU will also engage with the community including local business, non-profits, and community groups to help nurture relationships that are necessary for effective crime prevention.

The ultimate objectives of the Slave Lake CRU are:

- **Reduce Crime Rates:** By focusing on crime prevention and early intervention, the CRU aims to reduce overall crime rates within the municipal detachment's jurisdiction.
- **Enhance Community Safety:** Strengthening community ties and fostering trust to build safer neighborhoods.

- Efficient Resource Utilization: Allocating resources more effectively by focusing on high-risk areas and repeat offenders.
- Data-Driven Policing: Utilizing crime analysis and intelligence to identify patterns and deploy resources proactively.
- Collaboration and Partnerships: Working closely with other law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and stakeholders to address crime holistically.

“The transition from a General Investigations to a Crime Reduction Unit represents a significant shift in policing philosophy, focusing on proactive crime prevention rather than solely on reactive investigations,” said Staff Sergeant Casey Bruyns, Detachment Commander of the Slave Lake RCMP. “By adopting a structured approach, focusing on strategic goals, and fostering community collaboration, the CRU can effectively reduce crime, enhance public safety, and build stronger community relations.”

Slave Lake RCMP arrest youth for uttering threats

Slave Lake, Alta. - On September 6, 2024, Slave Lake RCMP received a report that a security guard had been approached by a male, who brandished what appeared to be a firearm and threatened to pull the trigger before fleeing on scene. Officers immediately attended the location and located the suspect shortly after, where they were placed under arrest. Upon further investigation it was determined that the firearm was a pellet gun.

One youth, age 16, has been charged with the following offences:

- Uttering threats, death or bodily harm
- Carrying a concealed weapon x2
- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose x2
- Using imitation firearm in the commission of an offence
- Fail to comply with undertaking

The youth was taken before a Justice of the Peace and was released with conditions on a release order. They are next scheduled to appear in court on October 23, 2024 at the Alberta Court of Justice in Slave Lake.

Slave Lake RCMP provides tips for keeping businesses safe

Slave Lake, Alta. – Slave Lake RCMP is reminding business owners and their employees to stay diligent in securing their places of work. Building some simple security habits into your daily procedures can be highly effective in reducing the likelihood of break-ins or theft.

So far this year, the Alberta RCMP have received 2,585 complaints of break and enters to businesses.

RCMP shares the following safety tips for business owners:

- Install motion sensor lights or keep indoor lights on at all times.
- Invest in cameras for inside and outside of your business.
- Install an alarm system.
- Avoid putting valuables near the window and install roll shutters or bars on your windows.
- Consider more preventative measures, such as fences and sturdy locks for the doors.
- Keep track of keys or fobs that access your commercial property.

These few easy steps can protect you and your business from financial losses related to crime, and the stress that comes with it.

Alberta RCMP encourages the public and business owners to report any suspicious activity to police. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, 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.

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 the Fix Slave Lake on October 30th 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 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

October 30, 2024

2 p.m.

The FIX Coffee Bar & Bakery
(317 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

30 octobre 2024

14 h

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