

January 2025 Slave Lake RCMP Release

During the month of December, the Slave Lake Detachment responded to a total of 374 calls for service, which included:

- 911 Act (Static lines, 911 hang-ups) (x20)
- False Alarms (x4)
- Assault (x 9)
- Break and Enter (x 6)
- Utter Threats (x 6)
- Theft (x 7)
- Mischief – Damage to Property (x 6)
- Causing a Disturbance, Mischief (Nuisance) (x 18)
- Mental Health (x 6)
- Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Property (x 33)
- Wellbeing Checks (x 9)

Slave Lake RCMP offers tips for snowbirds and holiday travelers to prevent mail theft while away

Slave Lake, Alta. – Whether you're escaping to sunnier locations or you're visiting family and friends, the RCMP is urging snowbirds and holiday travelers to take extra precautions to protect their mail and deliveries while they are away, keeping their property secure and preventing opportunistic theft.

Slave Lake RCMP recommends the following measures to ensure your mail and packages remain secure during your absence:

- Canada Post offers a Mail Hold service, which temporarily stops mail delivery while you're away. Alternatively, you can use a Mail Forwarding service to have your mail sent to a trusted friend or family member's address for safekeeping.
- If you're planning a shorter trip, enlist the help of a trusted neighbour or friend to collect your mail and packages daily.
- If you're expecting deliveries while away, consider using a secure parcel locker or selecting a pick-up location with the delivery service.
- For long-term travelers, installing a secure mail slot or drop box can be an effective way to receive letters and small packages without worrying about them being stolen.
- A comprehensive home security system, including cameras, doorbell cameras, and motion-activated lighting, can deter thieves and alert you to any unusual activity at your property. Be sure to install visible signage indicating that your home is under surveillance, which can discourage potential mail thieves.
- Before leaving, be sure to pause any subscription services that deliver to your home, such as newspapers or magazines.

Slave Lake RCMP offers tips on staying safe while snowmobiling this season

Slave Lake, Alta. – Snowmobiling is an exciting way to explore the great outdoors during winter. However, operating a snowmobile requires preparation, awareness, and adherence to safety practices to ensure a fun and incident-free ride.

Slave Lake RCMP recommend the following tips to keep you safe while enjoying your snowmobiling adventures this winter:

- Inspect your snowmobile before your outing for mechanical issues, including brakes, lights, fuel levels, and engine performance.
- Bring a fully charged phone, first aid kit, tool kit, flashlight, extra fuel, and spare parts such as belts and spark plugs.
- Wear warm, layered clothing, insulated gloves, windproof jacket, snow pants and a properly fitted helmet designed for snowmobiling.
- Familiarize yourself with the trails and terrain before you head out. Use official maps and always remember to stay on marked and groomed trails to avoid hazards.
- Monitor forecasts and avoid snowmobiling during extreme cold, snowstorms, or low visibility. In mountainous areas, check avalanche forecasts and avoid high-risk zones.
- If crossing frozen water, check that ice thickness is at least 25 cm (10 in) for snowmobiles and avoid areas with flowing water or cracks.
- Never ride alone; travelling with a group ensures help is available in case of an emergency. And always let someone know your route and expected return time.
- Avoid alcohol or drugs before and during your ride.
- Consider taking a snowmobile safety course to learn proper handling and emergency response techniques.

Follow the RCMP on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta as we are #StockingUpOnSafety this holiday season.

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 January 29th 2025 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

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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
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January 29, 2025 at 2 p.m.

The FIX Coffee Bar & Bakery

(317 Main St NW, Slave Lake)

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