

## **May 2025 Slave Lake RCMP Release**

During the month of April, the Slave Lake Detachment responded to a total of 400 calls for service, which included:

- 911 Act (Static lines, 911 hang-ups) (x13)
- False Alarms (x5)
- Assault (x13)
- Break and Enter (x4)
- Utter Threats (x6)
- Theft (x6)
- Mischief – Damage to Property (x4)
- Causing a Disturbance, Mischief (Nuisance) (x28)
- Mental Health (x2)
- Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Property (x18)
- Wellbeing Checks (x13)

### **Slave Lake RCMP shares bicycle safety reminder ahead of warmer months**

Slave Lake, Alta. – With warmer weather fast approaching, the Slave Lake RCMP anticipates seeing more cyclists on our roadways and trails. With this increase in bicycle traffic, the public is reminded to stay mindful of basic bicycle safety practices to help prevent injuries and keep everyone safe.

Slave Lake RCMP encourages everyone to follow these tips for a safe and enjoyable ride this biking season.

- Children under 18 must wear a helmet by law; adults are strongly encouraged to wear one too.
- Cyclists must obey all traffic laws, including stopping at stop signs, signaling turns, and yielding to pedestrians.
- Use a white headlamp, red tail lamp, and red rear reflector when riding after dark.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing to stay visible to motorists.
- Stick to designated bike trails when possible and check trail conditions before heading out.
- Lock your bicycle securely with a high-quality lock and anchor it to a sturdy object.
- Remove valuables from your bike or bags and take them with you.
- Record your bike's make, model, serial number, and any unique features to assist with recovery if stolen; check for local bike registration programs.

“With more bicycles hitting the roads and trails this time of year, it’s important that everyone takes steps to ride safely,” says S/Sgt Casey Bruyns, Slave Lake RCMP Detachment

Commander. “Wearing a helmet, following traffic rules, and making yourself visible to others are simple actions that can make a big difference. Our goal is to ensure that every cyclist—especially children—can enjoy the season without incident.”

Follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta for more bike safety tips.

### **Slave Lake RCMP remind motorists to watch for new drivers on Alberta roads this spring**

Slave Lake, Alta. - As warmer weather arrives and school years wind down, more young drivers will be hitting Alberta’s roads — many of them learning behind the wheel for the first time.

Slave Lake RCMP are reminding motorists to be patient, alert, and cautious when encountering learner drivers, including those operating vehicles marked with driving school signage or learner decals.

New drivers need extra time and space to safely make decisions on the road. Motorists are asked to keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Expect slower speeds, cautious braking, and wide turns.
- Maintain a safe following distance and avoid tailgating.
- Only pass learner vehicles when it’s legal and safe to do so.
- Be prepared for sudden stops or unexpected lane changes.

Vehicles clearly marked with learner decals or signs from registered driving schools indicate that the driver is under instruction. Aggressive driving or road rage directed at learner drivers creates unnecessary stress and risks for everyone on the road.

For parents or guardians teaching a new driver it’s equally important to prioritize safety when supervising your teen’s practice sessions. A few tips to keep in mind:

- Clearly mark your vehicle using a “Student Driver” or “New Driver” sign to alert other motorists.
- Start in quieter areas and gradually move to busier roads.
- Stay calm, provide clear instructions, and obey all traffic laws.
- Keep the focus on driving — avoid phones, loud music, or too many passengers.

“New drivers are gaining experience, and they need our patience and support,” says S/Sgt Casey Bruyns, Slave Lake RCMP Detachment Commander. “Giving them space and staying alert helps keep everyone safe on the road.”

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

- at the Canyon Creek Harbour and Marina Shop, 8000 Township Road 735C, Canyon Creek on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Feel free to stop in and have a POP 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](mailto: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.

# **POP WITH A COP**

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## **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
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**May 28, 2025 at 2p.m.**

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(8000 Township Road 735C, Canyon Creek)

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