



## Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



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Reporting Period: Nov. 1, 2020 to Dec. 6, 2020.

During this reporting period, the Redwater detachment responded to 196 calls for service. These calls consisted of 4 assaults, 13 break and enters, and 37 motor vehicle collisions.

With the holidays quickly approaching I want to take the time to discuss the important and serious topic of impaired driving and the effect that it has and can have on our communities. Each year countless numbers of innocent, and some not so innocent, people die or suffer life long injuries as a result of impaired driving on our roadways. Some will spend the rest of their lives reliving the memories of the tragic accidents they were a part of. Every year police, governments, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and other groups encourage and warn drivers of the perils of driving impaired and horrible outcomes that result from the actions of those that do not heed the warnings. The sad thing is, impaired driving is a choice and some drivers continue to make this choice. These drivers selfishly choose to drive impaired and put their lives, and the lives of others in jeopardy instead of just choosing not to drive. Make the right choice, plan ahead, don't drive impaired.

Effective Dec. 1, 2020 Bill 21, the Provincial Administrative Penalties Act (PAPA), came into force. Under this act, police officers have the ability to hand out significant penalties, roadside, for impaired driving – including steep fines and seizing vehicles for up to 30 days. Repeat offenders will now face a mandatory education program and mandatory ignition interlock. Cases which involve aggravating circumstances, repeat offenders, and/or bodily harm or death will also result in criminal charges on top of the other penalties. The new penalties under PAPA are:

- **Novice Drivers:** 3-day licence suspension for any alcohol detected.
  
- **Commercial Drivers:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offence: 3-day licence suspension, no vehicle seizure for any alcohol detected.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offence: 15-day licence suspension, no vehicle seizure for any alcohol detected.





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- 3<sup>rd</sup> offence: 30 day licence suspension, no vehicle seizure for any alcohol detected.
  
- **Immediate Roadside Sanctions Warn** (drivers that are not Novice or Commercial and have a blood alcohol level of 0.05 to 0.079):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offence: 3-day licence suspension, 3-day vehicle seizure.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offence: 15-day licence suspension, 7-day vehicle seizure, and Planning Ahead or Crossroads Course.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offence: 30-day licence suspension, 7-day vehicle seizure and IMPACT Course.
  
- **Immediate Roadside Sanctions Fail** (drivers that are not Novice or Commercial and have a blood alcohol level at or above 0.080):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offence:
    - Two-stage, fixed term driver's licence suspension:
      - 90 days where the suspended driver is unable to drive under any circumstances, and
      - A further 12-month driver's licence suspension (driver may participate in the interlock program and drive)
    - Completion of the Planning Ahead course.
    - 30-day vehicle seizure.
    - \$1,000 fine plus victim fine surcharge of 20%.
  
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offence:
    - Two-stage, fixed term driver's licence suspension:
      - 90 days where the suspended driver is unable to drive under any circumstances, and
      - A further 36-month driver's licence suspension (driver may participate in the interlock program and drive)
    - Completion of the IMPACT course.
    - 30-day vehicle seizure.
    - \$2,000 fine plus victim fine surcharge of 20%.
  
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offence:
    - Two-stage, fixed term driver's licence suspension:
      - 90 days where the suspended driver is unable to drive under any circumstances, and
      - A further lifetime driver's licence suspension (driver may participate in the interlock program and drive)





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- Provided the driver meets the eligibility criteria, can apply for driver's licence reinstatement and removal of interlock after 10 years.
- 30-day vehicle seizure.
- \$2,000 fine plus victim fine surcharge of 20%.

\*\*\*Criminal Charges can accompany and are in addition to any of the Immediate Roadside Sanctions Fail offences.

On Dec. 3, 2020 at approximately 5:00 p.m., the Redwater Integrated Traffic Unit was able to detect an impaired driver at a check stop they were conducting along highway 63. The driver provided a sample as part of the Mandatory Alcohol Screening program and failed this test. As a result, the Immediate Roadside Sanctions Fail applied to this situation and the driver was issued a 90-day suspension and the vehicle, a semi-tractor hauling an excavator, was seized for 30 days. The driver is now subject to the remaining sanctions under PAPA. (photo below)





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On another note, I would like to thank the extremely observant property owners that called in the suspicious male and female in a white Ford crew cab truck on Dec. 4, 2020. Our members immediately responded to the area and located the vehicle and had



a chat with them. The male driver attempted to provide our members with a false name, but our members quickly identified this and arrested the male. It was determined that the male was currently wanted on an arrest warrant from

Edmonton for sexual assault. During a search of the vehicle, a sawed off shotgun with over 20 rounds was located.

Chester Adam Gladue (37), of no fixed address, was charged with 12 new criminal code offences consisting of:

- Careless use/storage of a firearm
- Unauthorized possession of firearm.
- Prohibited firearm in a motor vehicle
- Possession of a prohibited firearm with ammunition
- Obstruction
- Possessing of a firearm contrary to prohibition order (x5)
- Fail to comply with a release order (x2)

A judicial interim release hearing was conducted and Gladue was remanded in custody to appear in Boyle provincial court on Dec. 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Redwater RCMP detachment and the Redwater Integrated Traffic Unit would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and hope that you and your loved ones stay safe.





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The Redwater Detachment is seeking community feedback. In the current world of COVID-19 community engagement events have become a challenge due to social distancing requirements. In order to seek important input from all stakeholders, the Redwater 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, comments can contact us at [Kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) . All email submissions will remain anonymous. During each monthly police brief members of the detachment will answer a few of the questions asked. We look forward to hearing from you.

