



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



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The Redwater Detachment is off to a busy start in 2021. This month the detachment received 138 calls for service. These calls consisted of 3 assaults, 3 breach of peace, 3 break and enters, 3 Frauds, 2 mischiefs, 5 Thefts of motor vehicles, and 14 traffic collisions.

The topic I want to discuss this month focuses on theft of motor vehicles and theft from motor vehicles; these are two crimes that have continue to plague our communities today. The Redwater Detachment spends significant time investigating theft from and of motor vehicles. Earlier this month the Redwater detachment took a complaint that the victim's wallet, with credit cards and identification, was stolen from their truck that they had left unlocked and unoccupied. The suspect(s) then took these stolen items and information and began using it to commit a series of frauds at other businesses. This is an example of how an ounce of prevention could have gone a long way. Help us help you. Remove valuables from your vehicle when it is being left unoccupied. Lock your vehicle doors. If you have a garage, park in it, if not, park in a well-lit area. Turn on and leave on your outside lights overnight, criminals hate the light. Remove keys from vehicles. Police routinely recover stolen vehicles with no damage because they keys were in them, or in another vehicle on the property. If a criminal has a choice of stealing a wallet out of an unlocked car or having to break into a car that is locked. Which one do you think they will pick?

On January 27, 2021 members received a call from a rural resident reporting a male and female in a Dodge truck on his property stealing fuel. When the truck attempted to flee the area, it became stuck in the ditch and the police were called. Prior to members arriving the male and female ran into the bush in an attempt to evade members. Members from Redwater detachment, with assistance from Smoky Lake RCMP were able to contain the area and called in a K-9 unit to help search for the suspects. Just prior to the K-9 unit being deployed, the female suspect decided that it was too cold and exited the bushes and surrendered to police. This left only the male suspect to be located and the members on scene and their four-legged partner were up to the challenge. After tracking the male for some distance the suspect was located hiding 20 feet in a tree. The obviously cold male, a 56-yr old with no-fixed-address, was taken into





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custody without further incident and transported back to the Redwater detachment for a bail hearing. The male suspect was found to have an extensive history of related crimes and had recently been released from jail 14 days earlier after serving a sentence for possessing a stolen vehicle. The bail hearing was conducted the following day where the accused was released from custody on a no cash deposit release order to appear in Fort Saskatchewan court at a later date.

On January 17, 2021 the Redwater Detachment responded to a hit-and-run collision in the rural area. The investigation determined that an Suv was travelling on the road and was preparing to make a left hand turn when the suspect vehicle, travelling in the same direction, came up behind at a high rate of speed and attempted to pass the suv. The suspect vehicle made contact with the Suv and then sped off, but only after leaving some evidence on scene. The Redwater Detachment is currently looking for a 2001-2005 **white** Honda Civic Coupe with a **black** bumper that is missing its passenger side mirror. If you have any information regarding this investigation, you are asked to contact Redwater RCMP at 780-942-3600 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com (<http://www.p3tips.com>) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. When calling please refer to Redwater RCMP file # 2021-77619.

The month ended with more excitement for detachment members. On January 29, 2021 the detachment was dispatched to a report of a male and female who had been assaulted and sprayed with bear-spray in the town of Redwater. Police were able to identify a suspect vehicle and began conducting patrols within the town of Redwater and were able to quickly locate the vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and the male and female occupants were taken into custody. A search of the vehicle resulted in police locating what is suspected to be 7.5 grams of methamphetamine and close to 300 ml's of suspected GHB along with other evidence that supported charges of possession of controlled substances for the purpose of trafficking. The victims of the bear spray declined to provide statements and assault with a weapon charge could not be pursued.

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. 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.

