



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



It has been a busy summer for the Redwater RCMP detachment. The numbers of calls for service remained the same as June 2020 at 250 but with a marked increase in driving complaints. A total of 40 complaints were made with a majority being suspected impaired drivers and unsafe passing. Charges were laid in two of the instances and multiple warnings were issued. In some cases, information was passed on to neighbouring detachments that the suspect vehicles were travelling to. These types of calls from the public are an important piece of helping keep our highways safe. Please remember when calling in complaints to gather as much information for police as possible. In many cases the complaints lack important details we need when tracking down drivers. A great acronym to remember is CYMBL. This stands for color, year, make, body style and licence plate. Direction of travel and the time you noted seeing a driving infraction are helpful as well. Summer is a very busy time of year on the highways and many large commercial vehicles travel in this area as well. Let's all remember to share the road and maintain safe speeds. Be patient if you find yourself in a situation where passing is necessary. Everyone deserves to get home safely!

During the month of July, the Redwater RCMP executed two Search Warrants on unrelated matters and seized 10 firearms (2 confirmed stolen) approximately 8 grams of Psilocybin (Mushrooms) a variety of ammunition, 2 containers of pepper spray, approximately 5 grams of methamphetamine, along with some other offence related property. Two adult males from Thorhild County are facing charges in relation to these unrelated matters.

On August 6 at approximately 10:00 a.m., RCMP received a call reporting a vehicle on it's roof. The vehicle was camouflaged by long grass and quite a distance off the road. When members attended to investigate an injured male was found trapped inside. With the assistance of Fire and EMS the driver was safely extracted from his vehicle and transported for medical attention.

After a very rainy spring and beginning of summer it is great to see people getting outside and enjoying the warmer weather. Vitamin D is vital for our overall health and safe social distancing visits help with mental health during this interesting time. However, RCMP have received multiple noise complaint calls from loud backyard parties. Please remember to be courteous to your neighbours. Watch noise and music volume levels. Keep your fire pits reasonable and if your neighbour is outside, ask if they have any music requests!





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We are happy to announce that beginning on Aug. 11, citizens in all Alberta RCMP jurisdictions experiencing loss or theft under \$5000, or vandalism of property or vehicles with damage less than \$5000 to repair it, no longer need to call or visit a detachment – they can simply visit <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta> to report the occurrence. It takes about 15 minutes to fill in the report and can be done at anytime or place. Offering online crime reporting will allow the public we serve to report crime in whatever way is most convenient or accessible to them. This is a big step in the right direction and it is just one of many ways the RCMP is working on modernizing the service we provide.

An update on Mountie the cat. After the first foster home did not work out, one of our amazing Constables found Mountie his forever home. Special thanks to Dr. Iqbal at Gibbons Vet Clinic for the exemplary care given to Mountie and to his new fur-parents for opening up their home. We can't wait to see pictures of him as he settles in.

Back to school. A reminder that the school zone on Highway 18 in Thorhild is 70km/hr, keep watch for kids getting on and off the bus and walking on our roads. With the kids returning to school, some parents may also be returning to work. Some parents may be seen roaming the public roads in ranging in states of severe happiness to complete disappointment. Motorists are encouraged to keep a close eye out to ensure everyone's safety.

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.

Sgt. Jeff Sehn and the entire Redwater Detachment

