



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



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Redwater RCMP Detachment

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During the month of September, the Redwater detachment responded for 203 calls for service. These calls consisted of 4 assaults, 3 break and enters, and 13 motor vehicle collisions.

Animals continue to be a road hazard to motorists in the area. During the month of September, the detachment responded to numerous animal complaints which consisted of a moose that was injured when struck by a vehicle, cows that were looking for better grazing land and broke free from their fenced in area, and a few horses that broke free to graze in a wheat field. In all cases the animals are very large and can cause serious injuries to motorists. The Redwater Detachment was able to contact the owners of the domestic animals to advise them of the animals break for freedom and for preventative measures to be put in place.

Speaking of animals, I would like to remind everyone that hunting season is fast approaching. With hunting season, comes the movement of large animals including deer and moose. These animals act on instinct and their movements and behaviours can be unpredictable at times. An animal that normally may wait a few extra seconds on one side of the highway may not be able to withstand the urge to run across the highway and say “hi” to another during this time of year. If you see an animal, give yourself some time to react if they run in front of your vehicle.

With hunting season, comes gunshots. The Alberta Hunting regulations state that the following acts are unlawful:

- discharge a **weapon** within 183 m (200 yards) or cause a projectile from a **weapon** to pass within 183 m (200 yards) of any occupied building. Owners, occupants, or persons authorized by the owner or occupant are excepted, subject to local bylaws.
- discharge a firearm from or cause a projectile from a firearm to pass along or across:
 - a provincial highway (this designation applies to all former primary and secondary highways),
 - b) a road that is paved, oiled, graded or regularly maintained, unless





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- the road is held under any active disposition under the *Public Lands Act* or under an order under the *Surface Rights Act*, or
- the person is hunting game birds with a shotgun under the authority of a licence.

Note: if there is no identifiable ditch or fence to mark the outside edge of the roadway, then the roadway extends 20 feet from the edge of the traveled portion.

- hunt any wildlife while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- hunt any wildlife **or discharge a firearm** between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.
- hunt any wildlife or discharge any firearm on or over occupied land or enter on to such land for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant of the land.

Report suspicious or illegal hunting and fishing activity, dangerous wildlife encounters, serious public land abuse, or any of the above regulations or any others, online at www.reportapoacher.com or by phone at **1-800-642-3800**.

On August 29, 2020 at approximately 8:30 p.m., Boyle RCMP responded to a report of an adult female that had been stabbed at a campground south of Boyle. The victim was transported via STARS to an Edmonton hospital with serious life threatening injuries. The male suspect fled into a wooded area after the stabbing occurred. RCMP Police Dog Services and Edmonton Police Services - Air 1 assisted with search efforts but the male was not immediately located. Two RCMP Forensic Identification Services members with keen eyes, who attended the scene were heading back to the Edmonton area at approximately 5 p.m., on Aug. 30, 2020, when a male matching the description was spotted walking on Highway 28 north of Redwater. Redwater RCMP along with Redwater Integrated Traffic Unit assisted with the arrest of the suspect male. He was taken into custody without incident. Ethan Cooper (32) of Edmonton was charged with attempted murder. He was remanded into custody following a judicial hearing and is set to appear in Boyle Provincial Court on Sept. 8, 2020. RCMP are not seeking any other suspects in relation to this incident and do not believe this was a random act.

Alberta Checkstops are an important tool used by police to detect and deter impaired driving. As one driver recently found out, Checkstops can happen at any time of the day. On September 6, 2020 at approximately 3:30 pm members from the Redwater Integrated Traffic Unit were conducting a checkstop on highway 18 near the entrance of the town of Thorhild when a pick up truck pulled up to the checkstop. As the member was explaining to the male driver the purpose of the checkstop, the driver became argumentative and refused to cooperate by not providing a sample of his breath into an approved screening device as required. Subsequently the male was advised that he was under arrest for “failing to comply with a demand” when the male grabbed his door, attempted to close it, and then sped off from the checkstop. Checkstops are usually conducted with a group of police officers and there is rarely ever only one or two members present. In this instance there were no less than 4 RCMP members present





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who engaged in a short pursuit and were able to stop the truck and arrest the suspect prior to him getting too far away. While being arrested, the male driver continued to resist and remained uncooperative. As a result, the 60-year-old male from Thorhild county was charged with:

- Fail to comply with a demand
- Assault police to resist or prevent arrest
- Flight from police
- Resist arrest.

Plan ahead and make arrangements so you and everyone else can get home safely.

Last but not least, the Redwater Detachment and all employees would like to say farewell to Cst. Maxime Cantin. Cst. Cantin was a member stationed at the Redwater Detachment since July of 2016. Cst. Cantin was a very capable and community minded member that would never hesitate to do anything he could to make the Town of Redwater and Sturgeon and Thorhild County better. Cst. Cantin played a large role in our positive ticketing campaign, purchasing school supplies for some kids prior to the school year, and finding Mountie (the stray cat that was hanging around the detachment in late summer) his forever home. We wish Cst. Cantin well in his new role at RCMP "K" Division.

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.

