



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



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Redwater RCMP Detachment

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The Redwater RCMP dealt with 170 occurrences in the past month. These occurrences consisted of 24 motor vehicle collisions, 13 break and enters, and 15 reports of suspicious persons.

The members of the Redwater detachment are a very capable group of police officers, but from time to time appreciate the assistance provided by suspects. One individual attended the detachment to have a criminal record check completed and it was discovered that he had warrants out for his arrest and was immediately arrested. A few weeks later, another male attended the detachment to obtain some property and it was discovered that this individual also had warrants out for his arrest and was arrested. In both unrelated incidents, the suspect was released for a future court date. We would like to encourage suspects to continue to follow this trend in the future or just turn themselves in when they know they have a warrant.

The month of October saw your members engage in some very unique investigations. Late one Monday evening members responded to a report of an unknown male on the street screaming profanities for some unknown reason. The members approached the male, who was well known to police, and determined that the male had consumed drugs and alcohol. The male was arrested for causing a disturbance and transported back to the detachment. While booking the male into cells, he declined to cooperate and decided to physically attack the members by grabbing at member's necks and attempting to bite them while making threats to their lives. The members were able to subdue the male and restrain him without any injury to the members and the accused. The male is now facing charges of causing a disturbance, assaulting a police officer, and uttering threats. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the professionalism displayed by the members involved in this incident and bringing it to safe conclusion.

The Redwater Integrated Traffic Unit (ITU) was extremely active in the Redwater area over the last month proactively patrolling the area and enforcing both criminal and provincial traffic laws. During these patrols and ITU member observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed and a traffic stop was conducted. During the traffic stop, the member noted that the vehicle was equipped with a radar detector that was plugged in and functioning properly. The male driver was issued a violation ticket for exceeding the maximum speeding ticket and permitted to continue his drive. I need to take this moment in time to point out to drivers that radar detectors can be an extremely expensive way to make contact with police in the area and usually result in you being ticketed if you are speeding. We prefer if motorists follow the traffic laws especially with winter weather upon us.





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During one checkstop members of the ITU detected that a driver was impaired by alcohol and subsequently arrested the individual. On another occasion, an ITU member conducted a traffic stop with a male from the Gibbons area who was also determined to be impaired by alcohol. Redwater detachment members also got in on the impaired driving investigations when they were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision where the driver of a semi hauling two trailers left the road and rolled over in the ditch.



Members arrived on scene and located numerous beer cans in the semi and could smell alcohol on the uninjured driver's breath. A roadside screening device was used and the driver failed. After being arrested and providing two breath tests of 160 mg% and 170 mg% (legal limit is 80 mg%) he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while impaired and operating a motor vehicle over the legal limit. In all cases the drivers received an immediate 90-day licence suspension, a one-year driving suspension where they are permitted to drive if they participate in the Ignition Interlock Program (after the 90-day suspension) and their vehicles were seized for 3-days. We are out there, looking for you, you will be caught. It is not worth it, plan ahead with a safe ride home.





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As predicted, five deer and one moose ran out in front of vehicles this month causing collisions. Four other occurrences again involved domestic animals making a break for it. It all started off with a group of horses that decided they were tired of being home on the range and decided to go for a stroll down the highway. The horses were quickly rounded up and returned to the owner. Not wanting to be outdone by the horses, some local cows decided to rise to the occasion and take a walk on the wild side. After liberating themselves from their grazing field, the group of cows decided to take a stroll down the highway. Members were able to secure the cows and return them to safety. Finally, one rural resident called in to the detachment to have a guest removed from their property after it overstayed it's welcome. Members were advised that the bison and been roaming in their yard for the previous four days. Members attended the property and sure enough, located a fully grown bison leisurely grazing on the property. Alberta Fish and Wildlife was called to assist as bison are tough, confident animals that often react aggressively when they sense danger. Bison also don't "moo" like cows, but instead grunt, snort, and bellow. Ultimately the bison was not able to be secured and had to be humanely put down. A few days later, Redwater detachment members were again called to another loose bison. Members were able to determine that this bison took advantage of a damaged fence and made a run for it. The owner was located a short distance away, and with some fancy wrangling they were able to coax the bison back to the home and repair the fence.

