

Hit and runs up in Mountain View County

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There has been a marked increase in the number of reported hit and runs in the Didsbury RCMP detachment service area of Mountain View County, according to a report presented to council.

During the recent regularly scheduled council meeting, councillors received the Didsbury RCMP detachment second quarter report covering July 1 to Sept. 30.

During the report period there were six calls for service reporting hit and runs, compared with no calls in the same period in 2014; 10 dangerous/careless driving calls (24 in 2014); 162 provincial traffic reports (244 in 2014); and 43 violation tickets (53 in 2014). There were 64 property damage collision calls (52 in 2014).

There were five service requests for assaults, compared with eight in the same period in 2014; 17 break and enters (five in 2014); 14 thefts under \$5,000 (10 in 2014); two theft over \$5,000, same as in 2014; 13 thefts of motor vehicles (three in 2014); 16 mischief/arson (11 in 2014); and four frauds (same as 2014).

There were 67 suspicious person, vehicle, property calls (25 in 2014); 24 false alarms (six in 2014); eight missing person calls to locate (six in 2014).

In all, there were 623 calls for service in the Mountain View County portion of the detachment area, compared with 614 calls in 2014.

The detachment has set three priorities for 2015-16: community visibility, contributing to safe roads, and crime reduction.

“Didsbury is well on track to achieve the identified goals,” Didsbury RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Kim Pasloske said in the report.

“Summer leaves and high call volume has affected the ability of members to conduct some of the proactive activities identified in the APP (annual performance plan) but not significantly.

“The members have been really working hard. Despite this, property crime (break and enters and thefts) have significantly increased this quarter. There was a coordinated effort to reduce this.

“Several property crime files were resolved at the beginning of September with suspects identified. Charges are pending in these files. Since this occurred, the property crime in all Didsbury areas has significantly declined.”