

RCMP Sundre Detachment - Police Report

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Sundre, AB - For the 2017 calendar year, your six RCMP constables remained quite steady. The RCMP Sundre detachment received 2840 calls for service with an average of 473 service calls per member. Of those 2840 calls for service, 614 calls were for property related crimes. Property crime was and still is an issue, not only in the Sundre Detachment area but throughout the entire Province. We ask that all of you to please be vigilant against thieves by removing valuables, extra vehicle keys, documents, garage door openers from your vehicles and always keep them locked. Please don't leave your vehicles unattended with the motor running even just for a moment. This is a recipe for disaster as thieves prey on this complacency and we have seen that they will use any type of opportunity to steal from you.

CRA Scams - Please be aware that of the CRA scams that are beginning to pop up again. Please be vigilant of these crooks. The Canadian Revenue Agency website states the following, "Taxpayers should be vigilant when they receive, either by telephone, mail, text message or email, a fraudulent communication that claims to be from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requesting personal information such as a social insurance number, credit card number, bank account number, or passport number. These scams may insist that this personal information is needed so that the taxpayer can receive a refund or a benefit payment. Cases of fraudulent communication could also involve threatening or coercive language to scare individuals into paying fictitious debt to the CRA. Other communications urge taxpayers to visit a fake CRA website where the taxpayer is then asked to verify their identity by entering personal information. **These are scams** and taxpayers should never respond to these fraudulent communications or click on any of the links provided." For further information please visit Canada Revenue Agency website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html>) or the Canada Anti-fraud Centre website (<http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>)

From January 1 to January 15, the RCMP Sundre detachment had 78 calls for service. The following is a recap of a few of those calls for service.

On January 7th, police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that failed to stop at the red light on Main Avenue. The vehicle was found not to be registered or insured and was towed. The driver, a 58 year old male from Sundre, was issued a violation ticket for not having the vehicle insured and provided a drive to his residence.

During the evening of January 8th, police received a report of a suspicious older male sitting outside the Catholic church. Police attended and patrolled the area but the male had departed the area and was not located.

During the early morning of January 14th, police located a vehicle idling outside of the Swamp Donkey's establishment. The vehicle had expired registration and the driver admitted that he had been in the establishment drinking alcohol. A roadside demand was conducted and the driver was found to be in the "cautionary" zone for sobriety. The driver, a 30 year old male from Sundre, was issued a violation ticket for the expired registration and his vehicle and driver's licence was seized for three days. Police offered the male a ride home which he declined as he wanted to walk.

Police and the Sundre Fire department were called to the Wild Rose Senior's apartments on the morning of January 14th for a burst water pipe in one of the units. Police and Fire assisted with moving the senior and some of her belongs to another unit. The senior's family was notified of the unfortunate incident.

Police and the Sundre Fire department were called to a single vehicle collision on River Road during the late afternoon of January 14th. The 92 year old male driver, from Sundre, left the road and struck a tree. The male was extricated by the Fire department where he was transported by EMS to the Sundre hospital for treatment. The male was then taken by STARS air ambulance for further treatment in Calgary. It appears that the male suffered a medical episode which caused him to leave the road and strike the tree.

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