

RCMP Sundre Police Report

September 6, 2018

Sundre, AB - Labour Day Weekend

The Sundre RCMP detachment brought in additional resources for the Labour Day weekend to assist the Sundre compliment with policing the detachment area. With the weather cooperating, our office saw a significant increase of visitors to the Sundre area with more then average users out west taking advantage of the open camping. Members were out in full force conducting Check stops and enforcing traffic laws. This resulted in four impaired investigations and numerous violation and warning tickets being issued. The weekend was steady with approximately 30 calls for service and proactive policing initiatives but there were no major issues or developments. It was a safe and enjoyable weekend for all and an excellent way to close up the Summer.

Gold Scams

The RCMP Sundre detachment want to the public to be vigilant with a growing scam. There have been approximately 60 occurrences across the province with several occurring in the Sundre detachment area where individuals, often described as "Gypsies" from Eastern Europe, approach members of the public requesting money. The scammers will use a story of hardship of varying degree such as a family emergency, being out of fuel or needing money for fuel and will go to extremes of begging, crying and pleading on their knees. In some instances, children have been used as props for their scam which pulls on the heart strings of victims. The scammers will offer to sell jewelry for a small amount of cash and act as if they are doing the victim a favour and with all scams, the gold is worthless. The Sundre detachment is committed to protecting the public from these con artists and dealt with two of them on September 3 when our office received a complaint about two men approaching people at a local gas station. The men were located and denied any wrong doing. Unfortunately for them, they could not provide proper documentation for their vehicle and it was seized with approximately \$700 in fines issued. The men were provided a ride to a neighbouring town and sent on their way. Hopefully this is a deterrent for them and their friends to keep their scams out of Sundre. Should you be approached by these con artists, please do not fall prey to their scam and report the matter to police immediately.

School Zones

School is now in session and the RCMP Sundre detachment want to remind the motoring public to be cognizant of their speed in school zones and around school buses. It takes only a moment of inattention to change the lives of many, including yours, so please be mindful. The police also want to remind parents to educate and demonstrate to your little ones on the use of marked crosswalks when crossing the street. Remember that children are like mirrors and they reflect what they see. So if you are not using the crosswalk, then they won't.