



WOOD BUFFALO RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

QUARTER 2 – JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

TREATY 8 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Smudging, Healing and Blessing

Ceremony

On September 21st the Wood Buffalo RCMP hosted a smudging Ceremony to unveil the Wood Buffalo Detachment Treaty 8 land acknowledgement.

Assisting with the ceremony was Grand Chief of Treaty 8 Arthur Noskey, Elders from the communities, and sacred drummers from the Metis Association.

The ceremony began with a prayer and blessing for the Wood Buffalo RCMP Detachment. Mayor Don Scott delivered a message to the group focusing on the commitment to reconciliation and building stronger relationships with our Indigenous communities.

The unveiling of the Detachment Treaty 8 land acknowledgement was followed by a moment of silence, as a remembrance to Residential School victims and survivors.



Quarter 2 Statistics

July 1 – September 30, 2021

Anzac:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 40

Total Calls for Service – 150

Janvier:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 376

Total Calls for Service – 903

Fort McKay:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 107

Total Calls for Service – 378

Conklin:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 73

Total Calls for Service – 245

Gregoire Lake:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 107

Total Calls for Service – 248

Fort Chipewyan:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 290

Total Calls for Service – 675

Fort McMurray:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 3880

Total Calls for Service - 17426

DRUGS

On July 23rd, following a drug trafficking investigation, Wood Buffalo RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in the downtown area of Fort McMurray. As a result of the search warrant, police seized methamphetamine, Canadian currency, ammunition, a firearm and other drug trafficking paraphernalia. Four adults were located in the residence, arrested and charged with numerous offences, including Possession of a firearm, Possession of Methamphetamine for the Purpose of Trafficking, and Proceeds of Crime. A total of 34 charges were laid.



Wood Buffalo RCMP and ALERT arrested two individuals on August 5th following another drug trafficking investigation. The accused were charged with trafficking Fentanyl and Cocaine.

PROPERTY CRIME

On July 4th, 2021 Wood Buffalo RCMP responded to a complaint of a male spray painting the Parsons Creek Bridge.

Police officers attended the scene and arrested a male.



Through police investigation it was determined that the 29-year-old was responsible for several graffiti tags in the region. He was charged with Mischief under \$5,000 and Mischief over \$5,000.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

On Tuesday July 20, 2021, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Wood Buffalo RCMP partnered with Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Alberta Sheriffs to carry out a vehicle checkstop on Highway 881 near Anzac, AB. The checkstop was completed in response to multiple traffic complaints and 3 commercial vehicle collisions in as many weeks. The vehicle checkstop resulted in:

- 79 commercial vehicle traffic stops
- 19 commercial vehicle inspections
- 6 vehicles taken out of service
- 7 violation tickets issued
- 7 warning notices issued

It was noted that a significant number of commercial vehicle drivers were in compliance with regulations and were driving in a safe manner.



On August 7th and 8th, Wood Buffalo RCMP once again participated at the Area 63 Races, driving the opening lap on race day and conducting radar.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS



On August 18, Wood Buffalo and Fort Chipewyan members attended the Mikisew Cree First Nation Treaty Days. The members participated in the Grand Entry with Chief Powder, councillors and Elders. The Cultural Camp was hosted by Elder Alice Martin where there was bannock being made and moose drying in traditional tents.



Fort Chipewyan RCMP has partnered with community groups in the MAH drug program. By taking a stand against drug use in Fort Chipewyan, the community is showing support by wearing and displaying the Missak symbol, as it represents a persistent spirit of healing and positive change.

Wood Buffalo RCMP partnered with Fort McMurray Search and Rescue (SAR) to teach ATV and UTV to several officers, to enhance patrols and response in emergencies in the rural areas.

Wood Buffalo RCMP would like to thank Fort McKay First Nation and Metis for hosting the training in the area, SAR for assisting the instruction of the training, and Fort McKay Peace Officers for sharing their local knowledge. RCMP look forward to holding courses in other local communities in the near future.

