

WOOD BUFFALO RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT



JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2021

2020/2021 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN (APP)

- Objective 1
**Crime
Reduction**
- Objective 2
Traffic Safety
- Objective 3
Drugs
- Objective 4
**Community
Engagement**

The communities were invited to participate in the new APP process recently, to update the policing priorities for the 2021/2022 year. The results of the survey will be published very soon.

MEET THE NEW OFFICER IN CHARGE

Superintendent Mark Hancock



I am honored to come back to Fort McMurray again as the Officer in Charge of Wood Buffalo Detachment. As of March 23rd, 2021, I have 29 years of continuous service in the RCMP. I have worked in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Some of you may know me as I was previously posted in Wood Buffalo (February 2015 to July 2017) and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I started in my new role here on February 1st, 2021. Returning to this great community and having the opportunity to work with all of you again is something that is very important to me. There are already many great programs and initiatives in Wood Buffalo Detachment, but my goals are very simple. I want to ensure that our employees are going the extra mile for our communities, doing the right things and keeping everyone safe. We will continue to work hard to maintain your confidence in the RCMP as we continue to provide the best service possible to our communities.

I am excited to work with my team and with all of you!

Quarterly Statistics

January 1 – March 31, 2021

Anzac:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 18

Total Calls for Service – 40

Janvier:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 135

Total Calls for Service – 253

Fort McKay:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 27

Total Calls for Service – 100

Conklin:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 27

Total Calls for Service – 64

Gregoire Lake:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 25

Total Calls for Service – 68

Fort Chipewyan:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 90

Total Calls for Service – 198

Fort McMurray:

Total Criminal Code Offences – 1066

Total Calls for Service - 5078

CONKLIN

Wood Buffalo RCMP investigated a report of drug trafficking at a residence in Conklin. As a result of the investigation, on March 19, 2021 three adults were arrested and charged with a total of 19 offences including Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, Careless Use of a Firearm and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime.

ANZAC/GREGOIRE LAKE

On March 6, Wood Buffalo RCMP were invited to Fort McMurray 468 First Nation to participate in a Community Sleigh Ride. The community, and especially the youth, enjoyed the interactions and several of the youth expressed an interest in exploring a career in the RCMP.

JANVIER

While on patrol on a bitterly cold February day, an RCMP officer came upon a vehicle in the ditch. Two individuals were located outside of the vehicle, both unresponsive. As no injuries were visible, further observations indicated the individuals were possibly overdosing. Naloxone was administered, and EMS was called. The officer wrapped emergency blankets around them and waited for assistance. The two recovered and were released from the hospital later that day.

FORT MCKAY

RCMP received information of a known offender in a vehicle in the area. Police conducted a traffic stop and located the male hiding under the seats. The male was arrested, and as a result 21 outstanding warrants were executed.

Fort Chipewyan

On March 4, 2021, two adult males and one youth were arrested in the downtown area of Fort McMurray following a drug trafficking investigation. During the course of this investigation police seized under 10 grams of suspected cocaine and under \$500 in Canadian currency. The two adult males, both from Fort Chipewyan, are facing criminal charges for possession for the purpose of trafficking suspected cocaine.

Fort Chipewyan RCMP welcomed a new member to their Detachment earlier this year. Cst. Dylan MacLeod transferred in from Swan Hills, Alberta. Cst. MacLeod heard about the friendly residents of Fort Chipewyan and area, so he jumped at the chance to take in the Northern Community. Cst. MacLeod has 4 years of service and is eager to experience all that Fort Chipewyan has to offer.

Auxiliary RCMP Program

Auxiliaries are volunteers who participate in community policing services, crime prevention and public safety activities.

The Provincial Auxiliary program was temporarily on hold, however, they are have recently decided to go ahead with the program across Alberta.

While the details of the program are being put together, Wood Buffalo RCMP will be actively recruiting new auxiliaries in the coming months.

If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested, and would like more information, please contact Community Policing Section at 780-788-4040.

Restorative Justice Program

Wood Buffalo RCMP are working with the Government of Alberta to bring the Restorative Justice Program to the region.

Restorative Justice is a method of resolving disputes by addressing the harm caused by the crime or conflict and promotes meaningful resolutions. It's a voluntary process that addresses the victim's needs and holds offenders responsible for their actions.

There are many benefits to the program, including meaningful resolutions and healing, a reduced chance of offenders committing other crimes and greater satisfaction with the process among victims and offenders compared to going to court.

DRUGS

On January 30, several RCMP units including Crime Reduction Unit, Criminal Intelligence Unit, Police Dog Services and the Emergency Response Team, executed a search warrant at a residence in Fort McMurray. Two adult men were arrested and are facing charges.

This search resulted in approximately 50 grams of suspected fentanyl, drug trafficking paraphernalia and over \$10,000.00 in Canadian currency being seized by police.



In a separate drug trafficking investigation by Wood Buffalo RCMP, on Feb. 2, 2021 two adult males were arrested. RCMP seized two loaded prohibited firearms, approximately 50 grams of suspected cocaine, suspected methamphetamine, drug trafficking paraphernalia, ammunition and under \$1000 in Canadian Currency. Between the two males, 40 charges were laid.



On March 12, Wood Buffalo RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in the Gregoire area of Fort McMurray. A drug trafficking investigation resulted in four arrested; two adult males, one adult female and a youth. The search warrant resulted in the seizure of over 50 grams of suspected Fentanyl, over \$3,000.00 in Canadian Currency, over \$500.00 in United States currency, as well as other drug trafficking paraphernalia.

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE

The downtown area will soon have a Community Police Office located on the main level of the Jubilee Building. This public accessible police office will host presentations and community engagements, and will allow for the public to report crime and speak to officers.

The construction is almost complete and inspections are in progress. The anticipated completion date is mid-May.

Traffic

Wood Buffalo RCMP conducted Traffic Enforcement in several school zones and the Highway 63 construction zone on March 15. A collaboration between local RCMP and the Integrated Traffic Unit, 40 traffic tickets and 30 warnings were issued over the course of the day.

So far in 2021, in the RMWB, there have been 38 Impaired Driving charges, 366 Distracted Driving charges and 1852 E-Tickets (red light and speed camera).

Auto Cleanup – The Wood Buffalo RCMP are working with the RMWB on a spring cleanup project.

They are attending locations of abandoned and burnt out vehicles around the region and attempting to identify the vehicles. The locations will be recorded on GPS and towing companies will be recovering the vehicles to properly identify and process them as required. Over 30 vehicles have been identified and are in the process of being towed.



Wood Buffalo RCMP conducted several patrols in the trails this winter. During their patrols, they were able to identify locations of some abandoned vehicles for the clean-up project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Wood Buffalo RCMP members, in partnership with Safe Community Wood Buffalo, held their annual PARTY program via Zoom on March 25th and 26th.

Over 1000 students in grades 9 and 10 joined this virtual presentation about the effects of drinking and driving, and how many people are affected by one person's decision.

One of the many presentations that the RCMP did recently was a virtual WITS presentation on Anti-Bullying with the Grade 1 class at Athabasca Delta Community School in Fort Chipewyan.

WITS = Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help

