

# **Quarterly Community Policing Summary**

April 2022- June 2022

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## Introduction

Quarterly, each of the three RCMP Detachments that provide service to Mountain View County (Olds RCMP, Didsbury RCMP and Sundre RCMP) submit a report for Council's information that outlines their progress on their Annual Business Plan, as well as to detail ongoing activities within the community. Mountain View County has provided this summary document to provide additional information to residents and encourage residents to review the reports in their entirety here: RCMP Quarterly Reporting

# 2022 - 2025 Policing Priorities

The Alberta RCMP and Justice & Solicitor General have created a Joint Business Plan focusing on the following six priorities:

- Enhancing Engagement and Communication with Communities and Stakeholders Engaging with our communities to collectively develop policing priorities that are community-led and enhancing communication about matters related to local policing services.
- Community Safety and Well-Being Working with partners in an integrated, multifaceted manner to interrupt the cycle of crime and victimization.
- Indigenous Communities
  Strengthening relationships, working together in support of Reconciliation, and responding to the needs of Indigenous communities in Alberta
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Promoting inclusion and building trust with diverse communities by addressing the behaviours that threaten their sense of safety and belonging.
- Crime Reduction
  Understanding the drivers of crime and focusing on priority offenders to increase community safety.
- Enhancing Service Delivery
  Ensuring service delivery models and strategies effectively meet the policing needs of our communities.

### Notable Events this Quarter April 2022 – June 2022

#### Town Hall - Annual Planning, Property Crime & Education Session

RCMP, Clearwater County and Fish & Wildlife spoke about predator and hunting issues that are prevalent in the area and RCMP spoke about the upcoming APP. Very little concern regarding property crimes, but significant concerns noted about recidivism and the "revolving" judicial door. Some education on reporting suspicious activity and safeguarding against vehicle theft.

#### Town Hall - Crime Reduction, Annual Planning & Education Session

Held at the James River Community Hall, there were positive comments overall about the police and the police being underfunded. Concerns were shared about RCMP not seeing social media posts where suspects from a crime in our area were arrested in another detachment area. It was explained that we don't follow social media specifically in investigations and the post was never reported to police at the time. The biggest concern from attendees was the recidivism and "revolving" door in court. Most acknowledged that the RCMP is catching the criminals, but they are being released too quickly.

#### Community Connection – Traffic, Youth & Crime Reduction

Commander attended the Lodge at Panther River to discuss concerns regarding outfitters and equestrian campers have in the area shared on youth speeding / tearing around on OHV's and creating a potential safety issue (collision with horse, spooking horses). Speed trailer put in the area, 2-member quad patrol during day/evening and then members patrolling area late at night. Contact made with 2 large groups of youth who were open about the OHV driving issues and said they would settle down. No further issues.

#### Town Hall – Education Session

Both Olds and Sundre detachments were in attendance, as Bergen is in the middle of all three detachment areas. Community members from all three areas attended and discussed crime reduction initiatives and youth high risk behavior prevention. There were zero concerns brought up by this engagement other than a request to have a livestock response trailer (panels) in the area to assist with incidents where fences are down, and cattle are getting free (collisions through fence lines etc.)

#### Property Crime Reduction – Habitual Offender Management

Didsbury RCMP currently have approximately five major Habitual Offenders in the rural area of Mountain View County. Members continue to check on these Offenders and their curfew conditions etc. Over the first quarter, three of these offenders have been charged with breaching conditions. One offender currently has 52 pending charges awaiting from Didsbury RCMP for multiple breaches, domestic related events and driving offences. Didsbury Detachment has laid a total of 76 charges in the first quarter between approximately five habitual offenders in the area. Didsbury RCMP have received a total of 47 calls for service for property crime in the rural county for the first quarter. Didsbury RCMP continue to monitor and maintain the habitual offenders in the rural area of Mountain View County.