

# Mountie Minutes

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## JANUARY RECAP

January was a busy and productive month for the Fort Saskatchewan RCMP. Here's a snapshot of how officers were supporting community safety and working with partners across the region.

### By the Numbers

- **767 new files** generated throughout the month; 531 for City of Fort Saskatchewan residents
- **295 files** processed through the courts
- **99 traffic collisions** attended
  - 8 with injuries
  - 7 non-reportable collisions
  - 15 hit-and-run incidents
- **56 additional moving traffic violations** issued
- **34 files** involved assisting partner agencies, including Municipal Enforcement, Probation, Children's Services, and other police services

## JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

### Online Fraud Awareness (Jan 2 & Jan 12)

RCMP responded to multiple reports of online fraud involving social media advertisements, cryptocurrency investments, and fraudulent websites. In both cases, communication occurred through WhatsApp and involved impersonated or fake businesses. These incidents serve as an important reminder to be cautious when engaging with online ads and investment opportunities.

### Community Safety Checkstop (Jan 4)

A checkstop was conducted in the Westpark area, and all drivers stopped were found to be compliant—thank you to everyone who helped make it a smooth and safe operation.



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## **Traffic Stop Education (Jan 4)**

During a traffic stop for speeding, officers provided education on several driving infractions, including proper child seatbelt use and age/weight requirements for children riding in the front seat.

## **School Resource Officer Support (Jan 6)**

The Fort Saskatchewan School Resource Officer helped mediate a dispute between students, working with them to create a plan that ensured everyone felt supported and safe.

## **Break and Enter Investigation (Jan 7)**

RCMP responded to a break and enter in progress during the early morning hours. Three male suspects were captured on surveillance fleeing the scene after causing structural damage and leaving behind items. One suspect has been identified, and a warrant has been requested.

## **Threats to a Peace Officer (Jan 10)**

A male was arrested and charged with uttering threats to a peace officer. The matter is currently before the courts.

## **Impaired Driving Enforcement (Jan 15 & Jan 24)**

Officers conducting patrols on Highway 16 near Ross Creek stopped a vehicle after observing swerving. Following mandatory alcohol screening, the driver was charged with impaired driving. Later in the month, RCMP responded to a call from a gas station employee regarding an impaired driver; the driver received an Immediate Roadside Suspension.

## **Theft Investigation (Jan 25)**

RCMP are investigating a break and enter at a public works yard in Lamont, where approximately \$5,000 worth of copper cable was stolen after suspects damaged a perimeter fence. The investigation is ongoing.



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## Seatbelt Safety Reminder (Jan 30)

RCMP attended a single-vehicle collision involving two occupants were ejected from their vehicle and transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Alcohol was not a factor; however, neither occupant was wearing a seatbelt.

## Did You Know? You Can Report Some Collisions Online

**Report My Collision** is an online service that allows Albertans to report certain types of collisions without attending a detachment in person.

You can report:

- **Single-vehicle collisions**

*Examples: hitting an animal or object, or running off the road*

- **Two-vehicle collisions (two drivers only)**

*Examples: rear-end, sideswipe, right-angle (T-bone), head-on*

- **Parked vehicle hit-and-run collisions**

*When no witnesses or supporting evidence are available*

All other collision types must be reported in person to your local law enforcement agency.

## What To Do If You're in a Collision

- Make sure you and everyone involved are safe
- Take photos of vehicle damage and, if possible, the collision scene (photos are required for online reporting)
- For two-vehicle collisions, exchange licence plate numbers, driver's licence numbers, names, and insurance details
- If vehicles are drivable, there are no serious injuries, and it's safe to do so, move vehicles out of traffic