



Wadena/Foam Lake Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Policing Report

Month of: April 2020



This report speaks to occurrences in the Wadena and Foam Lake policing area and is not specific to your area of responsibility. This report may include occurrences that have occurred in your town, municipality or village and is intended to provide you a snap shot of current activities within your local RCMP office. This document contains generic information and does not carry any protective status.

Offences investigated during April 2020:

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| A) Criminal Code | 63 | C) Traffic/ tickets | 39 |
| 1. Sex related offences | 3 | 1. Speeding | 10 |
| 2. Assaults | 4 | 2. Stop Signs/Intersection Offences | 0 |
| 3. Mischief/Vandalism | 13 | 3. Other Traffic | 20 |
| 4. Break and Enter/Theft/Fraud | 9 | 4. Liquor Act | 5 |
| 5. Impaired Driving/Over 0.08% | 5 | 5. Motor Vehicle Collisions | 4 |
| 6. Breach Court Orders | 7 | D) Assistance/Services | 24 |
| 7. Harassment/Utter Threats | 11 | 1. Missing Persons/Wellbeing Checks | 3 |
| 8. Disturb the Peace | 8 | 2. Mental Health Act | 8 |
| 9. COVID-19 Investigations | 3 | 3. Alarm/911 | 13 |
| B) Drugs | 13 | | |
| 1. Possession/Trafficking Drugs | 13 | | |

Occurrence Synopsis - Calls for service in April were the same as March 2020 = 137

Calls of Interest

The calls of interest this month are more significant in what did not happen rather than what did happen. In March, Wadena/Foam Lake RCMP members investigated 12 COVID related complaints and in April this number was down to 3. This is significant as it may suggest a high rate of compliance with the current health regulations. Also of interest is that the local RCMP responded to 8 complaints that would fall under Mental Health Act investigations. The result of these investigations indicated what the RCMP have learned over the past number of years, that illicit drug use plays an increasing factor in the breakdown of mental health. With crystal meth becoming much more common, local RCMP find themselves dealing with the fallout most frequently in instances whereby arrests are made under the authority of the Saskatchewan Mental Health Act. Currently this portion of the province has seen an 18% increase in instances of Mental Health Act complaints to the RCMP.

Current Crime Trends, Local RCMP Efforts and Current Status

Frequently during this time of COVID pandemic, the question is posed to local RCMP, “Has there been an increase in crime during the pandemic crisis?” The answer is both yes and no. For instance, the province has seen a significant increase in the number of thefts and break and enters over the last number of weeks. Much of this trend has been observed in the west-central area of the province. Although we have not been immune to the problem, the local area has been fortunate to not have experienced this crime trend to nearly the same extent. That being said, please remember to lock your doors, to not leave keys in vehicles and to report any suspicious activity to the RCMP.

Current Services at Wadena/Foam Lake

In order to prioritize essential policing services, and reduce unnecessary personal contact, please call (306) 338-6500 during the daily RCMP office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in order to speak directly with an RCMP employee. After hours, calling the aforementioned number will direct the caller to the RCMP dispatch centre.

Remember to call 911 in the event of an emergency, or 306-338-6500 for all other police matters.

Material Resources / Infrastructure

The Wadena and Foam Lake Detachments continue to be fully functioning Detachments providing policing service to Wadena, Foam Lake and surrounding areas. Office hours in Wadena are Monday to Friday 0800 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Office hours in Foam Lake are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 08:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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