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MAY RECAP

In May 2026, the Fort Saskatchewan RCMP focused on supporting the physical and mental wellbeing of Fort Saskatchewan residents. The theme, "Come Together, Canada: Stronger Connections, better mental health" was chosen by the Canadian Mental Health Association because social connection is one of the most powerful buffers against mental health challenges.

May kicked off with Emergency Preparedness Week – A national initiative that encourages Canadians to be ready for emergencies before they happen. Residents are encouraged to come up with an emergency plan to help them to act quickly, stay connected and reduce stress as well as an emergency supply kit. Details can be found on the Government of Canada website.

National Policing Week - This annual initiative led by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police highlights the importance of building public trust and confidence with the communities we serve. It reminds us that we're all working toward the same goal of a safer Alberta for everyone, particularly as we continue adapting to the challenges of a changing policing landscape.

The City of Fort Saskatchewan announced the appointment of Staff Sergeant Scott Lande as the new Detachment Commander and Officer in Charge of the Fort Saskatchewan detachment.

Coffee with a Cop was held on the 27th. Over 40 residents connected with officers and members of the Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee, sharing concerns, asking questions, and building relationships over coffee.

By the Numbers

- **984 new files** generated throughout the month; **715** for City of Fort Saskatchewan residents
- **151 files** processed through the courts
- **32 traffic collisions** attended by Fort Saskatchewan RCMP; 23 occurred in City limits
 - 6 with injuries
 - 7 non-reportable collisions
 - 7 hit-and-run incidents
- **75 additional traffic violations** issued
- **1 check stop** - all drivers were compliant

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- **60 files** involved assisting partner agencies, including Municipal Enforcement, Probation, Children's Services, and other police services

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Impaired Driving Enforcement

Police received a 911 call involving an erratic driver in which the vehicle ran a red light, struck multiple curbs as well as vehicles. Officers quickly located the driver and vehicle and were able to safely detain them. The driver faces multiple charges including Impaired Operation, Dangerous Operation, Fail to Remain, and Impersonation of a police officer. A court appearance has been set for July.

Criminal Flight

Fort Saskatchewan officers assisted Strathcona County RCMP, multiple units from Edmonton Police Service and Air1 locate and apprehend suspects who fled from police.

Break and Enter Investigation

Officers received a tip from Strathcona County RCMP regarding a recent break and enter, where a suspect stole several items and fled toward Fort Saskatchewan. Police canvassed the area and located the suspect attempting another break-in at a local business. During the arrest attempt, the suspect entered a stolen vehicle, rammed two police cars, and fled with additional stolen property. Following a short pursuit, the suspect was safely arrested and remanded into custody pending a court appearance later in June.

Missing Persons

Officers investigated 20 reports of persons missing in the community; all 20 persons were located safely. Officers completed an additional 32 well being checks for concerned residents.

Assault

Officers responded to 34 calls for service for assaults, 26 that occurred within Fort Saskatchewan. Victims ranged in age, many of which declined to press charges or identify the assailant. All victims



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are provided the opportunity to engage help from Central Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society. CARVSS is a non-profit organization that supports victims of crime by promoting their rights, providing access to services, and assisting them in navigating the justice system.

Mischief

Officers are investigating vandalism to construction equipment in a residential area that resulted in approximately \$75,000 in damages.

Trespassing

Last month officers were dispatched to 23 complaints involving persons trespassing on private property, 15 of which occurred within City limits. This included unhoused persons sleeping in bank vestibules, youth entering school property after hours as well as people returning to businesses in which they have been previously banned from. Violation tickets for trespassing can range from \$600 and up depending on the severity individuals may be issued one with a mandatory court appearance.

Fraud

A local business sought police assistance investigating a customer suspected of committing refund of over \$21,000. The suspect admitted to committing an additional \$310,000 in fraud refunds since 2021. Court is scheduled for later August.

Possession of Property Obtained by Crime

During proactive patrols, officers a stolen vehicle registered to a car rental company. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of cocaine and unstamped cigarettes. Three individuals were arrested, and the driver faces multiple charges and will attend court later in June.

Shoplifting

A local store owner reported two masked individuals who stole alcohol valued at about \$150. Investigation identified five suspects; three youths were fined and referred to Restorative Justice.

Did you know??

Alberta Citizens on Patrol (COP) is a community-based volunteer group that works in partnership with the RCMP to help reduce crime and improve community safety. COP members serve as an

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extra set of “eyes and ears” in the community by observing and reporting suspicious or unusual activity to the RCMP. Volunteers receive training before participating in patrols.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about Alberta Citizens on Patrol, please contact your local COP group or RCMP detachment

