

Where The Rivers Meet Community News Letter

Provided by Tk'emlúps Indigenous Policing Services



Servicing the Indigenous communities of
Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Skeetchestn Indian Band and
Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band

February 2024

Tk'emlúps IPS RCMP Mission Statement: The Tk'emlúps Indigenous Policing Service members purpose is to lead and bring proactive, culturally sensitive policing to Indigenous people and the communities in which they live, and to improve relations between Indigenous people, the RCMP and the Criminal Justice System through the strong and effective Indigenous policing compliment.

Your Indigenous Policing Unit

The unit is comprised of four members:

Constable David Bigcharles, Constable Mark Janus, Constable David Dixon and Corporal Jim Toye.

Please remember to invite us to your community events.

Role of Indigenous Policing Unit:

The IPS members mandate is to provide service programs for your communities. If you have a need in your community, please reach out to us to arrange a talk / presentation / etc. We have access to many different resources to share with your community / group.

What's New?

Recently our detachment was advised that community members don't call the police as they believe no one is working. The Tk'emlúps detachment answers policing calls for service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please call for any police incident, regardless of the time.

Cst. Dixon and Cst. Janus have arranged to bring out ping pong tables to each of our Indigenous communities. Thus far a great turn out with many enjoying the tables and snacks provided.

Cst. Bigcharles was able to run a reconciliation event that included both rural and city RCMP members. This was in partnership with TteS member Ed Jensen. This was again well received by those in attendance and with Mr. Jensen's assistance helped with reconciliation as he shared some stories and history as he instructed on the fish spear making.

Don't forget about: "Coffee With A Cop" We host in each community. Events scheduled as follows:

TteS: 1st Wednesday of each month at Moccasin Square Gardens at 10 am (NOTE THE VENUE CHANGE BACK TO MSG, IT WILL REMAIN HERE MOVING FORWARD).

WPCIB: 3rd Wednesday of each month at band office annex building at 10 am

Skeetchestn: last Wednesday month at Band office gym at 10 am

Please come out to Coffee With A Cop and visit with us, ask policing questions, share stories while we share some refreshments! This is your opportunity to come and ask us your policing questions in an informal environment! We look forward to seeing you.

Policing Stats:

For the month of January, the breakdown for calls for service within each Indigenous community is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc - 164

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 14

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – 1

Upcoming Events:

The Indigenous Snowboard team continues at Sun Peaks each Saturday. Cst. Bigcharles assists in coaching most Saturdays.

Cst. Dixon will be partnering with Skeetchestn Community School to deliver an Introduction To Law course for the remainder of the school year for the high school students.

February 9th – Family Night at WPCIB community Hall at 6 pm

February 10th – RCMP Youth Gym night at Skeetchestn Band Gymnasium at 7 pm

February 24th – RCMP Youth Gym night at MSG – 7 pm

Please remember to reach out to our office should you have a need with your community / group / class to have a presentation.

How to Call The Police:

The Tk'emlúps office has office staff Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Please call the [250-314-1800](tel:250-314-1800) number during these times

In an emergency call 911.

After hours, please still utilize 250-314-1800, however it is very important that you listen to the prompts. **PRESS 1 TO BE TRANSFERRED TO NON EMERGENCY DISPATCH .**

If you require police assistance, please ensure you **DON'T LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THIS NUMBER** as it won't be checked until the next morning or until after the weekend. Again, if it is an emergency, please call 911.

CRIMESTOPPERS – can report crime **anonymously with Crime Stoppers**. To make a report you can go online to their site (www.bccrimestoppers.com) where you complete a secure and encrypted “online tip form” or you can call

1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



RCMP Career:

Are you interested in a career in policing? If you, or someone you know is interested please feel free to reach out to any IPS member who can answer questions and provide you with further information. We can also put you in

contact with our Indigenous Recruiting Officer, Cpl. Becky Munro, who can assist you through the process. Attached is more information on a RCMP career.



WE'RE HIRING!

The RCMP offers an exceptional career, letting you make a real difference in your community and your country. No other police force in Canada provides the levels of services and variety offered by the RCMP, as well as opportunities for continued learning and growth.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Willing to relocate anywhere in Canada
- Proficient in either English or French
- Canadian high school diploma (or equivalent)
- Valid, unrestricted Canadian driver's licence
- At least 19 years of age at the time of engagement
- Meet health and psychological standards
- Be physically fit
- Be of good character



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- General Duty • Border Integrity
- Marine Policing • Traffic Services
- Forensics • Indigenous Policing
- Economic Crime • Drug Investigation
- Customs & Excise • Police Dog Service
- Foreign Missions • Explosive Disposal

THE RECRUITING PROCESS:

- Submit an Online Application
- Career Presentation - Assessment
- Forms Completion
- Complete a "Right Fit" interview
- Undergo a Health Assessment
- Undergo a Field Investigation and Security Clearance

CADET TRAINING PAY:

- RCMP Cadets receive an allowance of \$525 per week

PAY AND BENEFITS:

- Engagement \$65,776.00
- 6 Months \$85,461.00
- 12 Months \$92,722.00
- 24 Months \$99,988.00
- 36 Months \$106,576.00

To learn more about a career with the RCMP, or to register for a career presentation or other special events, visit our website at rcmpcareers.ca

Indigenous Recruiter Cpl. Rebecca Munro cell 236-334-1883 or E_PreCadet_Program@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

