

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

April 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?](#)

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

Cst. Bigcharles has been advised he is being promoted to New Hazelton Detachment. He will be transferring in the coming months.

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 March, the breakdown for calls for service within each Indigenous community is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc - 172 files

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 10 files

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – 1

Upcoming Events:

Cst. Dixon's Introduction To Law course for the high school students at Skeetchestn Community School was postponed to start in April.

Cpl. Toye will be running the “[Top Cop Reader](#)” program at the Skeetchestn Community School for the month of April. **Parents and guardians of students please verify any “at home reading” done by your young ones. They are competing for prizes and a pizza party for the top class!**

April 20th – RCMP Youth Gym night at **Skeetchestn Band Gymnasium at 7 pm** open to ages 13 and up. Families are encouraged to participate.

April 22 – RCMP requested to host a BBQ at WPCIB for Earth Day Celebrations

April 11th – Cst. Bigcharles will be deploying to Nunavut to do a relief stint in a small rural community for one month. Look forward to him providing photos and stories in the future!

Cst. Bigcharles and the Indigenous Snowboard Team wrapped up another fun



season at Sun Peaks on March 18th.

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).

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