

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

January 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?

"Coffee With A Cop" that we host in each community. Events scheduled as follows:

TteS: 1st Wednesday of each month at Community Services Office at 10 am

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

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

Please come out 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.

Cst. Bigcharles secured funding for another reconciliation project. Cst. Bigcharles is partnering with Ed Jensen, TteS member, for a class for police officers, clerks,

etc. from both the rural office and the Kamloops City detachment for spear making. This is set to take place January 27th.

Cst. Dixon and Cst. Janus brought out ping pong tables to a community night at WPCIB on January 12th. A great turn out with many enjoying the tables.

Cst. Dixon attended a RCMP hosted community night at Skeetchestn community gym. There was a smaller turn out than expected, however the weather was very cold during this time. Hopefully the coming events will have more in attendance.

IPS was asked by WPCIB to provide a drug talk to the community; this was completed on December 21st where Cpl. Toye and Cst. Dixon provided a talk / information. A good discussion took place with many questions.

Policing Stats:

For the month of December 2023, the breakdown is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc - 148

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 17

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.

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

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 remembers 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).



Did you know....

The Motor Vehicle Act prohibits you from having tint on your front windows. You can have a violation ticket for this should you be caught with illegal tint. You can also have an inspection ordered on your vehicle.

The regulations on this are noted below:

(8) No person shall drive or operate on a highway a motor vehicle which has affixed to or placed on the windshield or a window any material that reduces the light transmitted through the windshield or window unless the material is affixed to or placed on

(a) the windshield but not more than 75 mm below the top of the windshield,

(b) a side window that is behind the driver, or

(c) the rear window if the motor vehicle is equipped with outside rear view mirrors on the left and right side of the motor vehicle.

