

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

March 2023

What's New?

Please come and join us for **"Coffee With A Cop"** that we host in each community. Events scheduled as follows:

TteS: 1st Wednesday of each month at MSG at 10 am

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

Skeetchestn: last Wednesday of each month at Band office gymnasium at 10 am

Please come out and visit with us, ask questions, share stories while we share some refreshments!

Your Indigenous Policing Unit

The unit is comprised of four members:

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

Of note, right now it is just Cpl. Toye and Cst. Bigcharles operational.

Please remember to invite us to your community events where we can attend.

Tk'emlúps RCMP Mission Statement: The Tk'emlúps detachment members are dedicated to providing a culturally sensitive policing services in a timely manner to all residents and businesses within the Tk'emlúps Detachment area.

Role of Indigenous Policing Unit:

The IPS members mandate is to provide service programs for your communities.

Cst. Bigcharles continues to work with the Indigenous Snowboard Team at Sun Peaks each Saturday. A great opportunity for him to have positive interactions with the youth.

Cpl. Toye has started an Elder Walking program at the Skeetchestn Community School. This entails getting the Elders out for some light walking while visiting. We were then able to play Lahal with the students prior to wrapping up.

Policing Stats:

For the month of February 2023 the breakdown is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwepmc - 116 calls for service.

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 11 calls for service.

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – 3 calls for service.

Upcoming Events:

Please come out for Coffee With A Cop in your respective community. Check above for the scheduled date and time.

March 1st – TteS Coffee With A Cop at 10 am at MSG

March 15th – Health and Career Fair at Skeetchestn Community School – we will have a RCMP booth set up

March 16th – quarterly CTA meeting hosted by Skeetchestn Indian Band

March 17th – Elder's Walk at Skeetchestn Community School at 1 pm

March 22nd – Coffee With A Cop at Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band at 10 am

March 29th – Coffee With A Cop at Skeetchestn in the band office gym at 10 am

March 29th – RCMP will attend the TteS Band General meeting at 5 pm at MSG

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

SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR:

The Canadian anti fraud centre continues to receive reports from victims who've been contacted by fraudsters claiming to be from a financial institution, law enforcement or an online merchant. Suspects claim that there have been

suspicious and unauthorized charges on your credit card or funds have been stolen out of your bank account. They then state that they need your credit card or bank card information including PIN number to stop the fraud.

In some cases, scammer will request access to the victims' computer to continue the "investigation". Victims are then shown a fraudulent transaction on their online bank account. The scammers state they want the victims' help in ongoing "investigation" against the criminals who stole their money and request that the victims send funds as part of the "investigation".

NEW VARIATIONS: Two recent variations of this scam include:

1. Victims are directed to dial *72 followed by a phone number. The *72 is used to forward any calls to the victim's phone number to an alternate phone number. If *72 is dialed by the victim, suspects will receive all incoming calls including legitimate financial institution phone calls that may potentially flag actual fraudulent charges.
2. Fraudsters go to the victim's residence in person to pick up their bank cards. Some recent reporting identified victims being directed to put their bank card and PIN in an envelope and place on their front steps for pick-up by an "investigator". Fraudsters retrieve the card and proceed to complete unauthorized transactions.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Don't dial *72; it will forward all incoming phone calls to the fraudsters
- Fraudsters will often provide the first 4 numbers of your debit or credit card. Remember that most debit and credit card numbers with specific financial institutions begin with the same 4 numbers
- Many calls from bank investigator fraudsters take place in the early morning when potential victims are still sleeping or not alert and easier to take advantage of.
- Financial institutions or online merchants will never ask you to transfer money to an external account for security reasons.

- Financial institutions and Police will NEVER request you turn your bank card nor attend your resident to pickup said bank / credit card.
- Never provide remote access to your computer

DON'T GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION including:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your birthdate
- Your social insurance number (SIN)
- Your credit card or banking information

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A SCAM:

- If you are a victim of any scam, fraud or cybercrime, contact your local police and also report to the **Canadian Anti Fraud Centre (CAFC) online or by phone at 1-888-495-8501.**
- Please report to the CAFC even if the scam wasn't successful on you so they can track the incident.

How to Call The Police:

The Tk'emlúps office has office staff Monday to Friday from 7 am to 4 pm. Please call the **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. 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. You can either go online to their site where you complete a secure and encrypted “online tip form”. Or you can call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

