

Where The Rivers Meet Community News Letter

Provided by Tk'emlúps Indigenous Policing Services



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

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What's New?

We have learned that Cst. David Dixon will be arriving to work at Tk'emlúps Detachment on March 16th. The IPS unit will then be fully staffed.

The office finally has two clerks again, so when coming into the office it will be open Monday to Friday 8-4, except for holidays.

Cst. Bigcharles is looking at partnering with the SPCA to have the school children make dog houses. This will start at Skeetchestn Community School, but he wants to include all three of our Indigenous communities in this program.

Your Indigenous Policing Unit

The unit is comprised of four members:

Constable David Bigcharles, Constable Mark Janus and our soon to be here member Constable David Dixon and Corporal Jim Toye.

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 are mandated to provide service programs for your communities. In the past the majority of the programs have been run through the school, but with Covid-19 protocols in place this has been very difficult.

Currently Cst. Bigcharles has "The Minnie Mountie" program going which provides safety information to school aged children. This past month Cst. Bigcharles concentrated on an Anti Bullying message. This also had Cst. Bigcharles and Cst. Janus deliver anti bullying talks at the school. There is also a coloring contest for this event!



Cpl. Toye ran the Top Cop Reader program at the Skeetchestn Community School which finished at the end of February. Cpl. Toye will also host a pizza party to end the program, so please get your log sheets in! There will also be a prize for the overall Top Cop Reader.

Cst. Janus is researching and preparing to start a community watch at Ttes. Training for this will likely have to be done virtually. More to come on this.

How To Report an Incident:

The Tk'emlúps Rural RCMP are available to serve your policing needs at any time.

In an emergency you need to dial 911.

For a **non emergency situation, you need to call the detachment at 250-314-1800.** If the phone isn't answered at the detachment, it will switch over to the

Operation Communications Centre (OCC) where you will be assisted. An officer will be dispatched to the complaint.

Drug Concerns:

The Tk'emlúps RCMP have received information from community members about ongoing drug trafficking. The RCMP will be investigating these allegations fully and anyone arrested will be dealt with by the courts.

Residents, if you believe there is drug activity please report to the RCMP at 250-314-1800. Should you wish to remain anonymous you can utilize the **Crime Stoppers program at 1-800-222-TIPS.**

Scam Alerts:

INTERNET SCAMS

A lot of Internet scams take place without the victim even noticing. You can greatly reduce the chances of being scammed on the Internet if you follow some simple precautions.



Due to the ongoing pandemic, many community members are at home and spending more time on the internet. This is a great tool to keep in touch with family and friends, stay informed in the world news, etc, but it comes with inherent dangers.

Please keep in mind to protect yourself when online. Here are some good tips:

-Scammers use the internet to promote fraud through unsolicited or junk emails (spam). Don't reply, don't even open as the scammer will know that they found a real email address just by you opening to unsubscribe.

-Any email addressed to you directly from an unknown person is likely spam, especially if it promises some benefit to you.

-Phishing scams – these are all about tricking you into handing over your personal and banking details to the scammers. The emails may look legitimate, but if ask you to visit a website to “update” or “confirm” your account information be very skeptical. It is best to call the business directly by the phone to confirm they attempted to contact you.

Policing Stats:

For the month of February the breakdown is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwepmc - 112 calls for service

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 7 calls for service

Whispering Pines Clinton Indian Band – no calls for service.

Upcoming Events:

With the nicer weather upon us, there will be more traffic enforcement conducted in the three communities. This will include speeding violations, but also all Motor Vehicle Act infractions. Please be aware of the speed limit in your community and drive with care.