

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

Volume 3

What's New?

Cst. David Dixon has arrived and is now working at Tk'emlúps Detachment as part of the IPS unit. The IPS unit is now fully staffed.

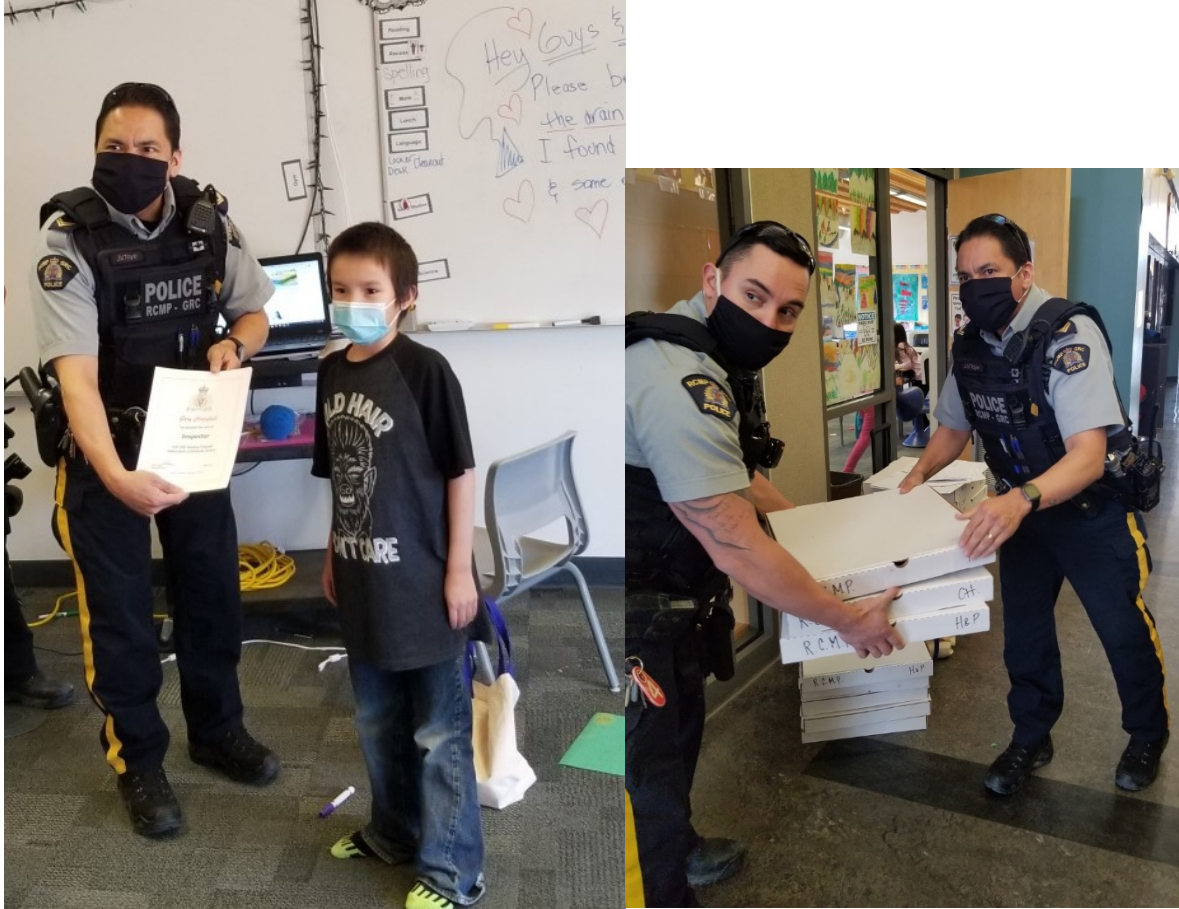
Items are being sought to begin a hiking program for the youth. More to come on this soon!

Dog Houses to be built with the youth, hopefully in early April with Cst. Bigcharles.

We have a new sign at the Rural Detachment recognizing all the communities that we serve, also utilizing the local language. It is prominently displayed on the detachment's west wall. Photo below.



Congratulations to Gary Crazybull for being the Top Cop Reader in the program ran at Skeetchestn School for the month of February. Way to go Gary! Gary received a certificate, as did all participants, recognizing his accomplishment and a bag full of books to continue reading! The participants were all rewarded with a pizza party! Cpl. Toye will run this program regularly so watch out and be prepared to log your reading minutes in the future!



Above is Gary Crazybull receiving his certificate as Top Cop Reader from Cpl. Toye. The second photo is of Cst. Bigcharles and Cpl. Toye delivering pizzas to Skeetchestn Community School (photographer is Cst. Janus).

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 where we can attend, of course taking the necessary Covid-19 safety protocols.

Tk'emlúps RCMP Mission Statement: The Tk'emlúps detachment members are dedicated to providing a culturally sensitive policing services in a

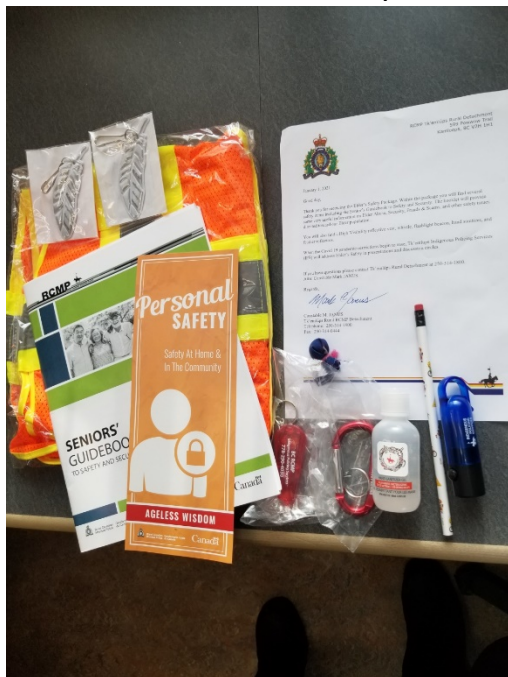
timely manner to all residents and businesses within the Tk'emlúps Detachment area.

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.

Cst. Bigcharles is still running “The Minnie Mountie” program going which provides safety information to school aged children. This past month Cst. Bigcharles concentrated on spring safety, which included “when not to be on the ice” safety tips.

Cst. Janus has put together Elder Safety packages which includes safety pamphlets, hi visibility vest, reflective feathers, flashlight, whistle and more. Cst. Janus wants to promote safety for the Elders of our three Indigenous communities. Below is a photo of the packages he has been handing out.



Policing Stats:

For the month of March the breakdown is as follows:

Tk'emlúps te Secwepmc - 124 calls for service including 2 excessive speed files.

Skeetchestn Indian Band – 13 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.

Dog house building is coming soon!

A hiking program is still being planned, more to come on this!

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.**

Drug Information:

The ongoing issue with fentanyl and other drugs is a real concern for community safety. Latest information is showing opioids being mixed with other substances, such as benzodiazepine. Below is a chart to assist with what to do in a suspected overdose.

MIXED OPIOID AND BENZODIAZEPINE OVERDOSE

Learn how to respond



Unconscious? Call 911 + follow **SAVE ME:**



Stimulate
Unresponsive?
Call 911



Airway
Check and
open



Ventilate
1 breath every
5 seconds



Evaluate
Breathing?



Medication
1 dose of
Naloxone



Evaluate
& support
Wait 3 min.
Another dose?

INTERVENTIONS

CHECK BREATHING



LOOK FOR:

- Gurgling noises
- Pale or blue skin
- Visible airway blockage

If any of the above are present:

Remove any visible airway blockage and **Give 1 breath every 5 seconds - BREATHS SAVE LIVES**

If breathing well, position on side and continue to monitor
Stay close by until help arrives

CHECK PULSE



- Check for a **pulse**
 - If pulse is **present** consider administering Naloxone (as per SAVEME steps above)
- **NO pulse?** Begin **chest compressions**



A note on... NALOXONE



- If person is unconscious administer **1 dose of Naloxone** as per kit instructions (if available)
- It is important to wait **3 minutes** between doses and look for a response. **CONTINUE** giving breaths every 5 seconds if unconscious.

Naloxone is only effective at treating an opioid overdose.
Naloxone will not reverse the effects of benzodiazepine overdose alone.
If Naloxone is not working, continue to **give breaths** until help arrives.
You can still save a life without Naloxone.

Spring Fire Safety:

Just a reminder to take precautions when burning off old grass and / or burn piles. There have been a couple of fires recently caused by out of control burns near residences. Please keep in mind the weather, especially wind as this can create havoc.

Also of note, there have been several wild fires already in the area. Please be careful when out enjoying your territory as there is still a lot of fuel for wild fires.