



# REGINA POLICE SERVICE



Welcome to the first newsletter I have the pleasure of sending out as the newly appointed Inspector of the Community Service Division South District. The Regina Police Service had a few changes over the summer and with those changes came a new alignment of managers. Most of you are aware, I previously held the position of Staff Sergeant in the South District and now as the manager I will try to keep up to the great standard of service Inspector Lauri Morin had provided over the past years. S/Sgt Corey Zaharuk [czaharuk@police.regina.sk.ca](mailto:czaharuk@police.regina.sk.ca) has joined our team and brings a wealth of knowledge from his strong investigative background in our Criminal Investigative Division.

We have had a busy summer and now as we move into the fall I would like to update you on some of our activities over the summer here at the Regina Police Service.

We put a concentrated effort in to reducing the number of theft from auto/mischief incidents in all parts of the city. These offences are definitely crimes of opportunity and citizens who have been victimized in large part have left valuables in plain view and have failed to lock their vehicles. We have adopted an aggressive, strategic initiative, encompassing all Divisions of the Police Service to address this trend, and we are confident our efforts will prove to be productive. We have utilized social media and a theft from auto awareness campaign to get this message out to all citizens. We've also developed an informational pamphlet that promotes awareness. We ask citizens to be aware of suspicious people in your community report this activity by calling 777-6500 or if a Crime is in progress 911. Being proactive and removing valuables from plain view may deter culprits and lessen the chances of becoming a victim.

## Protect Your Vehicle from Auto Crime!

Regina Police Service is committed to reducing thefts from automobiles. The following observations have been made:

Keys Visible	Yes	No
Change Visible	Yes	No
Garage Door Opener Visible	Yes	No
Possessions Visible	Yes	No
list: _____		
Windows Open	Yes	No
Doors Locked	Yes	No

Most thefts from vehicles are crimes of opportunity - vehicles being left unlocked and thieves checking doors until they find one left unlocked. Removing valuables from your vehicle is an easy step to help prevent theft from your vehicle.

If you see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.  
To report a crime, call Regina Police Service at 777-6500.

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**Remove it or risk losing it.**

Protect your valuables - One tidy car at a time.



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## Smart Tips to Protect Your Belongings and Vehicle

1. Park in well lit areas at night time
2. Do not leave the ignition key in your vehicle
3. Remove all valuables from your vehicle
4. Remove spare change from your vehicle
5. Remove spare keys from your vehicle

## Common Items Stolen from Vehicles

1. Cell phones
2. Laptops
3. Purses
4. Shopping packages
5. Spare change
6. Personal documents
7. Stereos

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Our commitment to Traffic Safety has again been a focus. Regina was the location for a Multi Agency Seatbelt Team project August 23-24<sup>th</sup> 2011, which brought officers from all across the province to Regina to focus on seatbelt use. These blitzes occur throughout the province and this was one of the first times the City of Regina was the chosen location. The Traffic focus of the month varied throughout the summer with construction zones, cell phones and school zones in the months of July, August, and September respectively.

Some points to remember as a driver:

- Slow to 60 Km/h or posted speed when traveling through a construction zone
- The use of an electronic communication device (cell phone) while driving is an offence under the Traffic Safety Act 241.1(2), with a voluntary fine option \$280.00.
- Slow to 40 Km/h when driving through any School Zone

Throughout the summer, Crime Stopper releases focused on theft from auto's, convenience store robberies and mischiefs. Tips received from the public in many cases helped to identify suspects, aided in apprehension, and solved crimes.

The Regina Police Service would like to thank citizens for actively participating in the Crime Stoppers Program. Remember "preventing crime in our community is everyone's responsibility".

- ❖ Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS
  - ❖ text TIP158+tip to CRIMES
  - ❖ dial \*8477 on your cell
- visit [www.reginacrimestoppers.ca](http://www.reginacrimestoppers.ca)

Our officers provided a visible presence at a number of large events throughout the summer starting with the Canada Day celebrations on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Summer Invasion Wake Board Competition July 8-10<sup>th</sup>; and the National Wakeboard Championships at Wascana Lake August 12-14<sup>th</sup>. With large gatherings it has always been important to ensure everyone's safety. Our Beat and Bike patrols were on scene to ensure just that.

On September 12, 2011 we also saw a "Decentralized Dance Party" descend on Wascana Park. This event is organized by a group that travels across the country promoting music and dance. The event attracted upwards of 500 youth previously and this year's event was larger. We had plenty of information from the organizers and utilized our Crowd Control Unit to monitor the movement of the participants. Police presence, coupled with dialogue and sound operational planning resulted in a safe and fun time for all those in attendance

In our continued commitment to ensuring our parks and green spaces are safe, we again had our School Resource Officers out on bikes patrolling the parks and providing a visible presence ensuring that everyone can enjoy their time spent outdoors.

As September rolled around we had some transfers within the Service and welcomed three different officers into our School Resource program in the South District:

Cst Chris Wanke [cwanke@police.regina.sk.ca](mailto:cwanke@police.regina.sk.ca) Leboldus Highschool, St. Pius X, Deshayes, Holy Rosary, St. Matthew, Ecole Monseigneur, St Gabriel, St. Dominic;

Cpl. Kyle McFetridge, [kmcfetridge@police.regina.sk.ca](mailto:kmcfetridge@police.regina.sk.ca), Balfour Collegiate, Sheldon Williams Collegiate, Thomson, Lakeview, Ethel Miliken, Argyle, Davin; and

Cst Tim Logan, [tlogan@police.regian.sk.ca](mailto:tlogan@police.regian.sk.ca), Campbell Collegiate, Marion McVeety Massey, A.E. Perry, Grant Road, Jack Mckenzie, W.S. Hawrylak, Wlifred Hunt;

*We are continuing to have a well established partnership with both the Public and Separate School Boards. Our school resource program remains a very valuable part of the Regina Police Service.*

*The start of the University of Regina fall semester has in previous years caused some parking concerns around the residential areas in close vicinity to the university campus. We have taken a proactive approach in assigning patrol officers in addition to parking enforcement officers (commissionaires) everyday for the month of September to monitor and enforce parking in these neighborhoods. On a go forward basis the Corps of Commissionaires will continue to monitor their concerns and we encourage the public to call in parking complaints to 777-6374. This concern has not gone unnoticed at the university itself and we had our University of Regina Liaison Officer Cpl. Kyla Young attend a symposium on parking held at the university in attempt to identify the issues and come up with some long term solutions.*

*Speaking of the University of Regina, as mentioned above we have a University Liaison Officer on campus and we are in our second year with an officer on site. Cpl Kyla Young, [kyoung@police.regina.sk.ca](mailto:kyoung@police.regina.sk.ca) is currently in the position and works closely with Campus Security providing mentorship, advice on issues which may result in criminal proceedings and relationship building with large immigrant student population. We will be compiling an executive report prior to year end to examine how the program is doing and get a clearer picture of what impact the program is having within the university community.*

*The Wascana Centre Authority Park Police were implemented back over the summer on a temporary basis providing patrols throughout the park. We will be meeting with the Wascana Centre Authority management to review the summer and the status of the program within the next couple of weeks.*

*The City of Regina is continuing to grow with the new subdivisions of Harbour Landing, the Creeks and rapid growth of the south east part of the city. With growth comes an increasing demand on our resources and I want to assure you that we are prepared to take on this challenge and continue to provide good public service to all citizens of Regina.*

*I hope you have had a great summer and we look forward to working with all of you in the months to come. The Regina Police Service is committed to working with you in building a "safe, inclusive and harmonious community".*

*All the best,*

*Darcy*

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*"a safe, inclusive and harmonious community"*

*Police Service commends those motorists who practice safe driving habits and encourages all users of our roadways to respect the rules of the road.*