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Our File – Notre référence  
February 2025

Peace River Regional District.  
Mr DAHLEN.

Policing Report for February 2025.

The following information is provided as an update on crime statistics, police activity, and new developments within the detachment operations and administration up to and including the periods noted for calendar year to date.

### **DETACHMENT RESOURCE REPORTING**

The Detachment is (for the month of February 2025) operating with 0 x SOFT (temporary) vacancy and 3 hard vacancies which include:

- 0 (none) members off duty sick or injured.
- 2 GIS Constable positions are vacant.
- Additionally, 3 members are scheduled to transfer out of Dawson Creek between March 2025 and May 2025.
- 2 new members from Saskatchewan Training Division, are arriving the first week of March 2025.

### **CRIME TREND REPORTING**

Over the period from February 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of February 2025, there were a total of 1211 calls for service. This is DOWN from 1318 calls for service when compared to the same time period in 2024, or a decrease of approximately 8%. Of those 1211 files, 997 of the calls for service were within the City of Dawson Creek and 214 calls for service were within the rural surrounding area, including the Village of Pouce Coupe, compared to 1063 and 255 for the same period last year.

The following trends have been outlined for the (Year to Date) period of February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025 pertaining to calls for service combined with pro-active investigations:

- Theft of vehicle
  - Year to date 2024 = 24
  - Year to date 2025 = 14
  - **Decrease of 41%**
- Theft from vehicle
  - Year to date 2024 = 4
  - Year to date 2025 = 10
  - **Increase of 150%**
- Break and Enter to Residence
  - Year to date 2024 = 11
  - Year to date 2025 = 7
  - **Decrease of 36%**
- Break and Enter to Business
  - Year to date 2024 = 15
  - Year to date 2025 = 1 (0 in Feb)
  - **Decrease of 93%**
- Assault/Assault with Weapon/Aggravated Assault
  - Year to date 2024 = 25
  - Year to date 2025 = 19
  - **Decrease of 24%**
- Sexual Assault/Sexual Interference
  - Year to date 2024 = 9
  - Year to date 2025 = 10
  - **Increase of 11%**
- Drug Possession/Drug Trafficking
  - Year to date 2024 = 1
  - Year to date 2025 = 7
  - **Increase of 600%**
- Impaired Driving (alcohol and drug), 24hr Suspensions, Immediate Roadside Prohibition
  - Year to date 2024 = 14
  - Year to date 2025 = 28
  - **Increase of 100%**
- Motor Vehicle Collision
  - Year to date 2024 = 64
  - Year to date 2025 = 73
  - **Increase of 14%**
- Theft (including shoplifting)
  - Year to date 2024 = 47
  - Year to date 2025 = 56
  - **Increase of 19%**
- Mental Health
  - Year to date 2024 = 93
  - Year to date 2025 = 127
  - **Increase of 36%**
- Unspecified Assistance files
  - Year to date 2024 = 191
  - Year to date 2025 = 127
  - **Decrease of 33%**

Property crime and Mental health related issues remain the majority of calls for service. Unspecified Assistance files continue to take most of the day to day resources. These are the calls for service that are not related to any “offence” such as suspicious occurrence or suspicious activity reports.

## NEW TRACKING MEASURES started in December 2024

Tracking measures have been introduced, at the request of City Council to track the number of police events involving unhoused individuals. Dawson Creek administrative measures have been put in place to track this statistic for December and will be added in to the monthly reporting chart. There will be no year to date measures for dates prior to December 2024.

- Files recorded in January 2025 = 22
- Files recorded in February 2025 = 7

An accurate means of tracking overdose deaths is being explored. Challenges exist in accurate reporting due, in part, to delays in reporting and confirmation through the BC Coroner Service. The RCMP do not determine cause of death in these events.

## Dawson Creek Citizens on Patrol

Citizens on patrol have been busy putting in hours and covering many kilometers while reporting suspicious activity to the RCMP. The program is vital in assisting the RCMP with extra eyes and ears in the community. S/Sgt HUGHES continues to attend Rural Crime Watch and C.O.P.S. meetings. Cpl UITENBOSCH has also taken a leadership role in this regard and is attending meetings when S/Sgt HUGHES is not able to attend. Recruiting measures are continuing in attempt to draw new members to the group to increase patrols and available personnel for special events. The community benefits from these efforts and is clearly reflected in the reduction of property crime events in Dawson Creek.

## Violence Suppression Efforts

Dawson Creek continues to receive support from North District Major Crimes, Regional General Investigation Section, and neighbouring detachments as the need arises.

Dawson Creek local members have been engaged in an extra patrol initiative to target our repeat offenders, conduct curfew compliance checks and enforcement at known-to-police residences in our City.

Surge capacity from support units from across the Province continue to be available to respond to emergent community need.

Sincerely,  
S/Sgt Rob HUGHES  
NCO i/c  
Detachment Commander Dawson Creek RCMP