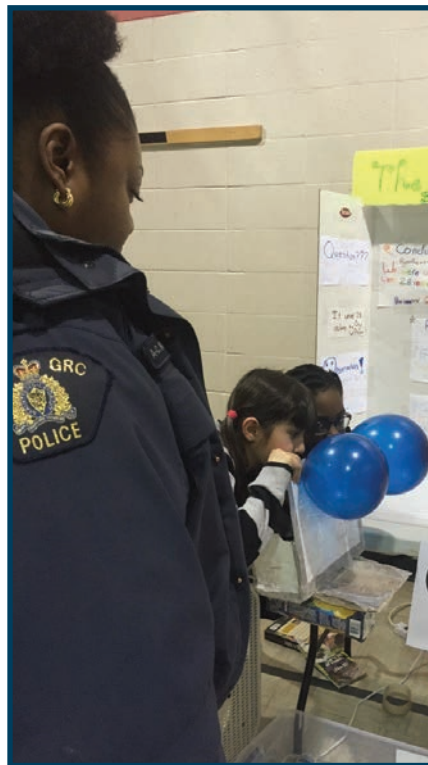


## RCMP JUDGE SCIENCE FAIR

The Fort McMurray Christian School held its annual Science Fair on February 9<sup>th</sup> and Cst. Erika McGrattan and Cst. Annie-Claude Napoleon were happy to be invited to attend as guest judges.

Students from elementary and junior high proudly displayed their projects and were eager to have community judges visit them, so they could explain their work and answer the questions posed by the judges. Students went all out with their creativity and there was a wide variety of experiments for the members to ask questions about.

The members were happy to see the kids' enthusiasm about their hard work and thoroughly enjoyed the ability to interact with the youth while allowing the young people time to interact personally with a RCMP officer.



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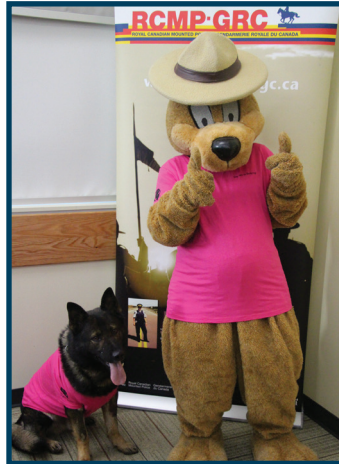


# PINK SHIRT DAY



Bullying is a major problem in our schools, work places, communities and over the internet. On February 24<sup>th</sup> people across Canada were encouraged to wear a pink shirt to help raise awareness and to try to minimize the amount of bullying that is plaguing our society.

Unfortunately, National Pink Shirt day was held on a day when most local schools are out for teacher's conference, but Community Policing members took advantage of the schools that were in session by promoting the pink shirt campaign.



Members attended the rural schools in Anzac, Janvier and Fort McKay and provided pink shirts to students who could successfully answer safety-

related questions posed to them by members. Cst. Annie-Claude Napoleon attended École Boréal and spoke with youth about the importance of refraining from bullying and reporting bullies to school administrators so no one has to feel afraid.

Wood Buffalo RCMP members and detachment

staff also participated in the day by wearing pink t-shirts, 'It's important to take a stand against bullying and days like today allow us to help bring awareness to this important issue which directly affects young people in our community', says Superintendent Rob McCloy.



# MASCOT FUN

Have you ever dreamed about suiting up as the famous RCMP mascot? Well, here's your chance! The Wood Buffalo RCMP Community Policing Unit is recruiting volunteers to dress as Monty the Safety Bear at different events throughout the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Due to the growing number of events, functions and public appearances Monty is scheduled to



attend, we need to grow our Monty the Bear volunteer list. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity please let us know.

**When:** Various dates when requested. Volunteers are only expected to assist on the days for which they are available, this opportunity is available all year round.

**Where:** Various locations throughout the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo



Qualifications:

- Friendly with an easy-going, approachable disposition
- Able to excite, motivate and entertain small and large groups
- Reliable, punctual and professional
- Be of good moral character
- Able to engage and respond to people of all ages and backgrounds
- Able to perform indoors and outdoors
- Passionate about making the RMWB a safer place to live, work, play and grow
- Complete a RCMP Vulnerable Sector Check

How to Apply: Email or call the Wood Buffalo Community Policing Coordinator at [melanie.head@rmwb.ca](mailto:melanie.head@rmwb.ca) or 780-788-4245.





# SENIOR SAFETY IN ANZAC



On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cst. Napoleon and Cst. Brock along with Mark Kay, Crime Prevention Liaison for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, attended the Anzac Community Hall for a seniors' lunch and presented to the group on safety in the community, at home, and online.

The guest speakers sat and enjoyed lunch with the group then shared some safety tips and examples of frauds seniors tend to face; particular attention was given to the on-going Canada Revenue Agency fraud, given that it's currently tax season.

They also shared strategies to help prevent seniors from being

victimized. The group was engaged and had plenty of questions and concerns which were all addressed by the presenters.

Below are a few general safety tips to remember, for people of all ages.

For your residence:

- Keep doorways and windows visible
- Keep shrubs and trees trimmed
- Install good locks and use them
- Close blinds at night therefore everyone can't see your valuables inside your house
- If a stranger knocks on your door, do not allow them into your house

Over the phone:

- Do not provide personal information or bank account information
- If you are contacted by a solicitor, do not be afraid to say "No" and hang up

In your vehicle:

- When in your vehicle place valuables on the floor next to you or on the floor behind you
- Keep doors locked at all times while you are in the vehicle
- Do not keep valuables in your vehicle when you are not in



# RCMP YOUTH CAMP

The RCMP will be hosting its annual Youth Camp from August 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, 2016!

Thirty-two students from across the prairies and territories will be selected to attend the RCMP Training Academy (Depot) in Regina, Saskatchewan to learn what it takes to become a RCMP officer. The students will train like cadets and will gain first-hand experience of what a career in law enforcement requires. The camp is open to interested Grade 11 and 12 students who will be selected based on their academic achievement, citizenship and interest in police work.

In addition to this camp, the RCMP Training Academy will be also offering a similar program for interested Aboriginal youth; this session will run from August 15-19, 2016.

Both camps are a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with police officers from many different units within the RCMP, and will allow them to leave with a better understanding of what life is like for members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

These events are extremely popular amongst students and feedback from those who have attended in the past has been very positive. That being said, it's still a very competitive process and not all students will be selected to attend.



The Application deadline for both camps is March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Applications can be obtained from all Fort McMurray High Schools or the Wood Buffalo Community Policing Unit. For further information, please contact the K Division Recruiting Section at 780-412-5488 or by email at [RCMP.KRecruiting-KRecrutement.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:RCMP.KRecruiting-KRecrutement.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca).





# WINTER FUN

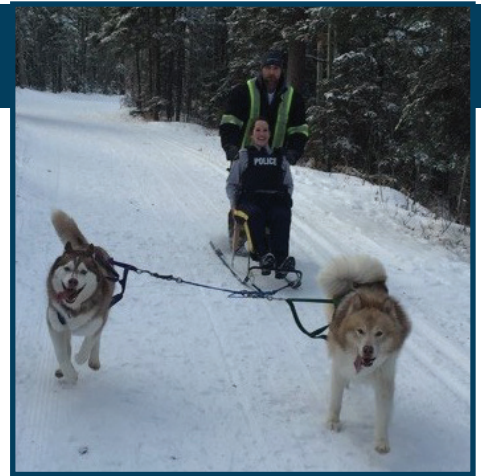
The warmer temperatures this year has had residents of Wood Buffalo pleasantly surprised and eager to venture outside.

With temperatures hovering around zero, Monty, the Safety Bear, got a little confused and thought it was Spring. He was quite shocked to see that there was still snow on the ground and a little upset that he had woken up from his nap so early. Monty was a good sport about the whole thing though and decided to enjoy the weather and participate in a few winter activities with his friends in the Community Policing Unit.

Monty along with Community Policing members, and Auxiliary Constable Priala strapped on snowshoes and took a walk through Birchwood trails to interact with members of the community. Monty and his friends spent another day interacting with fellow winter enthusiasts while out cross country skiing and snowboarding. Cst. McGrattan also got a chance to take a ride on a dog-sled through the Birchwood trails.

After spending time in the great outdoors, the gang received a warm welcome from the staff at Starbucks where they warmed up with some hot chocolate and interacted with customers before heading back to the office.

The Community Policing Unit is hoping Monty will fight the urge to go back to sleep a few more times this winter... so keep your eyes open for him!





# RCMP READY TO ATTEND YOUR EVENT

**Would you like to have the RCMP provide a presentation to a class, group, or organization?**

Do you want an RCMP member to attend your event in their traditional Red Serge?

Would you like our mascot Monty the Safety Bear to brighten your event?



All requests for RCMP members or Monty the Safety Bear can be directed to the Community Policing Coordinator at 780-788-4245; please contact us at least two or three weeks in advance with your request.



## FAREWELL CST. MCGRATTAN

**The time has come to say goodbye to another member of the Wood Buffalo Community Police Unit. Cst. Erika McGrattan, the longest serving Community Policing member, transferred from Grand Prairie to the unit in 2011.**

Cst. McGrattan was actively involved in many community based events, activities and programs and frequently presented on a variety of Safety and Crime Prevention topics. Cst. McGrattan was an asset to the unit and rarely spent time in the office; she loved to be out in the community engaging all types

of people, whether youth, seniors, homeless, it didn't matter, Cst. McGrattan had a passion for people and bridging the gap between them and the RCMP was what she loved to do.

Cst. McGrattan will be continuing her career with the RCMP in the Calgary area as part of Southern Alberta District's Recruiting Unit. Cst. McGrattan's departure is bittersweet for her co-workers in the Community Policing Unit and the Wood Buffalo Detachment; it is sad to see her leave, but everyone wishes her the best of luck in her new endeavours.



## RCMP DROPS THE PUCK



**Cpl. Liz MacDonald and Cst. Andrew Brock attended the Fort McMurray Oil Barons game against the Lloydminster Bobcats on February 13th in Red Serge as part of Project Keep Straight.**

Wood Buffalo RCMP partnered with the Oil Barons and took 4 players (Tyler Dea, Shawn Weber, Shane Fraser, and Hayden Ursulak) to the downtown eastside of Vancouver

to witness first-hand the effects of drug use. The players have begun presenting to the Grade 5 and 6 classes in schools across the region and have shared their stories with the kids. The Oil Barons have been enthusiastic, informative, and have explained to all the students why it's important to have a plan in the event they are peer pressured to do drugs.





## NAME THE PUPPY

In 2015, over 21,000 entries were submitted with a local Fort McMurray student from Ecole St. Paul winning the opportunity to name one of the 13 puppies. Her entry of 'Hammer' was chosen and Hammer is currently calling Fort McMurray home as he trains to become an operational police dog.

**The RCMP needs help in naming a handful of their newest (and cutest) recruits!**

13 German Shepherd puppies, soon to be born at the Police Dog Service Training Centre (PDSTC) in Innisfail, Alberta, are in need of names. Children across the country are encouraged to be original and imaginative in finding names that will serve these puppies well in their career with the RCMP. When thinking of names, it is important to keep in mind that these are working police dogs, not pets.

Contest rules are simple:

- Contestants can suggest only one name (one entry per person).
- The name may be for a male or a female pup.
- The name must start with the letter "J".
- The name must have no more than nine (9) letters.
- The name must be one or two syllables.
- Contestants must live in Canada and be 14 years old or younger.

- Although there can be only 13 winners, names not selected for the contest will be considered for other puppies born during the year

To enter, contestants must print their name, age, address, telephone number and the suggested name for a puppy on a postcard and mail it to:

**Attn: "Name the Puppy Contest" Police Dog Service Training Centre Box 6120, Innisfail, Alberta, T4G 1S8**

Or submit their entry online at [www.rcmp-grc.ca/depot/pdstc-cdcp/name-the-puppy-nomme-le-chiot-eng.htm](http://www.rcmp-grc.ca/depot/pdstc-cdcp/name-the-puppy-nomme-le-chiot-eng.htm).

The RCMP will accept more than one entry per household provided that each participant submits one name per postcard.

The deadline for entries is March 22, 2016. Contest winners and prizes will be announced on April 26, 2016.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**2016 marks the 20th anniversary of Black History Month being celebrated by the Government of Canada. Black History Month recognizes the achievements and contributions of black Canadians and allows fellow Canadians the opportunity to gain insight into the experiences of black Canadians and the roles they play in today's society.**

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Black History Month was celebrated at the Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre with a gala featuring traditional dancing and a fashion show. Jean Augustine, the first black woman elected to the House of Commons, was the special guest at the event; from 1993 to 2005, Ms. Augustine represented the Toronto riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore as a Liberal MP.

Supt. Rob McCloy, Insp. Mark Hancock and Cst. Annie-Claude Napoleon were honored to have been invited to attend the event. Cst. Napoleon, the only female black member of the Wood Buffalo Detachment, felt a sense of pride while at the event, 'I feel at home attending events such as this, and wearing the RCMP uniform while here is the icing on the cake, it shows great partnerships and I am so proud.'



## SAFETY AT THE SALVATION ARMY

On February 22nd Cst. Annie-Claude Napoleon and Cst. Andrew Brock along with Auxiliary Cst. Priala attended the Salvation Army in Thickwood to educate their day

program participants on both public safety and drug safety.

Cst. Napoleon first spoke with attendees on bus safety, pedestrian safety, and general safety tips when out and about

in Fort McMurray. Cst. Brock then explained the types of drugs that can be offered on the street and general safety tips on how to avoid drug use. The members answered the numerous questions posed by the group, finishing off the visit with A/



Cst. Priala wowing the attendees with his amazing piano skills. Throughout the visit the group remained engaged and some important information was passed on.







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