

Shaunavon Calls for Service June 2020
July 7, 2020

RCMP Shaunavon received 74 calls of service and assistance for the months of June 2020. Shaunavon RCMP Detachment polices the following areas: Villages of Climax and Frontier, Town of Eastend and Shaunavon, the Rural Municipalities of Arlington, Bone Creek, Frontier, Grassy Creek, Lone Tree, White Valley and a small portion of Val Marie.

Assaults / Assault Causing / Sexual Assault – 3
Break and Enter – 1
Criminal Harassment / Harassing Communication - 2
Coroner's Act Sudden Death – 1
Disturbing the Peace – 2
Fail to comply / Fail to attend – 1
Fraud / Identity Fraud – 3
Impaired Driving Alcohol / Drugs - 3
Mischief – Obstruct - 1
Theft – 2
Utter Threats - 2

911 Act Offences / Other – 4
Assist General Public / Other Agencies – 3
Bylaw Municipal - 2
Customs Act - 1
False Alarms – 11
Family Relations Act / Mental Health / Child Relations Act – 2
Fire Prevention / Crime Prevention / Firearms Act / Other Provincial Statutes – 1
Liquor Act - 1
Person Reported Missing / Well Being Check – 2
Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Property / Abandon Vehicle - 2
Traffic Offences / Due Care and Attention / Dangerous Driving - 23
Traffic Accidents / Fail to Remain – 1

Shaunavon RCMP remind residents to be aware of frauds and scams
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Every year thousands of Canadians and businesses fall victim to frauds and scams. Fraudsters are relentless, they will say or try anything to wear down, excite or rush the recipients to give out personal information or send money. Fraudster callers may use scare tactics such as threatening warrants for your arrest or may appear to have good news that you are a recipient of a financial windfall.

Unfortunately, many frauds and scams continue to target Canadians daily by phone, text messages, emails, chat-groups and even face-to-face meetings. Many fraudsters use computer phone dialers that randomly dial phone numbers and your call display will show either a local number or false calling number. Typically, you will receive a threatening automated message looking for you to press a button to speak with somebody in person. Fraud e-mails are not addressed specifically to you but your email address and historically contain poor grammar or misspelled words.

Fraudsters target seniors especially as they are more trusting and may not be aware of the different scams and technology available to fraudsters. Take your time and do not be pushed into providing details. Ask the caller for their details first such as name, address, agency or department and a call back number. You can also ask them what your name, address and phone number is. When challenged for details most fraudsters will hang up.

The objective of the fraudsters is to have you send them money or obtain your personal financial details. With this information, fraudsters can apply for credit in your name and take your money without your knowledge or consent. When requesting money, there is always one more tax or fee as scammers attempt to get the most money out of you as possible.

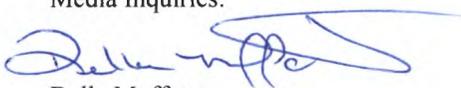
Here are a few tips you can take to protect yourself from frauds and scams:

- ✓ Never give out personal information, such as banking information or your social insurance number.
- ✓ Take your time and don't be afraid to say "NO". End the conversation by hanging up if you are being pressured or the caller becomes abusive.
- ✓ Do your research. Always verify and research the business or organizations. For door-to-door, sales ask for a business license and/or town or city license to do business within that community.
- ✓ Beware of upfront fees. You shouldn't have to pay a fee to receive an unsolicited prize.
- ✓ Beware unsolicited large money amount cheques in the mail that appear to be from reputable companies. These are fraudulent cheques attempting you to deposit them and then send a small handling fee or tax.
- ✓ Legitimate vendors or government agencies do not ask you to purchase gift cards to be used for payments.
- ✓ Protect your computer. Don't respond to urgent messages that pop up when you are online.
- ✓ Know who you are dealing with. Write information down, telephone numbers, names, who they represent, call back numbers etc.
- ✓ Only local police forces can issue warrants in your province or area. When in doubt, contact your local detachment.
- ✓ Do not enter into an offer, deal or agreement right away.
- ✓ Tell a friend or family member about the matter and ask for their advice.
- ✓ All personal and confidential documents should be shredded (cross-shredding is the best as the documents shredding into micro shreds). Throwing these documents into the garbage or recycling bin you are taking a risk of someone getting their hands on your personal information.

Shaunavon RCMP would like to remind everyone if you or someone you know has become a victim to a scam or fraudulent scheme please report this to the RCMP. If you received a call but have not been victimized you can report this to www.antifraudcentre.ca. For more information on how to protect you and your family from frauds and scams visit www.competitionbureau.gc.ca.

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