



# **Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services**

## **Monthly Report**



**April 1-30, 2025**



### **Statement:**

Smoky Lake County currently employs one Peace Officer on the Enforcement Services Team. The Smoky Lake County Peace Officer is appointed under the *Peace Officer Act* in the Province of Alberta and is also appointed as a Municipal Bylaw Officer under the *Municipal Government Act*.

This report is a general monthly summary of the activities undertaken by the Enforcement Services Department. Specific activities may not be listed for confidentiality and privacy reasons.

### **Bylaw Enforcement Statistics**

From April 1<sup>st</sup> to 30th, there was a noticeable increase in Bylaw files created within Smoky Lake County. Some files were carried over from previous months, with several new files remaining open into May while the files are addressed.

<b>Bylaw</b>	<b>Created</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>RV Bylaw #1432-23</b>	8	1	7
<b>Dog Control Bylaw#1344-19</b>	3	3	0
<b>Nuisance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw #1169-08</b>	3	1	4
<b>Total</b>	14	5	11

### **Provincial Act Enforcement Statistics**

In April, a total of 3 investigations involving provincial legislation not relating to the Traffic Safety Act took place. All investigations were concluded and files closed in the month of April.

<b>Other Provincial Acts</b>	<b>Created</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act</b>	2	2	0
<b>Animal Protection Act</b>	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	3	3	0



### **Traffic Safety Act Enforcement Statistics**

In the Month of April, there was a noticeable decrease in the overall number of speeding offences observed by Enforcement Services, however speed does remain an issue within the County. The fastest speed detected by Enforcement Services in the month of April was 131 km/hr. in a clearly posted 70 km/hr. zone, or 61 km/hr over the speed limit. The driver also performed an unsafe passing maneuver across double-solid lines, around a curve, while driving at this speed. The driver was issued a Summons for speed and multiple other offence notices related to their driving. The average speed of individuals travelling over the posted speed limit was between 25-34 km/hr. over the posted speed limit, with a total of 20 offence notices and one warning in this speed bracket.

<b>Speed Range</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Offence Notices</b>	<b>Court Summons</b>	<b>Vehicles Towed</b>
<b>Speed 1-14 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Speed 15-24 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	10	2	0	0
<b>Speed 25-34 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	1	20	0	0
<b>Speed 35-44 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	1	4	0	0
<b>Speed 45-50 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	0	2	0	0
<b>Speed in Excess of 51 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	0	0	1	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Additional Traffic Safety Act offences that were encountered in April are listed below.

<b>Other TSA Offence</b>	<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Offence Notices</b>	<b>Court Summons</b>	<b>Vehicles Towed</b>
<b>Expired/No Registration</b>	1	1	0	0
<b>Expired/No Insurance</b>	1	0	0	0
<b>Driving without License</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Drive W/O License in Possession</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Fail to Produce Registration</b>	1	0	0	0
<b>Fail to Produce Insurance</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>Fail to Stop at Stop Sign</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Improperly Cross Double Solid Lines</b>	1	1	0	0
<b>Drive motor vehicle when unsafe or obscured view</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Traffic enforcement in Smoky Lake County occurs on a complaint-based or officer-observed basis. If you have a concern regarding traffic safety in your area, please reach out!



## **Joint Force Operation Statistics**

Smoky Lake County Enforcement prides itself on establishing and maintaining positive working relationships with local and neighboring agencies, including Redwater RCMP Traffic Services, Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment, and other Peace Officer Agencies. Part of establishing and maintaining these working relationships is participating in Joint Force Operations, where multiple different agencies work together to meet a common objective, usually regarding traffic safety. In the month of April, the Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services team hosted 1 Joint Force Operation within the County conducting speed enforcement with Redwater RCMP Traffic Officers. A total of 10 vehicles operating between 23-39 km/hr over the posted speed limit were stopped because of this JFO.

## **Community Engagement**

Smoky Lake Enforcement is working to increase public visibility and awareness of the Enforcement Services Department, as well as establishing and building positive community relationships through engagement at community events. In the month of April, Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services participated in two events; the Smoky Lake Rural Crime Watch AGM, and the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ held by the Town of Smoky Lake and FCSS.

## **Other Files/Investigations**

Smoky Lake County Enforcement sometimes receives calls regarding matters outside the scope of Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services. These files are promptly referred to the agency responsible or appropriate authority to address the issue. Additionally, some files initially investigated by Smoky Lake County Enforcement may need to be referred to another agency that is better equipped to handle the investigation. In total, 1 file was sent to other agencies for investigation in the month of April.

Smoky Lake County Enforcement assisted Fire Services with 1 Motor Vehicle Collision call and two wildfire calls in the month of April. Multiple phone calls were received regarding bylaw inquiries.



## **Patrols**

Smoky Lake County regularly patrols the resort communities and campgrounds located within Smoky Lake County, to act as a visual deterrent to criminal activity as well as to educate and residents regarding the County Bylaws and relevant provincial legislation and take enforcement action as needed.

In April, a total of 19 patrols were conducted, for a total of 8.53 hours. 4 of these patrols resulted in files being created for further investigation. 7 patrols took place in Division 4, 9 patrols took place in Division 1, 3 patrols took place in Division 3. These patrols do not include drive-time on highways heading to and from calls or specific patrol locations.

## **REMINDER**

### **Fire Ban and Off Highway Vehicle Restriction**

Due to extreme fire hazard conditions, Smoky Lake County has upgraded the existing fire restriction to a fire ban effective 8:00 a.m. April 28, 2025. The ban will remain in effect until further notice. The Fire Ban means there are **ABSOLUTELY NO** outdoor fires permitted including, but not limited to; open fires, campfires, brush piles and burning barrels. The discharge of fireworks is also prohibited during this ban. No new fire permits will be issued during the period of the ban, and all previously issued permits remain cancelled.

### **Off Highway Vehicle Restriction**

No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on Municipal Property, Highway, Permitted Use Area, or trail in Smoky Lake County during a Fire Ban and Off-Highway Vehicle Restriction. Gas fueled barbeques (propane) with lids, liquid fueled camping stoves and propane fire pits will be allowed. A person who sets a fire during this ban may be prosecuted and will be responsible for the costs of extinguishing the fire pursuant to Smoky Lake County Fire Protection Service Bylaw 1285-15. For further information please contact the Smoky Lake County, (780) 656-3730.



## **Contact Information**

Any inquiries or complaints from the public to Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services can be done by phone at 780-656-3730, by email at [ckerr@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:ckerr@smokylakecounty.ab.ca), or visit us in person at 4612 McDougall Drive, Smoky Lake. In addition, the public is invited to visit the Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services web page on the Smoky Lake County website.

Website URL:

<https://www.smokylakecounty.ab.ca/enforcement>