



Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services

Monthly Report



July 1-31, 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.

Enforcement Services Team Update:

Peace Officer C. Kerr, who has been with the County since November 2024, has accepted a position with Yellowhead County. Peace Officer Kerr's last shift with Smoky Lake County was July 25th, 2025. We wish him well in his new position and thank him for his contributions to Smoky Lake County.

Smoky Lake County worked tirelessly to find a replacement for Peace Officer Kerr prior to his departure and is pleased to announce that a successful candidate was found. Peace Officer W. Young brings a wealth of experience from his previous positions in law enforcement and public service and will be an asset to the County. The Peace Officer Young has received two days of transition training from Peace Officer Kerr, where all ongoing files were passed on with a briefing, and local concerns and areas of note were discussed. If you see Peace Officer Young around the County, feel free to say hello, and make him feel welcome!

Bylaw Enforcement Statistics

The month of July saw more bylaw related files being closed than opened. Three Unsightly Premises files were resolved and closed, and one dog control bylaw file was closed. The RV Bylaw remains suspended at the time this report was prepared, and as such, the files will be continued into August.

Smoky Lake County continues to struggle with stray and wild dogs within the region, as most shelters are not currently accepting new intakes, or are at maximum capacity. The County makes every attempt to find placement for stray dogs, however if there is no available shelter space, Smoky Lake County will be unable to pick up any lost, found, or stray dogs.

Bylaw	Carried Over	Created	Closed	Ongoing
RV Bylaw #1432-23	5	0	0	5
Dog Control Bylaw#1344-19	0	2	1	1
Nuisance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw #1169-08	5	0	3	2
OHV Bylaw #1454-24	0	0	0	0
Respecting Road Right-Of-Way Bylaw #1241-12	0	0	0	0
Fire Services Bylaw	0	0	0	0
Total	10	2	4	8

Traffic Safety Enforcement Statistics

From July 1st to July 31st, several infractions were observed under the Traffic Safety Act throughout the County. The most significant speed detected was a driver travelling 155 km/hr on Highway 28 near Range Road 153, where the posted speed limit is 100 km/hr. Another significant speed of 105 km/hr in a 50 km/hr area, along Highway 855 near the Town of Smoky Lake. Highway 855 South of the Town of Smoky Lake continues to be a 50 km/hr zone until Township Road 592. County Enforcement has received numerous complaints regarding speed on this section of road.

Speed Range	Warnings	Offence Notices	Court Summons	Vehicles Towed
Speed 1-14 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	0	0	0
Speed 15-24 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	2	3	0	0
Speed 25-34 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	5	21	0	0
Speed 35-44 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	2	8	0	0
Speed 45-50 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	0	0	0
Speed in Excess of 51 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	0	2	0
Total:	9	32	2	0

Construction is ongoing along Highway 28, with several speeding infractions being observed. Most drivers have however slowed down and are obeying posted speed limits.

Construction Zone Speed Range	Warnings	Offence Notices	Court Summons	Vehicles Towed
Speed 1-14 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	0	0	0
Speed 15-24 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	3	0	0
Speed 25-34 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	2	0	0
Speed 35-44 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	2	0	0
Speed 45-50 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	0	0	0
Speed in Excess of 51 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	0	2	0
Total:	0	7	2	0



Several other infractions were observed in July under various portions of the Traffic Safety Act, including the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation, Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation, as well as the Vehicle Equipment Regulation.

Other TSA Offence	Warnings	Offence Notices	Court Summons	Vehicles Towed
Expired/No Registration	0	3	0	0
Expired/No Insurance	0	0	1	0
Use/View/Manipulate Electronic Device	0	1	0	0
Illegal Tint	11	2	0	0
Display Improper/Wrong License Plate	0	1	0	0
OHV No/Expired Insurance	0	1	0	0
Improperly Cross Double Solid Lines	2	0	0	0
OHV No/Expired Registration	0	2	0	0
Total:	13	10	1	0

As a result of several complaints, Smoky Lake County Enforcement conducted targeted OHV enforcement in the Mons Lake area. Several infractions were observed, with expired/no registration, no helmets, and expired and/or no insurance being the top three. As well, if your OHV is equipped with seatbelts, you are required by law to wear them while operating your OHV.

As a reminder, it is illegal to have any amount of tint/glazing on windows equal to or forward of the driver of a vehicle. The fine for illegal tint is \$81 per window.

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 July, Enforcement Services was unable to take part in any Joint Force Operations.



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 July, County Enforcement Services attended the Bellis Board of Trade Meeting, where an update on several Unsightly Premises files was given, as well as updates on other activities and concerns within the County.

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.

Other Provincial Acts	Carried Over	Created	Closed	Ongoing
Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act	1	0	0	1
Animal Protection Act	0	0	0	0
Trespass to Premises Act	1	0	0	1
Total	2	0	0	2

One ongoing investigation into illegal dumping on County land is ongoing under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and one Trespass to Premises Act file will be continued into August as well.

Other Files	Carried Over	Created	Closed	Ongoing
Criminal Code Files - Referred	0	0	0	0
Information Files	0	1	0	1
Suspicious Vehicle/Person Files	0	2	2	0
Assist Fire	0	1	1	0
Traffic Safety Concerns/Complaints	0	2	0	2
Total	0	6	3	3

Smoky Lake County Enforcement responded to one grass fire call along with Smoky Lake County Fire Department along Highway 28 near RR164 in July, to provide scene safety and traffic control services.



Community Presence

In the month of July, 19 separate patrols throughout various campgrounds and resort communities occurred, totaling 4 hours and 31 minutes of proactive patrol time. This does not include time spent driving to and from the various locations within the county.

6-Month Recap

This is a small breakdown of the statistics from January to June for Smoky Lake County Enforcement. From January to June, Enforcement Services:

- Attended 6 Community Engagement Events
- Saw 36 Bylaw Files created
- Saw 28 “Other” Files created
- Issued 224 Offence Notices/Warnings/Summons
- Conducted 67 Patrols totaling approximately 18 hours and 15 minutes

The total revenue generated from January 1st to June 30th, 2025, is \$51,747. Of this amount, 60% is sent back to Smoky Lake County from the Province, which amounts to approximately \$31,048.20. This revenue comes in as fines are paid and may not be received for up to 2 years from the time the offence notice was issued.

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 wyoung@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>