

Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services

Monthly Report



June 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

The month of June saw a decrease in the number of active bylaw files, with a total of 8 being resolved and closed. 5 new files were created in June, with 12 being carried over from May. Enforcement of the RV Bylaw remains suspended until Smoky Lake County Council can revisit the Bylaw during a future Committee of the Whole meeting. Smoky Lake County Enforcement attended one property during the fire ban to address a homeowner having an active burn. The property owner became aggressive during education attempts with County Enforcement; however, the property did eventually comply with extinguishing the blaze.

A handful of complaints regarding OHV use were received during the fire/OHV ban. Most complaints were logged as info only, and only files where an interaction occurred are listed. Riders were educated about the use of OHV's during a fire ban and provided information on where to find out fire ban status information. Operators of the OHV's were not from the County.

Bylaw	Carried Over	Created	Closed	Ongoing
RV Bylaw #1432-23	6	-	1	5
Dog Control Bylaw#1344-19	1	1	2	-
Nuisance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw #1169-08	5	-	1	4
OHV Bylaw #1454-24	-	2	2	-
Respecting Road Right-Of-Way Bylaw #1241-12	-	1	1	-
Fire Services Bylaw	-	1	1	-
Total	12	5	8	8



Traffic Safety Enforcement Statistics

From June 1st to June 30th, several infractions were observed under the Traffic Safety Act throughout the County. The most significant speed detected was a driver travelling 147 km/hr on Highway 28, where the posted speed limit is 100 km/hr.

Additionally, numerous drivers were stopped for speeding in construction zones along Highway 28. One driver was stopped travelling at 125 km/hr in a posted 80 km/hr construction zone, where no workers were present. Another driver was stopped for travelling at 98 km/hr in a 50 km/hr construction zone where workers were present. This driver was issued a \$940 fine. As a reminder, speed fines double in construction areas when workers are present.

Lastly, a driver was stopped at 100 km/hr when passing an emergency vehicle on the side of the road with its lights activated. This driver was issued a \$746 offence notice.

As a reminder: when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with its lights flashing, drivers in the adjacent lane **must reduce their speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed limit, if it's lower.** If possible and safe to do so, drivers should also move to the adjacent lane (away from the emergency vehicle) to provide a buffer zone for emergency personnel. This law applies to all emergency vehicles, including police cars, ambulances, fire trucks, and tow trucks, when they have their service lights activated. Speeding fines are doubled when passing an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing.

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	1	1	0	0
Speed 25-34 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	7	11	0	0
Speed 35-44 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	2	7	1	0
Speed 45-50 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	1	0	0
Speed in Excess of 51 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	0	0	0
Total:	10	20	1	0

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

Several other infractions were observed in June 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. One driver was stopped doing 134 km/hr in a 100 km/hr area, and upon further investigation, the driver was also found to be operating a vehicle with a class 7 license and no supervisor in the vehicle.

Other TSA Offence	Warnings	Offence Notices	Court Summons	Vehicles Towed
Expired/No Registration	4	1	0	0
Expired/No Insurance	3	0	1	0
Driving without Supervisor (Class 7)	0	1	0	0
Drive W/O License in Possession	1	0	0	0
Fail to Produce Registration	0	0	0	0
Fail to Produce Insurance	0	0	0	0
Drive vehicle w/o licence plate securely attached/legible/clearly visible	1	1	0	0
Improperly Cross Double Solid Lines	1	0	0	0
Fail to Slow passing				
Emergency/Construction/Tow w/ Lights flashing	0	1	0	0
Total:	10	4	1	0

As a reminder: Section 71 (1) of the Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation addresses several concerns regarding license plates. Anyone found driving a vehicle without a license plate securely attached, legible, or clearly visible, is subject to a \$162 offence notice. This includes all license plate covers. If you are stopped and are found to have one of these license plate covers, you may receive an offence notice. See below examples of illegal license plate covers.



Just because it's clear, doesn't mean you're in the clear!



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 June, 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 June, County Enforcement Services attended the Smoky Lake Farmer's and Rancher's Appreciation BBQ at the Smoky Lake Ag Complex.

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	-	-	1
Animal Protection Act	1	-	1	-
Trespass to Premises Act	-	2	1	1
Total	2	2	2	2

One ongoing investigation into illegal dumping on County land is ongoing under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and one investigation under the Animal Protection Act was closed. Two Trespass to Premises Act files were created, with one being carried into July. One individual was served with a 6-month ban from Smoky Lake County



Property under the Trespass to Premises Act due to repeated harassment of County staff and scavenging from County transfer stations despite repeated warnings to stop.

Other Files	Carried Over	Created	Closed	Ongoing
Criminal Code Files - Referred	-	-	-	0
Information Files	1	1	2	-
Suspicious Vehicle/Person Files	-	1	1	-
Assist Other Agency	-	2	2	0
Warrants Executed	-	1	1	-
Total	1	5	6	0

During a traffic stop, Smoky Lake County Enforcement encountered an individual who had a Alberta-Wide warrant out for their arrest. Smoky Lake County Enforcement, with the assistance of RCMP, was able to execute this warrant. Custody of the individual was transferred over to the Smoky Lake RCMP.

Community Presence

In the month of June, 24 separate patrols throughout various campgrounds and resort communities occurred, totaling 4 hours and 3 minutes of proactive patrol time. This does not include time spent driving to and from the various locations within the county.

REMINDER: If you see flashing lights - whether police car or ambulance, fire truck, tow truck or maintenance vehicle - move over if it's safe to do so. If you can't move over, slow down to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower. When drivers don't move over or slow down, it makes a risky job even more dangerous.

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, 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>