

# **Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services**

## **Monthly Report**



**March 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.

**Bylaw Enforcement Statistics**

From March 1-31, a total of 6 new Bylaw files were started with two existing bylaw files being continued. All 6 of the new bylaw files were investigated and closed within the month of March. The two existing files are longer-term projects under the Unsightly Premises Bylaw, which will remain as open files until they are resolved.

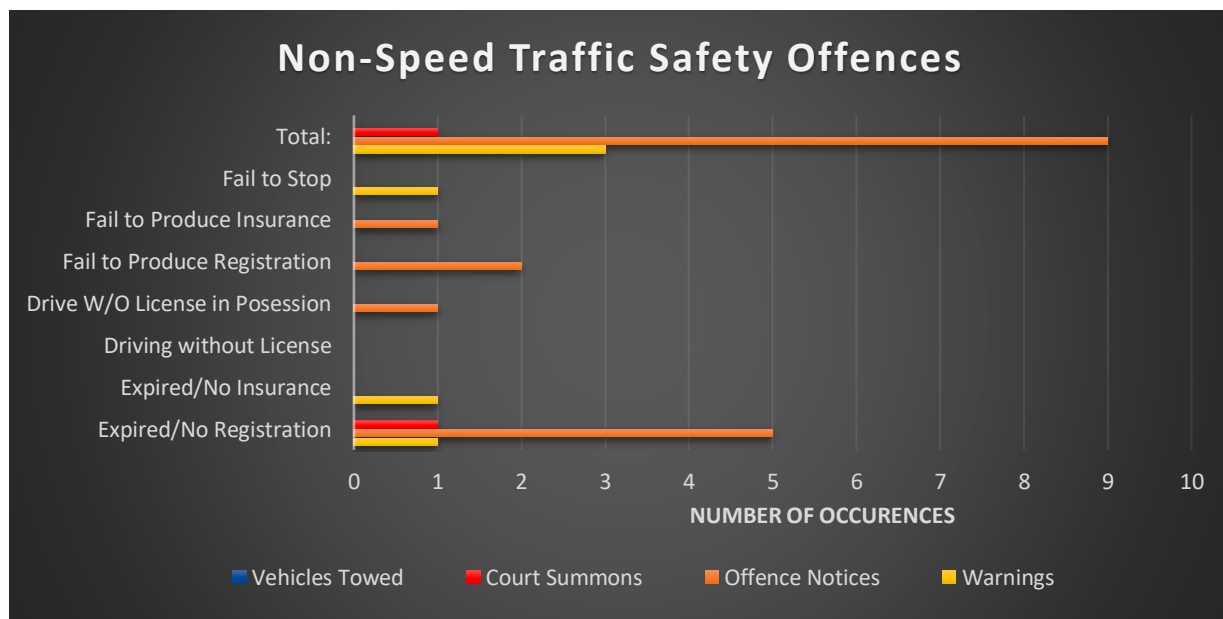
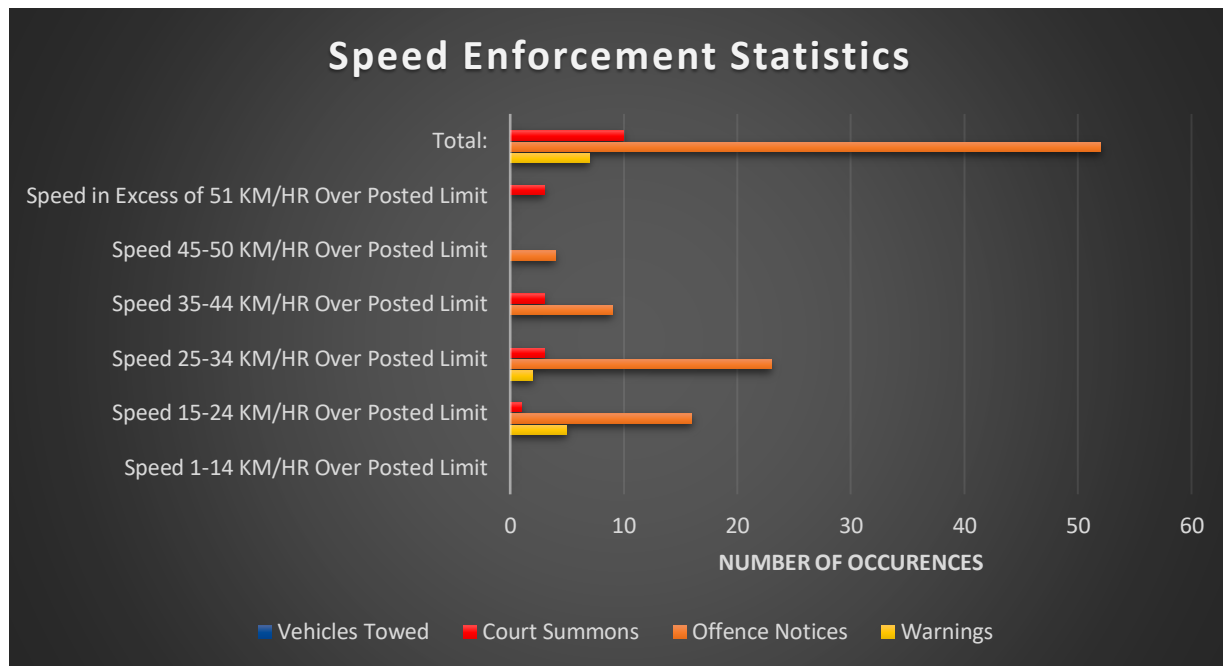
- Four of the investigations were in relation to the Dog Control Bylaw
- One investigation was in relation to the Land Use Bylaw
- One investigation in relation to the Solid Waste Site Regulations and Fines Bylaw
- Two unsightly premises files ongoing.

Smoky Lake County Enforcement is working to establish a free Dog Registration Program, to assist in helping return dogs to their owners. Owners will be required to fill out a form with contact info, a brief description of their dog, and attach a recent photo of their dog. In the case that a dog is found, it will be cross-referenced with the dogs on file, to re-unite the dog with its family.

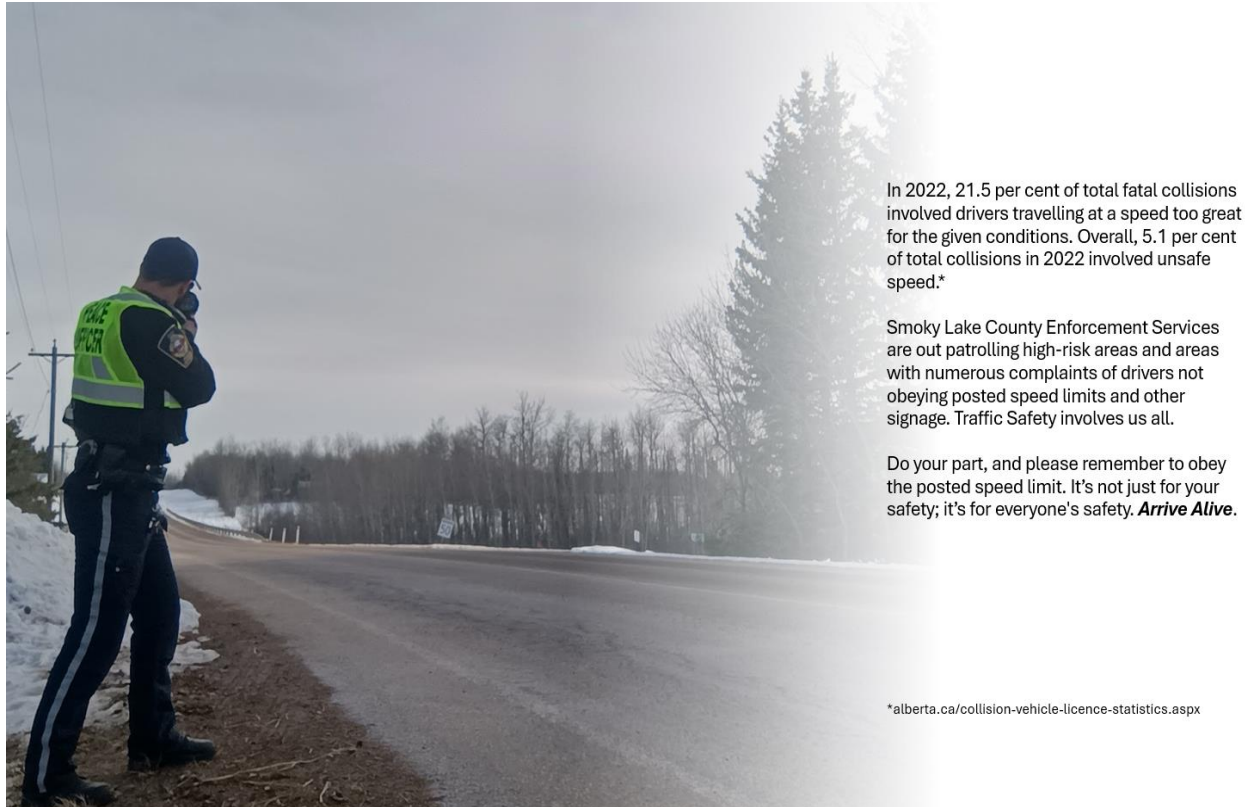
One call regarding stray dogs that had been found was received during off-hours for the Enforcement Services Team. Follow-up determined that a solution had been found for the animals, and no file was created as a result.

## Provincial Statute Enforcement Statistics

From March 1-31, 2025, a total of 52 Provincial Offence Notices were issued, with 7 verbal warnings given for speeding. A total of 10 Summons' were issued for speeding offences, 7 of which were to Out-of-Province Drivers, 3 of which held Alberta driver's licenses. The average ticketed speed was 25 km/hr to 34 km/hr over the posted limit, with the highest ticketed speed being 64 km/hr over the posted speed limit, with the driver travelling 114 km/hr in a 50 km/hr zone.



During traffic stops, documentation regarding current proof of insurance, vehicle registration, and driver license status is verified. From March 1-31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, 6 drivers were found to be driving with expired registration, one driver was operating their vehicle with no insurance, and one driver was operating a motor vehicle without their license in their possession. Three drivers were issued offence notices for failing to provide their proof of insurance and registration upon request. Additionally, one driver was stopped and given a verbal warning for failing to stop at a stop sign.



## 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 March, the Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services team participated in 1 Joint Force Operation within the County of Smoky Lake.



### **Community Engagement**

Smoky Lake Enforcement is working to increase public visibility and awareness of the Enforcement Services Department, as well as establish and build positive community relationships through engagement at community events. In the month of March, Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services was able to participate in 1 community event at Bar-V-Nook Manor with Smoky Lake RCMP.

### **Other Activities**

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 responsible agency or 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, 4 files were sent to other agencies for investigation in the month of March.

In the month of March, Smoky Lake County Enforcement conducted 15 separate patrols through the Resort communities within Smoky Lake County, totaling approximately 9 hours spent in these areas.

Smoky Lake County Enforcement had 1 file which turned into a Criminal Code investigation in the month of March, which was turned over to the RCMP. Multiple phone calls were received regarding bylaw inquiries and questions.

### **Reminders**

The Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services Team does not currently operate within the corporate limits of the Town of Smoky Lake, the Village of Vilna, or the Village of Waskatenau. Multiple calls have been received from residents within these areas seeking assistance which were referred to the appropriate agency for the problem.

Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services does not have 24/7 coverage and is not on-call. If you wish to submit a report or complaint, please send an email to [ckerr@smokylakecounty.ab.ca](mailto:ckerr@smokylakecounty.ab.ca). Your email will be actioned within 1-3 days of it being received. If you are reporting an incident by phone, please leave your name, location, a callback number, and a brief description of the situation. Please **do not leave more than one voicemail**. Your call will be returned within 1-3 days of it being received.

If your situation is an **emergency, DIAL 9-1-1**.



## **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>