

# **Smoky Lake County Enforcement Services**

## **Monthly Report**



**May 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

The month of May saw a noticeable uptick in Bylaw files being created, with 11 files being carried over from April. Many of the files carried over from April were in relation to the RV Bylaw, which is under review, and as such enforcement has been suspended. Four Unsightly Premises files were carried over from April, with one new complaint being received and file started. Four total complaints were received pertaining to the Dog Control Bylaw, with only one file remaining open into June. In total, 6 files were created, 6 files were closed, and 11 files will be carried into June.

Animal control, specifically stray dogs, remain an issue within Smoky Lake County. Smoky Lake County Enforcement makes every attempt to resolve all files as quickly as possible, however many shelters in Northeast Alberta are either at or over capacity for dogs and are not accepting new intakes. Each call regarding a stray dog is processed, and shelter space sought, however Smoky Lake County Enforcement cannot accept or pick up a stray dog without having an available shelter space ready.

Bylaw	Carried Over	Created	Closed	Ongoing
RV Bylaw #1432-23	7		2	5
Dog Control Bylaw#1344-19		4	3	1
Nuisance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw #1169-08	4	1		5
OHV Bylaw #1454-24		1	1	
Total	11	6	6	11



### **Traffic Safety Enforcement Statistics**

From May 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, several infractions were observed under the Traffic Safety Act throughout the County. The most significant speed detected was a driver travelling 166 km/hr on Highway 36, where the posted speed limit is 100 km/hr. The driver was issued a Mandatory Court Summons. The second highest speed detected was 155 km/hr in a clearly posted 100 km/hr zone on Highway 28 near Bellis. This driver was also issued a Mandatory Court Summons. Most speeds detected where traffic stops occurred were 30 km/hr over the posted speed limit.

<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>	2	1	0	0
<b>Speed 25-34 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	0	7	1	0
<b>Speed 35-44 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	0	2	0	0
<b>Speed 45-50 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>Speed in Excess of 51 KM/HR Over Posted Limit</b>	0	0	2	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

Several other infractions were observed in May under various portions of the Traffic Safety Act, including the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation, as well as the Vehicle Equipment Regulation. As a reminder, Section 70(1) of the Vehicle Equipment Regulation states: “A person shall not install, replace or cover the window glazing in a windshield or in a left or right-side window of a motor vehicle that is beside or forward of the driver with a transparent, translucent or opaque material.” This is in reference to window tint, which could reduce the ability of the driver to effectively see hazards that may exist.



Other TSA Offence	Warnings	Offence Notices	Court Summons	Vehicles Towed
Expired/No Registration	0	0	0	0
Expired/No Insurance	0	0	0	0
Driving without License	0	0	0	0
Drive W/O License in Possession	0	0	0	0
Fail to Produce Registration	0	0	0	0
Fail to Produce Insurance	0	1	0	0
Fail to Stop at Stop Sign	1	0	0	0
Improperly Cross Double Solid Lines	0	0	0	0
Drive motor vehicle when unsafe or obscured view	0	0	0	0
VER: Illegal Tint	0	1	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Lastly, with ongoing construction on Highway 28 near Waskatenau, several complaints have been received regarding drivers not obeying reduced speed limits or following the direction of flagging personnel. As a result, patrols were conducted, and numerous offences were detected. The most severe offences detected were two drivers operating vehicles at 112 km/hr and 110 km/hr in an active construction zone, where the clearly posted reduced speed limit was 50 km/hr. These offences occurred within mere meters of workers and flag persons. Both drivers were issued Mandatory Court Summons and will likely face license suspension. Most speeding offences involved speeds between 70 km/hr and 94 km/hr in the 50 km/hr zone. As a reminder, speed fines are double in active construction zones where workers are present.

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	1	3	0	0
Speed 25-34 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	3	0	0
Speed 35-44 KM/HR Over Posted Limit	0	1	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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>



## **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 May, 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 establish and build positive community relationships through engagement at community events. In the month of May, County Enforcement Services attended the Bellis Board of Trade meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, as well as the Smoky Lake All-Star Archery Spaghetti Supper fundraiser “Pie in the Face” event, where Peace Officer C. KERR volunteered to be pied in the face by the highest bidder.





### 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 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, 1 file was sent to another agency for investigation in the month of May for Theft of gravel from County roadways.

During a routine patrol near Hanmore Lake, Smoky Lake County Enforcement was able to recover a stolen RV trailer, which the owner had not yet reported stolen. The RV was reunited with its owner. One investigation into illegal dumping was started and is ongoing into June, as well as one investigation into alleged violations of the Animal Protection Act.

Other Provincial Acts	Carried Over	Created	Closed	Ongoing
Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act		1		1
Animal Protection Act		1		1
Trespass to Premises Act		1	1	
Total		3	1	2

Other Files	Carried Over	Created	Closed	Ongoing
Criminal Code Files - Referred		1	1	0
Information Files		5	4	1
Suspicious Vehicle/Person Files		1	1	
Assist Other Agency		1	1	0
Total		8	7	1

### Community Presence

In the month of May, 24 separate patrols throughout various campgrounds and resort communities occurred, totaling 5 hours and 40 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](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>