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Foothills County RCMP reminds drivers and motorcyclists to share the road safely this spring

Foothills County, Alta. – With warmer temperatures on the horizon, the Foothills County RCMP is reminding drivers to be extra mindful of motorcycles as they return to the roads and highways. Spring brings an increase in motorcycle traffic, making it essential for all road users to remain vigilant, follow traffic laws, and practice courtesy to ensure everyone's safety. Motorcycles are smaller and less visible than other vehicles, making situational awareness crucial when driving near them.

The Foothills County RCMP recommends the following precautions:

- Check twice at intersections – Look carefully for motorcycles when making left turns or crossing intersections. Their smaller size can make them harder to spot.
- Always check blind spots – Before changing lanes or merging, do a shoulder check and use your mirrors to ensure no motorcycles are in your blind spots.
- Give motorcycles space – Maintain a safe following distance. Motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars, and tailgating increases the risk of a collision.
- Be mindful of road conditions – Potholes, gravel, and debris that may be minor for cars can be dangerous for motorcycles. Allow riders room to maneuver safely.
- Use turn signals and drive predictably – Signaling well in advance and avoiding sudden lane changes helps motorcyclists anticipate your movements.

If you're a rider getting ready for the season, take the time to prepare yourself and your bike before hitting the road. The RCMP recommends:

- Wear proper protective gear – A well-fitted helmet, protective jacket, pants, gloves, and boots can reduce the risk of serious injury in the event of a crash.
- Stay alert and undistracted – Keep your focus on the road and avoid distractions like mobile devices or adjusting equipment while riding.
- Adjust to road conditions – Sand, gravel, and debris left behind from winter can create hazardous surfaces for motorcycles. Ride cautiously, especially in curves or on unfamiliar roads.
- Avoid lingering in blind spots – Position yourself where other drivers can easily see you, especially near large vehicles.
- Be aware of your surroundings – Many motorcycle collisions are avoidable with defensive riding. Stay aware of vehicles behind and beside you and always anticipate the actions of other drivers.

For more safety tips follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.

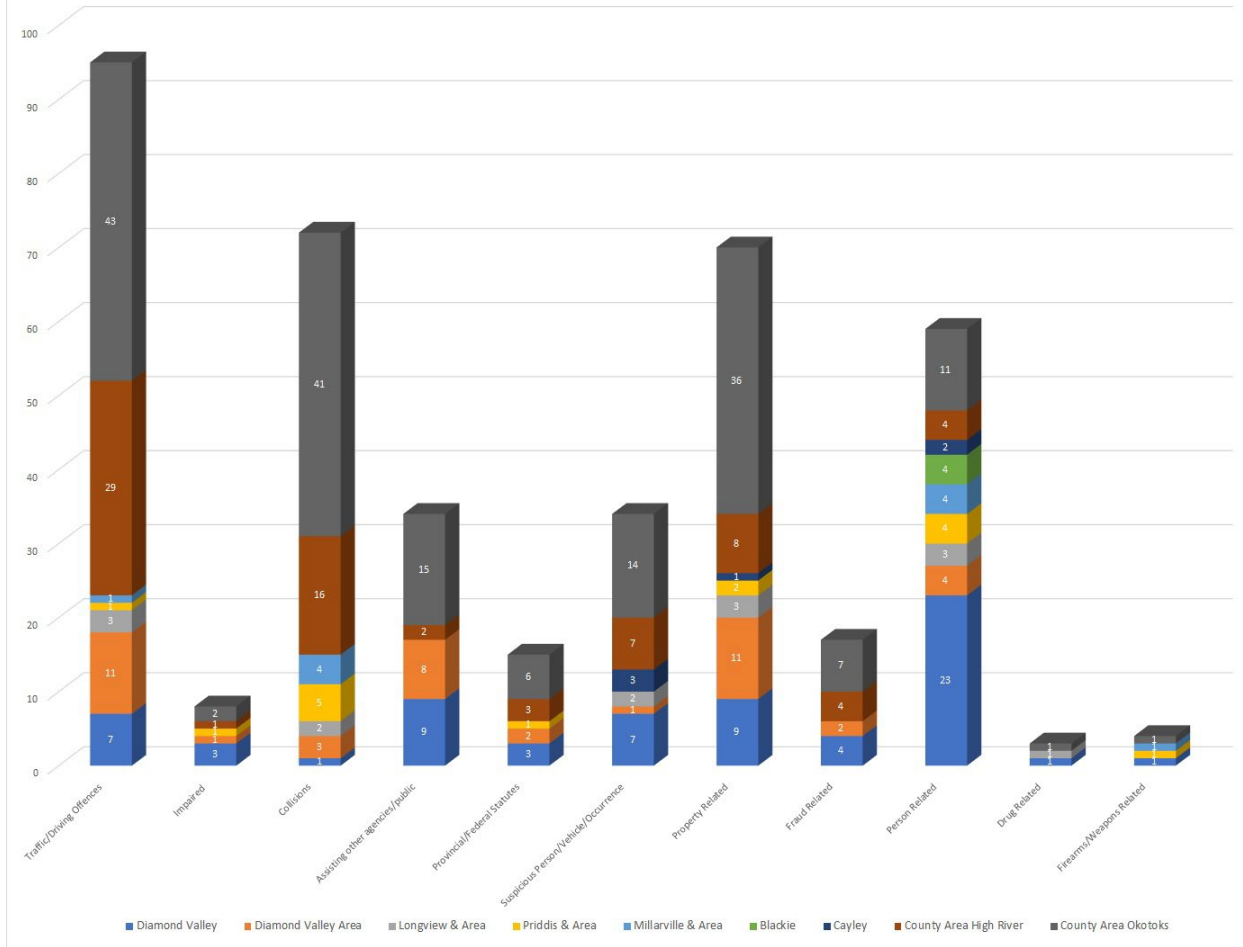
As always, report any suspicious activity to your local RCMP Detachment, 24/7:

- Turner Valley RCMP – 403-933-4262
- High River RCMP – 403-652-2356
- Okotoks RCMP – 403-938-4202

Or reach out to us by calling 310-RCMP (7267) for non emergency complaints

Stay safe and keep an eye out for one another.

Rural Crime Statistics for January 2026 in Foothills County Area



Rural Crime Statistics for
February 2026 in Foothills County Area

