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Red Deer RCMP Crime Mapping

1. **What is the RCMP crime map?**
   The RCMP crime map shows crime that has occurred in Red Deer over the past 14 days that resulted in a police report. Crime is shown in the following categories:

   - Break and enter: commercial and residential
   - Theft from motor vehicle: anything that stolen from a vehicle
   - Theft of a motor vehicle: includes cars, trucks, motorhomes and ATVs
   - Mischief: includes vandalism and assault
   - Theft over/under $5000: includes bicycle thefts

2. **Do exact locations of a crime show up?**
   No, in order to protect privacy, the point on the map will show the approximate location versus an exact address.

3. **Why was the crime map made public?**
   RCMP have used crime mapping internally to assist investigation and policing needs for many years. By making this map public, Red Deer RCMP is partnering with The City and the community in community safety as it relates to education, prevention and intervention. This is another tool for the public to use as it relates to crime prevention.

4. **How should I use this map?**
   This map helps residents better understand the crime profile of Red Deer. By knowing the types of crimes that have occurred in a neighbourhood, residents can take steps to prevent them from becoming a target. For example, if a vehicle is reported stolen nearby, neighbours may take extra steps to ensure their vehicles are locked and valuables are removed. It also encourages residents to report crime and suspicious persons or activity, in an effort to be the extra set of eyes and ears for police.

5. **If a crime fits more than one category, does it show up twice?**
   No, if a crime fits more than one category it only shows up once. It will show up under the category of highest severity.

6. **What can I do to help reduce crime?**
   We all have a part to play in reducing crime. Thieves and vandals are attracted to easy targets so by adopting crime prevention strategies you can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim. More information on crime prevention is available at reddeer.ca/rcmp.

7. **What do I do if I see crime or something suspicious?**
   Red Deer RCMP relies on tips from the public to prevent and reduce crime in Red Deer. Report suspicious activity and persons to Red Deer RCMP non-emergency number at 403-343-5575. If you witness a crime in action, call 9-1-1.

8. **I reported something to RCMP, will it appear on the map?**
   Only crimes that result in a police report appear on the map. If you report something suspicious to police, it may not appear on the map. The RCMP relies on tips from the public and ask that residents continue to report things to RCMP on the non-emergency line at 403-343-5575. If you witness a crime in action, call 9-1-1.

9. **How often is the map updated?**
   The map is updated daily. The map displays crimes over the past 14 days that resulted in a police report.

10. **If there is more crime in an area, is there more police there?**
    No, police respond to calls in every quadrant of the city. Where police are at any given time depends on many factors including 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls, that are typically triaged based on risk to public safety. Red Deer RCMP polices by zones, and everyone regardless of where they live in in the city, receives the same level of service.

11. **The map shows crime, but not what is being done to mitigate or reduce crime?**
    The crime map is one tool to help residents stay informed about crime in Red Deer and to help inform which crime prevention strategies someone should implement. Red Deer RCMP and other community partners, are working on a number of initiatives such as Project Pinpoint, to reduce the amount of serious crime happening in our city. More details is available at reddeer.ca/rcmp.

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