



Media Advisory

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During the week of 2010-03-08 to 2010-03-14, Queen Charlotte RCMP had 11 calls for service.

10-140 - On March 8th Queen Charlotte RCMP received a complaint of uttering threats in Skidegate. During the investigation it was revealed that there was a miscommunication & no actual threats were made.

10-141 - On March 8th, RCMP received a complaint of mischief in the 200 block of 2nd Ave.

10-142 - On March 11th, RCMP responded to a complaint of harassment between neighbours.

10-146 - On March 12th RCMP received a complaint that aggressive dogs were loose in Miller Creek.

10-147 - On March 13th at 0220hrs, RCMP received a complaint of a loud party in the 300 block of 4th st

10-148 - On March 13th at 1330hrs, RCMP received a complaint of someone refusing to leave a residence in Sandspit.

10-150 - On March 14th at 2000hrs, RCMP received a complaint of a B&E in the 100 block of Front St in Skidegate.

During this week we also received a query regarding what laws apply to bicycles operating on the road. This is covered under s.183 and s.184 of the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA). Amongst other things, it states that cyclists have the same rights and duties as a driver of a vehicle under the MVA, with the following additional responsibilities:

- Must not ride on a sidewalk or crosswalk unless directed by a bylaw or sign
- Must ride as near as practicable to the side of the road, while staying on the paved portion
- Must not ride abreast of another cyclist (must be single file)
- Must have at least one hand on the handlebars
- Must not carry more people than the bicycle was designed to carry
- Must be equipped with lights and reflectors from 1/2hr after sunset to 1/2hr before sunrise.
- Must wear an approved bicycle safety helmet

Cycling safety is always important to the RCMP. In an effort to help increase safety of cyclists, while promoting fitness and the use of environmentally friendly transportation, we conduct an annual bike rodeo at the local elementary schools. Queen Charlotte RCMP is currently planning their 2010 bike rodeo for May 2010 at Skaadga Naay and Agnes L Mathers Elementaries.

On March 30th, at 1300hrs a representative from the RCMP recruiting section will be running an information session and entrance exam at the Haida Heritage Center. Anyone who is interested in what the RCMP can offer as a career is encouraged to attend. Pre-exam materials are available at the RCMP or at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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