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# Lakeshore Regional Police Service

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**Make a Difference.  
Be the Change.**

## **LAKESHORE REGIONAL POLICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **New Recruit Constables & Experienced Police Officers**

The Lakeshore Regional Police Service is responsible for police service on the five First Nations – Kapawe'no First Nation, Sucker Creek First Nation, Driftpile Cree Nation, Swan River First Nation, and Sawridge First Nation. We work closely with these First Nations to prevent and solve crime, and to promote safety and protect their communities. We have full police officer authority as granted under the Alberta Police Act. Our members consist of a Chief of Police, two Inspectors, three Sergeants, ten Constable positions, and seven civilian employees. The Detachment is located off Hwy #2 on the Driftpile Cree Nation in northern Alberta.

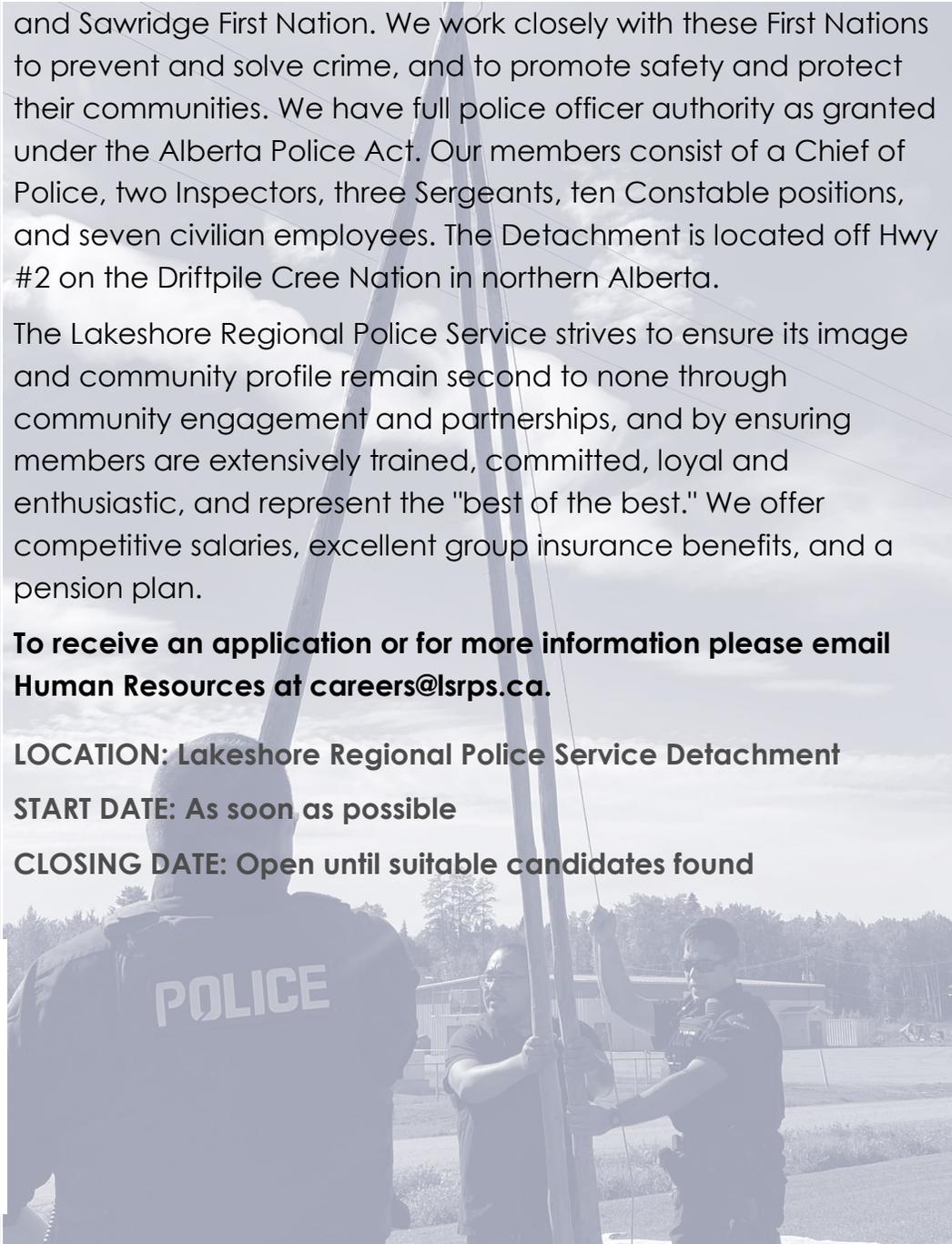
The Lakeshore Regional Police Service strives to ensure its image and community profile remain second to none through community engagement and partnerships, and by ensuring members are extensively trained, committed, loyal and enthusiastic, and represent the "best of the best." We offer competitive salaries, excellent group insurance benefits, and a pension plan.

**To receive an application or for more information please email Human Resources at [careers@lsrps.ca](mailto:careers@lsrps.ca).**

**LOCATION: Lakeshore Regional Police Service Detachment**

**START DATE: As soon as possible**

**CLOSING DATE: Open until suitable candidates found**



# Guard Services

## LAKESHORE REGIONAL POLICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### GUARD SERVICES JOB SUMMARY

Monitor and safeguard persons in custody in the short-term holding facility. Ensure persons in custody are safe and secure and their dignity is maintained. Ensure the short-term holding facility is secure and operational readiness is maintained.

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**Please submit a resume to:**

**Human Resources, Lakeshore Regional Police Service**

**Box 291, Driftpile, AB T0G 0V0**

**Email:** [careers@lsrps.ca](mailto:careers@lsrps.ca) **Fax:** 587-749-0423

Selected candidates are requested to clearly demonstrate how they meet the qualifications and skill requirements of this position through and interview process.



# Alberta Traffic Safety

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

January Traffic Safety focus is Intersection Safety.

Intersections are high-risk locations and one in four collisions in Alberta occur at intersections. Road users should practice caution at intersections, especially in the winter months when road conditions can be unfavorable. Whether you're travelling straight through an intersection or making a turn, drive at a speed safe for the conditions and always keep an eye out for other drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

### Safety Facts

- On average, 47 people are killed and nearly 7,000 are injured each year in collisions at intersections in Alberta (2017 - 2021).
- About 96% of intersection collisions occurred in urban areas from 2017-2021. However, almost half (about 44%) of fatal intersection collisions occurred in rural areas.
- Three of the five most common driver errors in casualty collisions (ie. fatal and injury collisions) are intersection-related: improper left turns, committing a stop sign violation, and disobeying a traffic signal.
- Slush, snow, or ice was involved in about 16% of fatal collisions and 20% of injury collisions in 2021. This makes it especially important to slow down and be careful navigating intersections in the winter.
- In Alberta, failing to stop at a stop sign can result in a \$405 fine and three demerits. At a stop sign, drivers must come to a complete stop before proceeding safely through the intersection. This gives drivers the opportunity to look for oncoming traffic, pedestrians, or cyclists.



## CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

### QR Code Fraud

The CAFC is receiving reports of fraudsters using QR codes in various scams to steal your personal information and/or money. Similar to fraudulent links or URLs, QR codes can be inserted into emails and texts to direct potential victims to fraudulent or malicious websites. Below are some of the variations we have seen:

#### Phishing with QR Codes

Fraudsters may claim to be a service provider, government agency, or financial institution. Instead of asking the victim to click on a link or download an attachment, fraudsters will instruct the victim to scan a QR code.

#### Vendor Fraud

Victims selling items are being targeted by QR code fraud. Fraudsters will send a fake payment advising that the victim must scan the QR code in order to receive a payment. If the victim scans the QR code, they will be asked for their online banking information putting them at risk for identity fraud.

In another variation, fraudsters will send a QR code to the victim claiming that they are sending a payment but, in reality it is a request for a payment. When the victim enters their banking information, fraudsters will receive the payment or may gain access to the victim's bank account.

### **Warning signs – How to protect yourself**

- Beware of unsolicited text messages, emails, and social media messages asking you to scan a QR Code.
- Hovering over the QR code with a device camera, without agreeing to proceed to the website, will often show the fraudulent link/URL associated with the code. The URL may indicate an illegitimate name or title.
- Scanning a QR code and agreeing to follow the associated link can potentially put you at risk for identity fraud and can potentially infect your device or business network.



Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of cybercrime or fraud should report it to their local police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's online reporting system or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. If not a victim, report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre anyways.

## CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

### Top 10 Frauds in 2023

In 2023, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) processed 62,365 fraud reports involving over \$554 million in reported losses.

The top 10 frauds based on number of reports in 2023:

Fraud Type	Reports	Victims	Dollar Loss
<a href="#">Identity Fraud<sup>1</sup></a>	11,228	11,228	N/A
<a href="#">Service</a>	6,729	4,824	\$22.2M
<a href="#">Personal Info<sup>2</sup></a>	6,150	4,674	N/A
<a href="#">Phishing<sup>3</sup></a>	5,850	1,265	N/A
<a href="#">Investments</a>	4,010	3,631	\$309.4M
<a href="#">Bank Investigator</a>	3,608	1,312	\$10.3M
<a href="#">Merchandise</a>	3,471	2,836	\$10.6M
<a href="#">Extortion</a>	3,150	1,051	\$12.2M
<a href="#">Job</a>	2,692	2,063	\$27.7M
<a href="#">Counterfeit Merchandise</a>	2,581	2,541	\$0.6M

The top 10 frauds based on dollar loss in 2023:

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<a href="#">Investments</a>	4,010	3,631	\$309.4M
<a href="#">Spear Phishing</a>	1,239	668	\$58.2M
<a href="#">Romance</a>	1,135	945	\$50.3M
<a href="#">Job</a>	2,692	2,063	\$27.7M
<a href="#">Service</a>	6,729	4,824	\$22.2M
<a href="#">Extortion</a>	3,150	1,051	\$12.2M
<a href="#">Emergency</a>	2,542	1,051	\$11.3M
<a href="#">Merchandise</a>	3,471	2,836	\$10.6M
<a href="#">Bank Investigator</a>	3,608	1,312	\$10.3M
<a href="#">Recovery Pitch</a>	403	221	\$6.7M



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## CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

### Tips to Protect Yourself

- Create strong passwords for each of your accounts.
- Setup multi-factor authentication to make it more difficult for someone else to access your accounts.
- Never share your multi-factor authentication code with anyone.
- Update the privacy settings attached to your social network accounts.
- Be familiar with the terms of service and how payment methods work before using them. Look for a fraud protection policy.
- Never, under any circumstances, accept money and send money to a third party. You may be participating in money laundering which is a criminal offence.
- Avoid reacting automatically. Take five minutes to ask additional questions and listen to your instincts. If something doesn't seem right, ask someone else you trust about it.
- Remain current on frauds and protect others by sharing what you know. Tell two others and ask them to do the same. An unbroken chain of 25 people telling two would cover the entire population of Canada.
- Do not trust the information on your call display because it can easily be manipulated.
- Do not provide your personal or financial information on demand.
- Do not open an attachment or click a link in an unsolicited email or text message.



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# Crime Prevention

## LRPS CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Lakeshore Regional Police Service Crime Prevention Unit is an integral part of community policing. The Crime Prevention Unit is committed to the on-going development of programs and initiatives within the First Nations.

The Crime Prevention Unit engages the whole community in defining issues, establishing priorities, and build problem solving coalitions. The Crime Prevention Coordinator is tasked with creating culturally appropriate programming for First Nation members, working with local Elders and community organizations, e.g. Health Centre's.

The Crime Prevention coordinator promotes crime prevention by developing and implementing programs for First Nation members to participate in. Some of our programming and community events that we have initiated and participated in are:

- Internet Safety
- Quad Safety
- Cyber Bullying / Online Gaming Awareness
- Elder Abuse Awareness
- Bullying Awareness
- Bike Safety
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- National Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying initiative)
- Recruiting Sessions
- Orange Shirt Day Initiatives
- Fraud Prevention
- Drug Awareness
- Youth Engagement
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Session
- Participating in Local Programs and First Nation Events

If you would more information on programs or have any ideas on programming you would like to see brought to your First Nation, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 1-855-299-0138 or by email: [Kristina.letendre@lsrps.ca](mailto:Kristina.letendre@lsrps.ca)



# Bell Lets Talk Day

## BELL LETS TALK DAY

January 24 is Bell Lets Talk Day.

One of the biggest hurdles for anyone struggling with mental illness is overcoming the stigma attached to it. Talking is an important first step towards lasting change. The annual Bell Let's Talk Day and awareness campaign has become the world's largest conversation about mental health, encouraging Canadians and people around the world to talk and take action to help reduce stigma and promote awareness and understanding so everyone can get the help they need.

In 2012 Bell established the world's first Anti-Stigma Research Chair at Queen's University to continue to advance anti-stigma research, scholarship, and outreach programs.



# Victim Service Unit

## LAKESHORE VICTIM SERVICE UNIT

### Mental Health and Wellness

Understand positive mental health and the factors that can influence it. Access programs and services to improve your mental health and help prevent suicide in Indigenous communities.

Mental health and wellness include both the mental and emotional aspects of being such as how you think and feel. Some signs of good

- knowing and taking pride in who you are
- enjoying life
- being able to form and maintain satisfying relationships
- coping with stress in a positive way
- striving to realize your potential
- having a sense of personal control

**If you're experiencing emotional distress and want to talk, contact the toll-free Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or the online chat at [hopeforwellness.ca](https://hopeforwellness.ca) open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

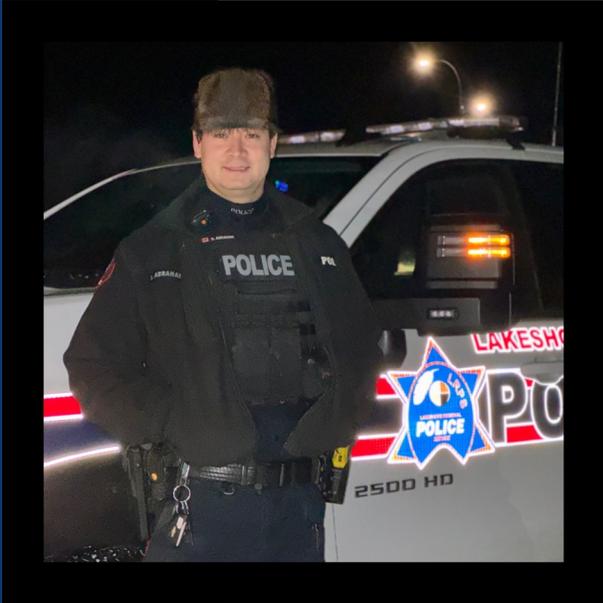
### Factors Influencing Mental Health

Many factors can influence your health, including your mental health. These are commonly known as the determinants of health. They include such things as how much money you make, how much education you have and your relationships with family and friends. Supportive relationships with family and friends can make you feel cared for, loved, esteemed and valued. As a result, they have a protective effect on your health (World Health Organization, 2003).

Historical determinants, such as the legacy of residential schools, are believed to have shaped the mental health of Indigenous peoples. A research project commissioned by the Aboriginal Healing Foundation found that the most common mental health diagnoses were post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse disorder and major depression (Research Series, 2003).



## LRPS COMMUNITY COMMITMENT



Ribbon Skirt Day @ Lrps



Christmas Fun

