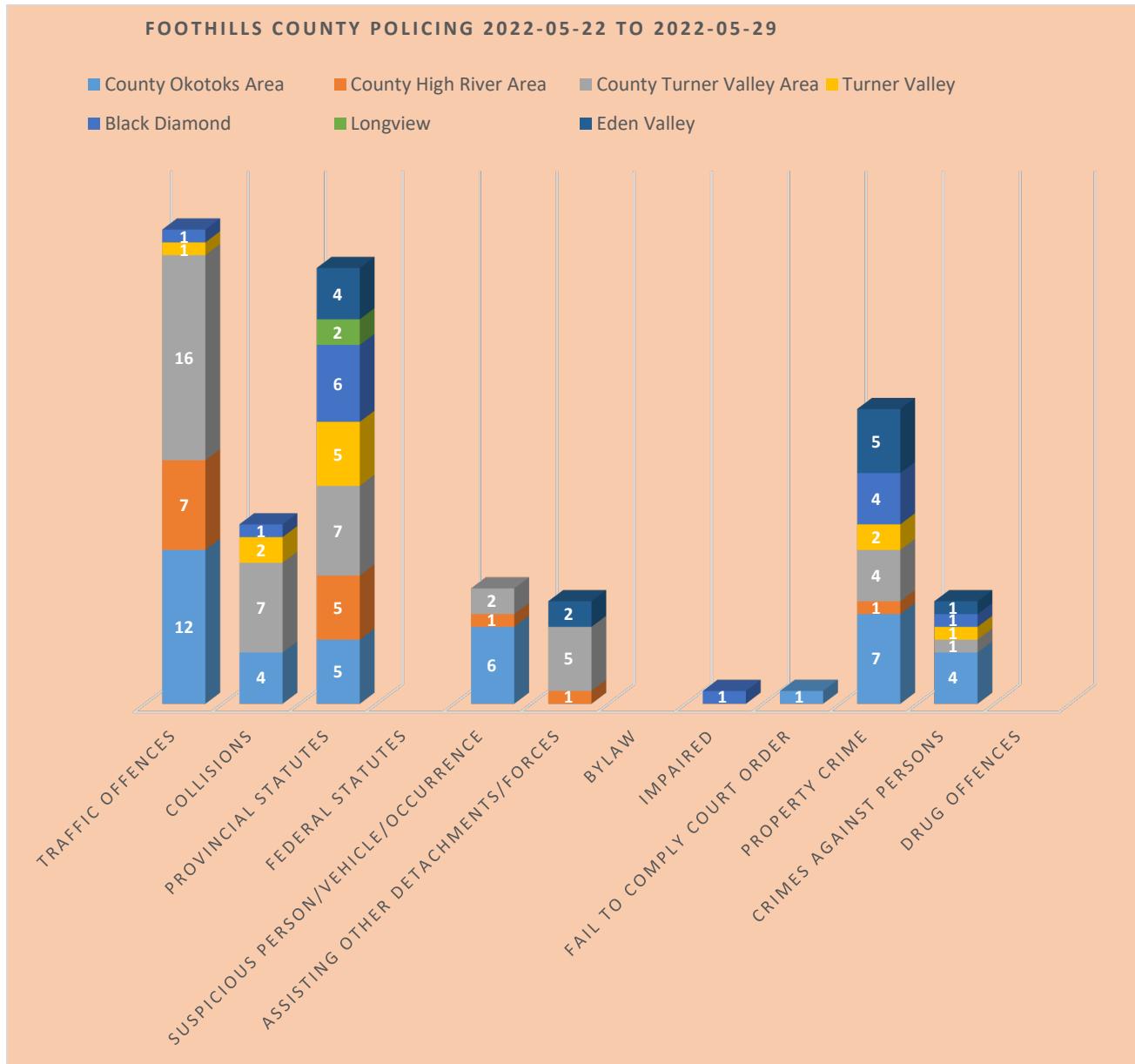




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WHAT WENT ON LAST WEEK?

2022669953 – Shortly after midnight on May 22 Foothills County RCMP were dispatched to a complaint of a possible impaired driver stuck in the ditch on 240 St W. Police located the suspect driver nearby after having been given a ride by a passing motorist. The driver received a 24hr license suspension, several violation tickets due to no insurance or registration, and a vehicle impound.

2022675065 – On May 23, Foothills County RCMP received a complaint of a break and enter to a vacant house in Blackie. Appliances inside the house were found to be damaged. The investigation is ongoing.

2022680653 – Sometime between April 1 and May 23, unknown suspect(s) cut the catalytic converter out of an RV parked at a private residence in Turner Valley.

2022683714 – During the evening of May 24, Foothills County RCMP responded to an intrusion alarm at the Millarville School. It was determined that youth playing in the area opened an unlocked door to the school gym, which in turn set off the building's alarm system. The door was secured and no further incidents occurred.

2022680831 – On May 24, Foothills County RCMP assisted a family on the Eden Valley First Nation with locating a family member reporting missing. The family member was located safe and sound.

2022685136 – On May 25, Foothills County RCMP responded to a complaint of a suicidal male driving in a rural area. RCMP members responded, located the individual and de-escalated the situation, bringing the individual safely to medical care.

2022688471 – On May 25, Foothills County RCMP received a complaint that Foothills County resident has been defrauded thousands of dollars in a “relative in jail” scam. The resident received a call from somebody posing as a lawyer, stating their son was in jail and required bail money. After sending money once, they received a follow up call from the “lawyer” saying the charges had been increased and more bail money was required. The victim then provided more money before actually speaking to their son who was not in police custody.

Officer's note: This scam used the high pressure tactics and sense of urgency and seriousness that has led to this type of scam being successful, and therefore repeatedly used. Always do your diligence. Any time somebody is trying to urgently get you to provide money, slow the process down and do your diligence before providing any funds. If you are at all suspicious, report to police and do not provide money or personal information.

2022693021 – On May 26, Foothills County RCMP assisted Calgary Police Service in locating a missing person from Calgary believed to be a danger to herself. The female was located and safely transported to hospital for assessment.

2022694042 – On May 26, Foothills County RCMP received a complaint of youth pointing air soft pistols at each other at the Eden Valley First Nation. RCMP located the youth in question and warned them and their parents about safety and criminal charges should this occur again.

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2022696832 – In the early morning hours of May 27, 2022, Foothills County RCMP responded to a complaint of a break and enter at a storage yard in Aldersyde, Alberta. Foothills County RCMP located and arrested 3 of 4 suspects on scene, with RCMP police dog services assisting with the arrest of the 4th suspect who had fled on foot. Three males and a female, all residents of Winnipeg, MB, face numerous charges including break and enter, resist arrest, traffic safety act offenses and were released to appear in provincial court. ***Officer's note: Don't run from the police, and certainly don't run from the police dog.***

2022706724 – On May 27, Foothills County RCMP received a complaint of two intoxicated males loitering around a gas station in Black Diamond. RCMP located the subject's of complaint, one of whom provided a false name to police and was arrested due to his drunken state. The male's true identity was uncovered and he had numerous warrants for his arrest. A bail hearing was conducted for the outstanding warrants and new charges for obstructing police, and the suspect was remanded in custody to appear in court.

"The Field Coach" - Cpl. Ryan Eckersley

This week I thought I'd share a little story about Mountie life. Late in 2006, I was a young recruit at the RCMP's Depot Training Academy in Regina, where I received notice that I was being posted to a small town in Northwestern Alberta. I called the Detachment Commander to discuss housing options available in the small town, and learned that there was nothing for rent, and only two homes for sale in the town of 900. He sent my photos of each and I booked a weekend trip up to the community to view both and hopefully settle on a place to live.

On Friday after training I flew from Regina to Edmonton, where my fiancée and her father picked me up from the airport and we drove 5.5 hrs north to Spirit River to view the two houses. As we pulled in to the small community we were driving up the new street in town where the first house was located. I immediately noticed the neighbor across the street hanging Christmas lights on the high peak of a new 2-story home. He had a ladder from the driveway to the roof above the attached garage, then a second ladder atop the garage that went to the highest peak of the house, some 25 feet above the ground. He was at the top rung of that ladder, with only one foot on the ladder, the other leg extended out for balance one hand hanging on to an eaves trough, and the other arm fully extended, clipping Christmas lights on to the edge of the roof. I commented to my wife something to the effect of "well if we buy this house we'll have a lunatic for a neighbor". At this point the lunatic neighbor noticed us in the driveway and shouted from his precarious perch on the ladder "Hey, are you Ryan? I'm your field coach!". He sprinted down from the rooftop, ran over and introduced himself. I later learned that my field coach had previously been a home builder and was well versed in hanging off ladders at heights.

The role of a field coach in policing is a very important one. In six intense months of training at Depot you learn a lot about law and police tactics, but the field coach teaches you how to actually do the job and be safe and effective. He was a fantastic field coach, teaching me so much about policing and life in general. He was also an incredible neighbor and our wives became close friends as well, making our five years in the small community fly by. I'm proud to say that after 16 years we remain best friends. Since I called him a lunatic earlier, I won't name his name. But if you happen find yourself in High Prairie, keep an eye out for Staff Sergeant "Tazer, he's one of a kind!"