



*A lot of ratepayers don't know who we are or what we do.*

## **Introduction - What is LDPS?**

LDPS (Lakeland District Protective Services) continues to strive to improve public safety. This is accomplished with the dedication of the departments three full time members who are all sworn peace officers in the Province of Saskatchewan pursuant to *The Police Act, 1990*. Our officers are required to take the Oath of Police prior to engaging in their work. This Oath is required to be taken by every municipal police officer in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Our officers work in partnership with other law enforcement agencies in our community. The RCMP is our leading partner as they are our serving police service. We also maintain excellent working relationships with Ministry of Environment (MOE) Conservation Officers, and the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol. These relationships have brought to our community a network of agencies able to work for you in keeping your community safe. **We assist in the enforcement of most bylaws, as well as the enforcement of provincial and federal legislation.**

## **What do you call LDPS for?**

You can call LDPS for information or to report violations on any provincial law. This includes speeding, Public Health order violations, consuming cannabis or alcohol in public, noise and public disturbance, and suspicious activity. We also attend to municipal matters dealing with animals - like cat and dogs, nuisance or unsightly buildings or properties, ATV use, and parking.

You can also report matters to us through Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS text message) from your smart phone. **Simply text us at Reports@LD-PS.ca**. This option is great to send us photos, or while you are on the go.

**Please note that for a variety of offences you may be required to provide a written statement. Some examples include trespass complaint, complaints of noise, animals at large, or a public disturbance. If you refuse to provide the information we need to address the situation, LDPS will not be able to address your concern.**



Click on the icon to use  
our online reporting  
form or call  
**982-4466**

We encourage you to call the RCMP for any criminal offence such as a break in and theft, domestic assault, or drug dealing. **Serious crime in progress you should not hesitate and call 911.** It is ok to call 911 in an emergency or when the crime is actively being done. Call 911 for a break in that is in progress or any suspected impaired driving or boating. LDPS works closely with RCMP and the RCMP may choose to forward calls to us if we are a closer response and, based on risk assessment, reasonable for us to attend.

### **Will LDPS handle a bear concern?**

Maybe! If you see a bear, you don't need to report it if the bear is just doing bear things, like out for a walk, scratching against a tree, etc. Let it be. If the bear is going through your or your neighbours garbage or bird feeder please call and report it so we can deal with the property owner. Bears are focused on their hunger and eating this time of year. If there is a food source, that bear may not care you are there. If you need to report a bear, start by calling the TIPPS line at 1-800-667-7561. You can also report it to LDPS at 306-982-4466 or online.

A reminder to have your civic address prominently displayed so it is clearly visible from the road way. Those that have their lot and block displayed should remove it. All properties are required to post their civic address, even undeveloped lots. Emergency services, couriers, and other service providers (like water and septic) rely on these addresses being displayed.

### **ATV Plates**

The RM of Paddockwood, Great Blue Heron Provincial Park and District of Lakeland continue to work to bring reasonable opportunity for family recreational activities relating to ATV use. An interjurisdictional ATV use committee has been established and been busy working to enhance ATV activity in the area.

### **What all does an ATV plate allow me to do?**

The plate not only supports the jurisdictions in their goals to bring more opportunity for ATV sport, it allows you to be able to travel lawfully where it was typically prohibited. **You can now lawfully travel within designated areas of the Great Blue Heron Provincial Park during permitted times.** The plate allows travel on most municipal roads in the RM of Paddockwood and Lakeland thereby allowing you to go from your property straight out to the trails without trailering your machine.

Please know that you do not need a plate if you re going to operate in areas that are permitted under *The All Terrain Vehicles Act*. You still require liability insurance if you travel off of private property.

## Local ATV Club

Some new and exciting initiatives have been started as a result of the three jurisdictions coming together to work on the ATV project. These initiatives include;

- Support of a local ATV club.
- The ATV Club is working with the three jurisdictions and the province in order to establish a permanent multi use trail that will be located from Okema Beach Road to Southshore Drive and Highway 263.
- The ATV club, with the support of the jurisdictions is working on establishing designated trails within unoccupied crown lands
- The club has stated they hope to have a membership drive this year once covid restrictions and the Public Health Order allows.
- To get involved or for more information on the ATV club please email or call the club President at [LakelandATVclub@gmail.com](mailto:LakelandATVclub@gmail.com) or 1-306-227-7320.

There is significant work being done in the area to improve and fix the provincial highway ditches. Please operate responsibly so as to limit or reduce any impact on these areas.

## Are golf carts included?

We often get questions on golf cart use within the municipality. **The use of golf carts on public property is prohibited.** Please leave the golf cart parked, unless you are on private property with permission to use it.

Check your Cabin Stuffer, we have added an insert for you to post in your residence so you have access to local emergency numbers. Write your Civic Address on this before posting so that guests and family have a quick reference to give if they need to call 911 or LDPS.

## Fire Ban Frequent Questions

[The District of Lakeland has initiated a fire ban within the municipality.](#) The ban prohibits anyone from lighting, starting, or allowing or causing to be lighted or ignited the starting of any fire in the open air. We have had some

### What does "open-air" mean?

This means anything outside your house.

### The fire ban doesn't say I can't use my hot tub that uses fire to heat the water. Can I use my hot tub that has a fire box?

Your fire may be contained in a box, but you will be asked to not ignite a fire to heat your water. You are welcome to go cold tubbing until after the fire ban.

### Are there any exemptions for candles, such as the type I use to repel mosquitos?

There is no exception to allow for candles. The only exceptions are when there is a genuine need, such as to cook food or heat your dwelling with an approved device. When cooking, you can use a CSA-approved propane bar-b-que.

### I have a decorative propane heater; can I use it?

These devices are safer than a fire pit, however are still not permitted during a fire ban. For the purposes of the fire ban, we will be asking that you do not use these heaters. **Heating**

**and cooking are limited to only what is necessary.**

**What's the fine if I have a fire?**

Those violating the fire ban are liable to fines that start at \$500. In addition to any fine, those that violate a fire ban are also responsible for **any cost involved in the response**, including suppression of any fire or burning. These costs can quickly add up and can be more than your fine.

**If you have any questions on the fire ban,  
please call! Better to be safe and sure.**

You can check for municipal fire bans in the surrounding area [here](#). It should be noted this website may have a delay in any update. The RM of Paddockwood has a fire ban and the Great Blue Heron Provincial Park has a fire restriction as of the time of publication.

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