

Topic: Parkland County Enforcement Services off Highway Vehicle Presentation

Introduction:

Council has asked Enforcement Services to put forward information in regards to the Off Highway Vehicle program that is being delivered to schools, crime watch groups as well as other interest groups in the Parkland County region.

Facts (Background Information):

Parkland County Enforcement Services (PCES) has hired level I Community Peace Officer Gwen Kelman to administer safety presentations to schools and crime watch meetings within Parkland County. PCES delivers a power point presentation to the Grade 4 and above group as well as a DVD presentation for the Kindergarten to grade 4 level students touching on everything from Safety gear required to riding the proper size machine for the rider as well as rules and regulations associated to operating OHVs in Parkland County.

Analysis:

Parkland County Enforcement Services (PCES) provides a safe and easy to follow presentation to all user groups in the hope to further educate all OHV users in the safe operation of OHVs in our region. PCES has presented this type of safety education in the area for approximately 3 years now with great success. The positive feedback from the teachers and students has shown us that we are making a difference in the safe use of OHVs. Enforcement services is very excited to announce that PCES has been asked by the Alberta Office of Traffic Safety to create two DVDs in relation to OHV safety. Both of the DVDs will be used primarily in the delivery of our Skills and Awareness Training for Youth (STAY) Upright events that are hosted annually in Parkland County. One DVD is used in a classroom setting as a teaching aid for youth on various safety related issues that are important in the operation of OHVs. The second DVD will be developed for use by other Peace Officers across the province of Alberta on how to conduct a STAY upright event. These videos will have our very own OHV Officer Gwen Kelman in the role of the presenter. This initiative will be funded completely by grant money through the Office of Traffic Safety.

Alternatives:

N/A

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration is pleased to present this update to Mayor and Council. Parkland County being shown as a leader in Off Highway Safety Education, not only in this region but also across the province of Alberta is an important initiative that we all need to be proud of in delivering this to the youth in the hopes of building safer communities..

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