

2017 NEWSLETTER



PRESERVING AND PROTECTING SASKATCHEWAN'S FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

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SASKTIP

Creating, maintaining and distributing a reward to encourage the public to provide Saskatchewan conservation officers with information which leads to the discovery and/or prosecution of fisheries, wildlife, forestry, and environmental law violators.

Providing public information on the incidence and detrimental impact of fisheries, wildlife, forestry, environmental law violations.

Working with the public and private agencies to provide funding to promote the province's toll-free Turn-in-Poacher (TIP) line, **1-800-667-7561** or Sasktel cellular **#5555**, and any other program that deters fisheries, wildlife, and environmental crime.

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Congratulations to the RM of Brokenshell!



Each year at the SARM convention, a draw is made for a framed print. This print is donated to SaskTip by Ducks Unlimited (Canada). All RM's which annually donate at least \$100 to SaskTip are eligible to win.

The RM of Brokenshell accepts the 2017 framed print (left): RM Representative, Jenna Smolinski, Assistant Administrator for the RM of Brokenshell, is presented with the Ducks Unlimited print by Conservation Officer, Ryan Krienke.

SASKTIP wishes to thank those R.M.'s who are contributing to SASKTIP!



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Dave Harvey



Brent Webster

Dave Harvey and Brent Webster were members of the Saskatchewan Association of Conservation Officers with a vision. Back in the mid 1990's, they identified that a reward fund would help to identify poachers. In 1996, SaskTip was created and its success has continued to this day. Both Dave and Brent served on the SaskTip Board of Directors since inception but have recently retired and are no longer Directors with SaskTip. Their legacy lives on and continues to grow.

REWARDS PAID OUT THROUGH SASKTIP

Year	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
Number Paid	4	7	6	13	4	9	4	7	11	6
Total	\$1600	\$2750	\$8000	\$5450	\$1450	\$3115	\$1050	\$2400	\$3950	\$2740

TURN IN POACHERS PROGRAM

Year	Wildlife	Fisheries	Environmental	Forestry	Miscellaneous	Total Calls
2011	734	81	114	2	15	946
2012	799	90	78	5	9	981
2013	800	108	113	2	7	1030
2014	855	104	142	0	15	1116
2015	1123	141	248	12	44	1568
2016	1187	173	191	3	22	1576

SOCIAL MEDIA



Social media has become an important means of communication and SaskTip is fully engaged. The case of a cow and unborn calf moose killed near Alvena was posted and the attention was immediate. It was quickly shared and generated many comments. Unfortunately many of the comments became racial but administrators did their best to block or hide them. This post reached **653,284** people before it was closed to comments. The attention on Facebook generated calls to the investigating officer that eventually led to the identity of the poacher. The officers conducted a search and charges were issued. The subject was convicted in court. This was also shared on social media.



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2016 CRIME OF THE MONTH ADVERTISED CASES

January:	Rogue Outfitting in Saskatchewan
February:	Snowy Owl shot South of Saskatoon
March:	NIL
April:	Illegal fish sales in Saskatoon, fish from Stony Rapids
May:	NIL
June:	Unlawful dam built on Turtle Creek, south end of Turtle Lake
July:	Deer meat dumped and litter - Humboldt area
August:	SOLVED \$5300 in fines—highlight of previous run case of 3 elk shot (2 dead and 1 wounded) - Kipling area
September:	200 vehicle tires dumped Southwest of Prince Albert
October:	234 migratory birds shot and dumped to waste 3km NE of Blaine Lake
November:	NIL
December:	5 moose shot out of season in October, 10 miles South of Pierceland

HOW CAN INDIVIDUALS HELP?

Members of the public are relied upon by all law enforcement agencies to be their “eyes and ears”. This is especially true in rural Saskatchewan where there is little traffic at certain times of the year. School bus drivers, equipment operators, landowners, any rural resident recognizes when unfamiliar or suspicious activity might be occurring in their area. Getting information to law enforcement authorities in a timely manner is very important to prevent crimes from occurring or in finding the offenders.

The following information is crucial to assist officers in tracking down violators:

- Date and time of the occurrence
- Exact locations involved
- Colour, make and type of vehicle involved
- Licence plate number if possible (if not, province of registration) or other identifier
- Direction of travel
- Photos or video of vehicles or suspects (smart phones are changing the world we live in)
- As complete a description of the offence or your suspicions as possible

HOW CAN RURAL MUNICIPALITIES HELP?

People who are committing crimes against the environment or natural resources in rural Saskatchewan are often also committing other crimes. They trespass on private property, cut fences, litter and damage crops and property. In recent years some R.M.'s have assisted conservation officers in curbing the littering problem by having R.M. staff examine litter for identification of the suspects contained within the litter before disposing of it properly. Any evidence gathered through that process is turned over to conservation officers for follow up. This team effort is resulting in a reduction of litter abandoned in some areas of the province.

R.M. staff working in the field can also assist by recording and reporting unusual or suspicious vehicles they encounter during their regular work. By keeping constant vigilance all crimes within a rural municipality can be reduced. Conservation officers can attend meetings to assist in understanding the types of criminal activity occurring.

The SASKTIP Program continues to expand. Ongoing support from the public and the partners who form the Board of Directors are crucial to the continued success of the program.

Donations can be sent to:

**SASKTIP INC,
PO BOX 114
MEATH PARK, SK
S0J 1T0**

**Or made by phoning:
306-953-2945**

You can also support SASKTIP by asking your local conservation officer about becoming a SASKTIP member for a \$10.00 fee. Members and corporate donors will receive an annual newsletter highlighting SASKTIP successes in the detection of resource and environmental violations.



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or #5555 from SASKTEL CELLULAR**

SASKTIP CONNECTION

This is the third year that SaskTip has been engaged in social media. TIPS are being received online and numerous investigations have been initiated as a result of Facebook.

In 2016, Facebook had **2115** likes and in 2017, **4140** likes. There were **152** followers on Twitter in 2016 and it has increased to **183** followers in 2017. There are **76** subscribers (**997,323** total channel views on YouTube). Ads are available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/user/SaskTip>



**Report a
Violation
On-Line**

Anyone witnessing resource or environmental violations will now be able to report them confidentially online to the TIP Program at www.saskatchewan.ca/TIP or through www.sasktip.com

Cash Rewards of up to \$2000

A cash reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest or conviction of the individuals involved. Anyone with information about this crime should contact the provincial toll free TIP line. Calls are not traced or recorded in any way and callers may choose to remain anonymous.

On the afternoon of April 24, 2017, a cow moose and her unborn calf were shot and left to waste on private land, approximately six miles south east of Alvena along Pitt Road. Only the hind quarters and the fleshy part of the nose were taken off the cow moose. The calf was cut out of the cow and did not survive. Officers determined a vehicle had been stuck in the same field, while landowners stated that two males in their late 30's were approaching farmers the same afternoon asking for assistance to have their vehicle removed from a nearby field.



The public's help is needed to solve this case. If you've seen any suspicious activity or vehicles please call the TIP line at 1-800-667-75661 or on SaskTel cellular #5555 or submit your tip anonymously on-line at www.saskatchewan.ca/TIP. Those who report violations may be eligible for cash rewards through the SaskTip Reward Program.

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