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FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RM OF WINSLOW**

Each year at the SARM convention, a draw is made for a framed print. The print is donated to SaskTip by Ducks Unlimited (Canada). The R.M. of Wilson accepts the 2015 framed print (right). All RM's which annually donate at least \$100 to SaskTip are eligible to win.



RM Representatives Mitch Joyce and Reid McLeod are presented with the Ducks Unlimited print by Conservation Officer, Rich Hildebrand.

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

**TURN IN POACHER PROGRAM CALLS**

Year	Wildlife	Fisheries	Environmental	Forestry	Miscellaneous	Total Calls
2009	727	85	118	5	23	958
2010	747	78	78	1	9	913
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

**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.



**TURN IN POACHERS 1-800-667-7561 Toll Free**  
 or Sasktel cellular #5555  
[www.sasktip.com](http://www.sasktip.com)

## REWARDS PAID OUT THROUGH SASKTIP

Year Ending	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Number Paid	3	3	6	4	7	6	13	4	9	4	7
Total	\$800	\$700	\$5950	\$1600	\$2750	\$8000	\$5450	\$1450	\$3115	\$1050	\$2240 to date

## CRIME OF THE MONTH



SASKTIP Inc. partnered again with the Ministry's' Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (FWDF) to provide funding to enter into a Crimestopper type program with CTV. These programs were designed for the public to assist Saskatchewan conservation officers in apprehending resource and environmental violators. The Crime of the Month ad highlights one of the unsolved cases in the province. SaskTip canvasses for unsolved cases that conservation officers need the public's help in solving. The cases are reviewed and additional information such as photos, date and location is collected and this information is then formatted into a media script. Arrangements are made with CTV Prince Albert for filming.

The filming consists of SaskTip spokesperson, Jeanette Krayetski, narrating the unsolved case and it may also include a field re-enactment by volunteers or possibly using photos of the featured crime scene if a suitable field location is not available.

The **CRIME OF THE MONTH** is aired on CTV stations across Saskatchewan on the third Thursday of each month and then additional gratuitous airing by CTV when spots are available throughout the month. The ads are also available for viewing on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/SaskTip](http://www.youtube.com/user/SaskTip) and Facebook through the SASKTIP website at [www.sasktip.com](http://www.sasktip.com).

## 2014 CRIME OF THE MONTH ADVERTISED CASES

January: Moose chased and shot, out of season, from a vehicle near Wilkie.  
 February: Cow and calf moose shot out of season near Naicam.  
 March: Informational ad letting the public know that it's illegal to advertise, sell, barter or trade fish and wildlife.  
 May: Informational ad letting the public know about the effects of littering and to report littering via Sasktip Line.  
 June: Informational ad letting the public know that it is illegal to burn grain bags and the extent of the problem.  
 August: Several antelope shot and left to waste near Swift Current and Glen Bain.  
 September: Forty eight wasted geese dumped in various locations around Glaslyn.  
 October: Headless deer shot out of season and left to waste near Eston.  
 November: Eight moose killed near Good Spirit Lake with some of the animals being left to waste.  
 December: Several deer shot and left to waste in the Pierceland Area.

## SASKTIP CONNECTION – [www.sasktip.com](http://www.sasktip.com)



**568 Likes**

Social media has been a big part of SaskTip this past year. TIPS are being received online now and numerous investigations have been initiated as a result of Facebook.



**71 Subscribers - 991, 551 Views**



**85 Followers**



**Report a Violation On-Line**

Anyone witnessing resource violations will now be able to report them confidentially online to the TIP Program at [www.saskatchewan.ca/conservation](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/conservation) or the link through [www.sasktip.com](http://www.sasktip.com).

The Ministry of Environment's Resource Protection Trailer, SaskTip display, and case posters and paper ads were used to promote the TIP Program and to help educate and raise public awareness about the ongoing battle against poaching and abuse of our natural resources. The themes that are used are violations that are relevant and occur on a regular basis in Saskatchewan. Some of the common abuses are arson, chasing wildlife, poisoning wildlife, waste of game and fish overlimits. In 2014, the trailer traveled to 20 various events reaching a combined audience of approximately 50,000 people.



The Ministry of Environment also introduced a new web-based Hunting and Licensing Initiative (HAL) in the spring of 2013 prior to the start of the angling season. Hunters, trappers and anglers were able to purchase their licenses online through their home computer, a license vendor or by phone through a call center. Approximately 35% of all licences were purchased online in 2014. The new system aids enforcement and compliance and enhances game management decisions.

### **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, 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
- number and description of people observed
- 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. R.M. administrators can encourage staff by providing cell phones, notebooks or recording devices to staff working within their boundaries. 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.  
P.O. BOX 114  
MEATH PARK, SK  
S0J 1T0**

**Or made by phoning:  
(306) 425-4234**

**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.**





**TURN IN POACHERS 1-800-667-7561 TOLL FREE #5555 CELL**

## Cash Rewards of up to \$2000

*A cash reward is being offered for information leading to the identity of the individual(s) involved. Anyone with information about this crime should contact the provincial toll free TIP line at the number listed below. Calls are not traced or recorded in any way and callers may choose to remain anonymous.*

*On January 1, 2015 Regina Conservation Officers received a TIP call that a moose had been shot on private land near Avonlea. The area was clearly posted no trespassing or hunting. A tractor was used to remove the moose from the site and possibly loaded onto a truck. There were no seasons for moose on at the time. Did you see a tractor and or a truck on New Year's Eve or the early morning hours of New Years day in this area? Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.*



The public's help is needed to solve this case. Please call the TIP line at 1-800-667-7561 or on SaskTel cellular #5555 or submit your tip anonymously on-line at [www.saskatchewan.ca/conservation](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/conservation). Your name will be kept confidential.

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