

Partners in Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Development



www.eyewatch.info



www.stalbert.ca



www.citizenspatrol.org

Why Should You Attend Your Block Party?

Neighbours that know each other, watch out for each other. Neighbourhood Watch and Citizen's Patrol encourage people to attend block parties so they can connect with near-by neighbours, and exchange contact information. Then, if you notice something amiss (like a garage door left open late at night), you will be less hesitant to call your neighbour and tell them about the problem.

RCMP Camera Registry

Often, security cameras capture evidence that can be used to solve a crime. If an incident happens, St. Albert RCMP can view the list of registered camera locations and contact the camera owners. To add your doorbell and security cameras to the registry, go to the web site at:

www.RuralAlbertaCapture.ca

RCMP App for Phones

The RCMP has an app that enables on-line reporting of crimes that do not require an immediate response. The app also includes a crime map, statistics, and news releases about important incidents. Look for "Alberta RCMP" in the app store.

Safe Internet Exchange Zone

St. Albert RCMP created a safe zone for residents to utilize when meeting to buy and sell items online. The safe zone is in the SW corner of the parking lot at Servus Credit Union Place (400 Campbell Road) and is monitored 24/7 with cameras. More information is at www.stalbert.ca (search for internet exchange zone).

Scams, Scams, and More Scams

Criminals work hard every day to come up with schemes to steal your money. Be cautious if you receive unexpected phone calls, texts, or emails purporting to come from a bank, business, or the government. New scams are constantly appearing, so search for the "Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre" and click on the "Browse Scams" button to see a current list of scams. If you are dealing with someone who requests payment with gift cards or cryptocurrency (like Bitcoin), or who sends a cheque for too much and then requests a refund of the overpayment, then it is probably a scam.

You Can Prevent Many Common Crimes

Here is a list of crimes that are common in St. Albert, and what you can do to prevent them:

Theft from vehicles – the #1 property crime in St. Albert

Remove all valuables and lock your vehicle; get a free “All Items Removed” card from Neighbourhood Watch (780.460.4276 or info@eyewatch.info).

Theft from garages and sheds – the #2 property crime in St. Albert

Close all doors to the buildings and keep them locked.

Theft of vehicles – most common in winter when people leave vehicles idling

Never leave an unattended vehicle running; don't leave keys in a vehicle.

Theft of catalytic converters (cut from vehicles and sold for their precious metal content)

Avoid parking in dark areas or where there are few people to observe the thief.

Theft of licence plates from vehicles (this crime is growing in frequency)

Secure your plates with anti-theft fasteners (free from Neighbourhood Watch – call 780.460.4276 or info@eyewatch.info).

Theft from homes and businesses – follow the **9 PM Routine**

Don't leave tools and ladders outside where criminals can use them to break in. Use the #9PMRoutine as a reminder to secure your property and premises each night. Details at www.eyewatch.info.

You Can Make Your Community a Safer Place for Everyone

Exchange contact information with near-by neighbours and call them when something is amiss.

Join Citizen's Patrol and walk, cycle or drive with a purpose to deter criminal activity – call 780.569.5499 or go to www.citizenspatrol.org.

Join the Neighbourhood Network and connect with your neighbours – call the City's Community Development Coordinator at 780.459.1756 or email heyneighbour@stalbert.ca.

Stay informed with the latest information from St. Albert RCMP – check the crime map at www.stalbert.ca/crime-map and register to receive police news at www.whatsupnow.ca.

Record your serial numbers so police can return recovered property to you – store the numbers in a safe place or send yourself an email containing the numbers and save the message in a folder in your on-line email account.

Deter mischief by reporting graffiti and disrepair so it can be cleaned up right away – get the “Spruce It Up” app for your smart phone.

Report street light outages to service.fortisalberta.com/streetlights or download their app. Keep your block well lit.

Ensure your house numbers are visible from the street and alley. In an emergency when seconds count, it will help first responders locate your home more quickly.