The Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network













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English (United States)

Overview

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About the new Network:

The Ministry of Corrections and Policing for the Province is pleased to announce the establishment of the 'Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network'. Supported by Everbridge Mass Notification Systems, the new network provides the RCMP and its Provincial Response Team partner agencies (Saskatchewan Highway Patrol and Saskatchewan Conservation Officers) with the ability to communicate directly with the public on matters of crime prevention.

Citizens can sign up at www.saskcrimewatch.ca to receive crime watch advisories from their local RCMP Detachments. As situations might be occurring, Detachment Commanders will have the ability to send important advisories by text message, email or phone. Those who sign up or register online will have the ability to choose how they would like to receive these advisories.

The new network is designed to ensure that ALL people of Saskatchewan can play an important part in public safety. If you have information about an advisory, the advisory itself will include information about what to do and or who to contact.

Supporting Local Crime Prevention Programs:

The new system also allows the RCMP and its partner agencies to communicate directly with existing or developing crime prevention groups, such as:

Rural Crime Watch

Indigenous Peace Keepers (or like programs)

Citizens on Patrol, or

Neighborhood Watch

To find out more how your local crime prevention program can be supported by the Everbridge mass notification technology, please contact your local Detachment to be put into contact with Saskatchewan RCMP's Community Policing Branch. The RCMP can arrange for a presentation and to have your group further added to the new network as a special group. These groups, approved at the local level by their Detachment Commander, will be provided access to the system to send their own unique crime prevention communications.

How will this new Network help?

The new Network acknowledges that crime prevention can be the most effective when the greatest number of people can participate. Residents can help by being the 'eyes and ears' of their communities, and by reporting crimes or suspicious activities to the police. The more people who sign up for the advisories, the more effective we can be at preventing crime. Criminals will literally have 'no place to hide' as we all work together to keep our communities safe.

Imagine someone is spotted breaking into a cottage or a home. The witness calls 911 to report the crime and describe the suspect's vehicle. Police go to the scene, but the suspect is often gone. Now, with a Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory sent directly from the RCMP, the description of the suspect's vehicle can be immediately sent to hundreds, if not thousands, of people in the area. People who receive the advisory can call police when they see the vehicle. This gives the police a better chance of catching the offender(s), sooner.

The Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network, along with existing crime prevention programs, helps create the right environment and culture where everyone can contribute to and be a part of community safety. The network itself sends a strong message to would-be offenders that people are watching and that we all care about community safety.

System Expansion:

The new Network will be immediately available for all residents, companies, and organizations in Saskatchewan. However, at least initially, only registrants for the Southern Saskatchewan Detachments will receive these advisories (please see the attached map). Upon completion of an initial network and system evaluation, the

Province will consider expanding the system for the rest of Saskatchewan, including where there might be interest from other police agencies and jurisdictions.

Technical:

A user 'App' is available at Everbridge.com; however, the 'App' is not required. Members of the public can sign up to receive the advisories on any smartphone, cell phone, landline (text to voice), or computer - without the 'App'.

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