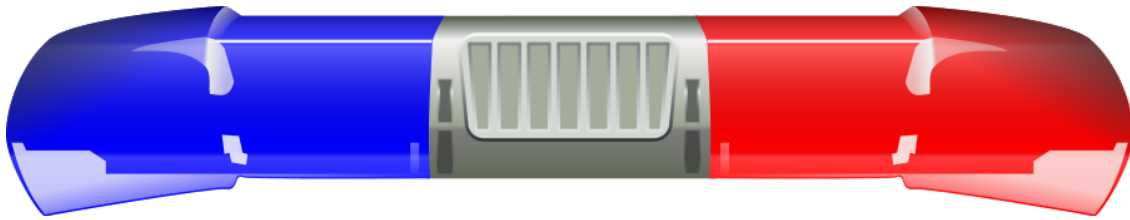


## ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES



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### ***Spring has Sprung in 2016!***

Our sunny days were few and far between last year due to the smoke and devastation from the forest fires just north of us. There is currently a municipal fire ban issued. The potential for a forest fire in our community remains. When it comes to burning and taking on recreational activities in the area we need to be constantly aware of potential dangers.

Should a fire ban be issued it will be posted on the municipal website, forward to local media, and broadcast through CodeRed.

***When any fire ban, municipal or provincial, is in place for the District of Lakeland and you see any burning, open flame, fireworks or fire hazard PLEASE REPORT IT directly at 306-982-4466.***



### ***Going into the 2016 sun season we wanted to update you on a couple of activities that will take place.***

- Civic Addressing - we undertook general property inspections within several areas of the municipality last year. Over 160 properties did not have a civic address clearly displayed in 2015. In 2016 we will be inspecting again. Properties without their civic address prominently displayed may incur costs to have it put up for them and also be fined for continued failure to display their address. *Emergency services like ambulance and fire rely on being able to see your address., as do the water and septic services, municipal services and couriers. Please assist and post your address!*
- Patrols on our water. We will again be working with RCMP and Ministry of Environment Conservation Officers to have a presence on our lake. Please operate your vessel with care and respect for other lake goers and our shoreline. We ask you do your part in being considerate to the waterways, other water sport enthusiasts and the law when out on the lake.

- Traffic enforcement ATV and Golf Cart use – a priority for our communities. This includes parking enforcement. A reminder that there is no parking permitted on most undeveloped road allowance and reserves. Parking illegally will have your vehicle towed away at your expense. Speeding complaints continue to decrease! Observing the 30 km/hr. limit on most of our municipal roads is appreciated by everyone! For 2016 Council has directed our Department to adjust our response to ATV and golf cart operation. We will intensify our enforcement on the illegal use of ATV's and golf carts. Our focus shall remain on public safety. Ticketing will be increased for operating unsafely with an emphasis on helmet and eye protection, manner of driving, and vulnerable users such as children.
- Beach activity – drinking and drug use on our public beaches is strictly prohibited and illegal. We have worked hard in making our main beaches (Bell's, Neis, and Sunnyside) family friendly environments. Please, if you want to enjoy an adult beverage, do so at your property, and not in public.
- Noise – Please be considerate to your neighbours if planning an event or fireworks. Talk to them – it goes a long way in keeping harmony in our community. When calling in a noise complaint please be prepared to see your complaint through! This may include having to provide a statement on what took place, and testifying in court.
- Bears – We continue to monitor bear calls and complaints along with Ministry of Environment. Please remember that bears live here too...do your part in being a bear smart neighbor.
- Garbage containers – please help the municipality by keeping your garbage container up in your property away from the road unless it is being collected the next morning. After pick up have it returned onto your property for the week.

***For people wanting to use fireworks we would offer the following tips.***

- Read the instructions, this is worth repeating: **READ THE INSTRUCTIONS, CAUTIONS AND WARNINGS ON EACH FIREWORK ITEM.**
- Only adults (18 years or over) should handle the fireworks. If you are impaired (alcohol or drugs) do not handle the fireworks.
- Light only one firework item at a time.
- Do not light fireworks in populated areas or with wind gusts.
- **BE CONSIDERATE:** Out of consideration to your neighbours you might want to let them know you are planning a firework show. This will give them a chance to move any items that maybe in the line of fire (especially boats and water craft).

***You are solely responsible for setting off a fire work. Any damage it may cause is your responsibility!***



**CODE RED**

As the municipality has shared previously, we have signed a contract with a US based company (Code Red) that will enhance the municipality's ability to provide mass emergency notification to our ratepayers in the event of an emergency incident. Ratepayers and visitors will be able to subscribe to this service free of charge and receive notifications on a variety of media devises (i.e., tablet, iPad, iPhone, landlines). You can register yourself by visiting our website at [www.lakeland521.ca](http://www.lakeland521.ca). In addition, the municipality is also registered with Sask Alert that facilitates emergency notifications through the local media outlets broadcasting in the area should an emergency occur.

**Did you know?**

*You can report any of the following matters to us for investigation...*

- Animal complaints
  - Traffic complaints
  - Suspicious activities
  - noise complaints
  - boating violations
- open alcohol consumption
  - theft under \$5000
  - mischief (under \$5000)
  - Illegal burning
  - illegal developments
- unsightly premises
  - illegal parking
  - traffic collisions
  - ATV use

## **ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

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## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**EMERGENCY (POLICE – FIRE – AMBULANCE) 9-1-1**

### **RCMP**

Prince Albert 306.765.5500

Waskesiu Lake 306.663.4400

***RCMP – SASK WIDE 310-RCMP (310-7267)***

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