



Nelson Police Department **MEDIA RELEASE**

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TO: **Media Outlets**
FROM: **Nelson Police Department**
SUBJECT: **Media release March 22nd to March 28th, 2026,**

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Media Release – Weekly Policing Summary (March 23–27, 2026)

The Nelson Police Department responded to approximately **137 calls for service** between March 22 and March 28, 2026, addressing a wide range of incidents across the city.

Police responded to multiple **property-related offences**, including thefts from vehicles, shoplifting, and lost or recovered property. Several of these incidents involved unsecured vehicles, and investigations remain ongoing.

Officers also attended numerous **mental health and wellbeing calls**, assisting individuals in crisis and coordinating with health services to ensure appropriate care and support.

Public disorder and nuisance-related calls were a consistent focus, particularly in the downtown core. These included disturbances, unwanted persons, intoxication, and suspicious activity.

Police further responded to **assaults, drug-related occurrences, and bylaw complaints**, while continuing proactive patrols and community engagement throughout the city.

The Nelson Police Department reminds the public to take preventative measures, including securing vehicles and personal property, and to report suspicious activity when observed.

The mission of the Nelson Police Department is to provide professional, trusted, and modern policing that partners with the diverse communities of Nelson to support public safety and community well-being.



Media Release – Electric Motorcycle Awareness

Police are reminding the public that high-powered electric motorcycles (often referred to as “e-dirt bikes”) are **not street legal** in British Columbia unless they meet specific motor vehicle requirements.

Many of these devices do **not qualify as e-bikes**. To be legal as an e-bike, a cycle must have working pedals, a motor of 500 watts or less, and a maximum assisted speed of 32 km/h. Devices that exceed these limits are classified differently and cannot be operated on public roads, sidewalks, or bike paths.

Riders found operating illegal electric motorcycles on public roadways may face enforcement under the Motor Vehicle Act, including:

- No insurance – approximately \$598
- No driver’s licence – approximately \$276 and demerit points
- No helmet – approximately \$138
- Additional violations such as driving without due care or consideration

In some cases, riders may also be subject to **vehicle impoundment** or **criminal charges**, including dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

These devices are not insured, which means riders—and in the case of youth, their parents—may be held **personally liable** for damages if a collision occurs.

Police have received reports of electric motorcycles being operated in public areas, including parks and recreational spaces. Officers will continue to monitor and enforce compliance where necessary.

The public is encouraged to ensure any electric device being used meets provincial requirements and is operated safely and legally