

Ismael, please send out the following message right away to the Fort McMurray SAR members.

Due to a recent (July 17) change in policy, beyond our control (Ottawa decided), just about everybody is now going to require fingerprints to be taken in order to obtain your vulnerable sector criminal record clearance. It used to be your name had to match. Now if ANYBODY of the same sex has the same of birth as you and has ever had a criminal record or pardon for a sexual offence, then in essence, Ottawa assumes YOU have a hit for a sexual offence. Do not get overly anxious about this. Nobody here will assume anything about you. The name can be totally different from a totally different part of the country. It just means that you will need to have your fingerprints taken. This is an irritation to us as well (we used to get one hit a month, now we get 10 a day) but one we have no choice about.

I know many of you work and are of limited time frames to be able to come in and have this done. Therefore, when you come in, please ask them to page Sgt. Perkins, Cst. Parsons, Cst. Marshall, or Cpl. Thoreson. If one of us are available we will do this for you while you are here, it only takes about 5-10 minutes. If we aren't available, I will be bringing the fingerprint ink and papers to the next meeting. You then have to forward the fingerprints to Ottawa. I will have a paper with that information on it for you at the next meeting.

But you must come to the Timberlea Detachment first with the forms I gave you at the last meeting. Have the initial check done, then, if they tell you that you need to have fingerprints taken, follow the steps above. Try to get this done soon so you will know by the next meeting whether or not you need fingerprints done.

Finally, there is a cost involved in the fingerprint step. This WILL BE REPAYED by SAR. This goes to Ottawa with the fingerprints so we cannot side step this payment. You will need to have a money order, certified cheque, or bank draft for \$25.00 made payable to Receiver General of Canada. We cannot do this on-mass as a cheque has to go with each set of prints. Bring your copy of the money order to the next meeting and hand it in for repayment.

If you have your money order and we have a bulk of prints ready to go at the next meeting I will just attach the cheques to the prints and I will mail them altogether.

Hope this isn't too confusing. This is a new rule and it is messing with a lot of organizations right now so hopefully we will all get through it. If you have any questions please contact J'Neil Perkins. My work number is 780-788-4068. I work M-F 0730-1630.

For those of you who did not get the criminal record check forms at the last meeting, you can pick them up at the Timberlea RCMP Detachment or I will bring them again to the next meeting.

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