



ALTONA POLICE SERVICE
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ALTONA JANUARY 2026 POLICE ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

On the 2nd of January while on patrol, Police observed a fire at a business on 2nd St NW. Altona Fire on scene. An employee was attempting to thaw some equipment when the fire started.

On the 3rd of January Police were called to the local hotel for a disturbance. A domestic / verbal had occurred, and none of the parties wished to proceed with a complaint against the other. Hotel staff advised that they wanted the guests removed.

On the 5th of January 2026, a resident of Altona reported that his vehicle license plate was stolen off his car, while it was parked in the long term parking at the Winnipeg Airport. Police entered the license plate as stolen. On the 10th of January Police were contacted by Alberta RCMP, advising our stolen license plate had been recovered, along with numerous other plates from multiple jurisdictions. One adult male and 1 youth male were arrested by RCMP in Alberta.

On the 10th of January Police received a call in relation to a possible scam. The caller advised that he was suppose to be getting a cheque in the mail, which is an over payment, and that he should cash it anyways, and then send the extra back. Police advised the complainant to stop communication with the scammers and discard any cheque he receives.

On the 14th of January, Police received a complaint of a sexual assault involving youth. Police continue to investigate.

On the 19th of January Police were called to a residence in the north west corner of Altona for an assault. The victim advised that she got into an argument with her son, who refused to leave. He threw a beer can at her. The victim advised she was calling the police and the son fled the residence. The victim did not wish to proceed with any complaint.

On the 27th of January Police were called to an apartment complex in the north west corner of Altona. The complainant advised that two people were trying to break into her suite. Police attended, and while there two persons approached and advised that they had accidentally attempted to gain entry into the wrong suite.

On the 29th of January Police received a call from a resident who advised that a person known to her was at her residence and refusing to leave. Police attended and spoke to the adult female, known to police. She advised she was waiting for a friend to pick her up. AS Police were speaking to the female a taxi arrived with her friend in the taxis. The adult female left in the taxis.

On the 30th of January Police received a request to conduct a well being check on a male living by himself in Altona. Police attended and made contact with the male, who advised he was feeling depressed, and was just staying home and resting. There were no mental health concerns, and police cleared the residence.

On the 30th of January 2026, Police received a call from a local community organization requesting a well being check on an individual that has not been seen in a couple of days. Police were also advised that the individual had not been to work for a couple of days either, and was not responding to texts, and not answering his door. Police attended to an apartment complex in the north east corner of Altona, and after receiving no answer at the door, requested a keyholder attend. Due to concerns for the individual, police entered the apartment, and upon entry located the individual, a 52 year old male from Altona deceased. Police do not suspect foul play. Family members have been advised.

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