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## STATEMENT FROM BCN LEADERSHIP
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## RESPONSE TO RECENT RISE IN CRIME

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We are deeply concerned by the recent rise in crime in our Bigstone communities. The safety and well-being of our community members is our top priority, and we are committed to taking immediate action to address these serious incidents.

In response, Bigstone Cree Nation leadership is implementing a temporary curfew for three months on ATVs from 9:00 pm to 7:00 am in all Bigstone communities. These measures are being considered as part of our broader strategy to ensure the safety of our community members during this difficult time.

We are working closely with the RCMP to address these issues and to enhance security in Reserve A. As part of these efforts, RCMP nighttime patrols will be spending additional time in the area to provide increased vigilance and support.

BCN Council supports RCMP to stop ATVs on reserve land. We ask that all community members remain vigilant and cooperate with any new measures that may be introduced. Together, we can work to restore peace and security in our community.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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