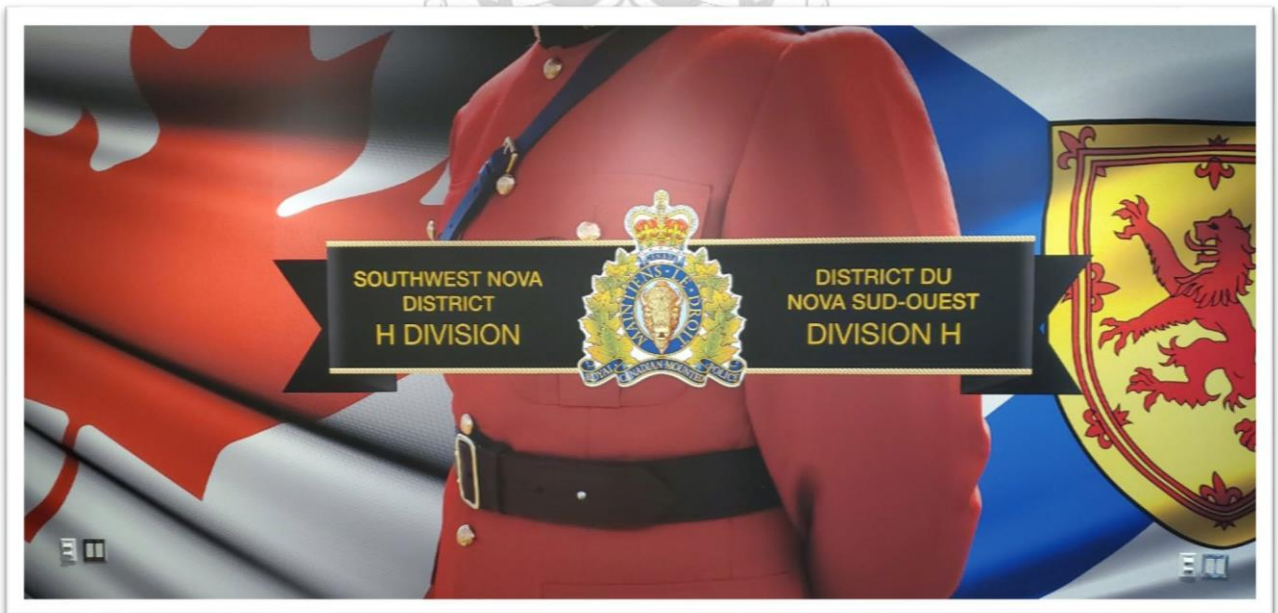


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# Berwick Policing Report



**March & April 2024**  
**Kings District RCMP**

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## Kings District Employees

Inspector Rob Jodrey, OIC Kings District RCMP.

Approximately forty-four (44) general duty constables police Kings District as first responders. These officers are supervised by eight corporals, two sergeants, and one staff sergeant.

Our General Investigation Section (GIS) members are Supervisor Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Kelly McPherson and Cst. Chris Jones. Our local Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) is an integrated unit, partnered with Kentville Police Service (KPS). The unit is comprised of two RCMP members, Cst. Brian Green and Cst. Layla Fish, along with a KPS position which is currently vacant.

Our Community Policing Officer position is currently vacant, while our Domestic Violence/Victim Services position is temporarily assigned to Cst. Neil Edwards.

Kings District RCMP has ten Detachment Services Assistants (DA's) who perform administrative functions at the three District Offices (Wolfville, New Minas and Kingston).



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## School Safety Resource Officers

School Safety Resource Officers work as a resource to our local schools. Members provide presentations to every grade level from P-12 on current topics such as human trafficking, fentanyl, cybercrime, bullying, drug awareness and appropriate use of social media. Schools often request other presentations, which are customized to meet their needs. SSROs update the National Safe Plan every year for each Kings County School. SSROs do the initial investigation in cases that stem from schools. SSROs also provide support for school events that occur after traditional school hours.

Our School Safety Resource Officers are Cst. Jeff Wilson and Cst. Jennifer Britton. Cst. Wilson's service area stretches from the Annapolis County line to the Coldbrook and District School, encompassing a total of 12 schools. Cst. Britton's service area ranges from Aldershot Elementary to LE Shaw Elementary, encompassing a total of 11 schools. Currently, Cst. Britton is operating as the lone SSRO for all schools within our jurisdiction.

Distracted driving presentations, human trafficking awareness presentations, and lock down safety drills have been ongoing at several schools throughout



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the reporting period. SSRO's work closely with the schools within the entire district. Cst. Britton remains heavily involved in the delivery of the mandated objectives while assisting other investigations that require her skills and experience with youth.

## **RCMP Warning Public About Threatening Solicitation Scams**

The Nova Scotia RCMP continues to warn the public about a number of threatening phone and computer scams being reported throughout the province.

There are many types of scams on the rise in the province and the most recent one involves callers falsely representing an organization, such as police or government agency. The caller will then threaten to arrest the individual or suspend their travel visa or tax account if immediate payment is not made. Police want to remind the public that legitimate organizations do not conduct business this way.

"If someone portrays themselves as representing a government institution or another organization, and are threatening you with arrest unless you send immediate payment, regardless of reason, it's a scam," says Cpl. Laurie Haines of the Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section. "These scams are very convincing because the caller ID or spoofed email address appear associated to the police or government institution in question," he further adds.

Recipients of these calls are asked to hang up and not continue with the calls. Anyone who suspects they have been targeted in a phone or computer scam is encouraged to contact their local police, and also the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or online at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.

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## Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Objectives of Annual Performance Plan include:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
During the months of March and April, Kings District members charged 1 person with impaired driving within the Town of Berwick and issued 18 traffic enforcement charges.
- **Crime Prevention – Property Crime**  
Kings District senior managers are holding and/or attending public meetings in several County communities to hear and address residents' concerns about thefts and vandalism. Members continue to conduct physical checks on offenders/accused parties who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest, with the goal of preventing recidivism.
- **Community Engagement – Municipal/Indigenous Governments & Stakeholder Groups**  
Kings District's dedicated First Nations Policing officer continues to build relationships and mutual trust and understanding in local communities. As noted above, Kings district senior managers have committed to meeting and engaging personally with concerned community and stakeholder groups to address issues.
- **Intelligence-Led Policing**  
As this is a National Policing Strategic priority, Kings District officers continue to advance challenging investigations by cultivating and managing confidential human sources.

## Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update

In addition to the above, up to the month of April. there were 0 violation tickets issued on Highway 101 near Berwick and 5 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 near Berwick.

Members continue to conduct traffic enforcement on the main streets of Berwick issuing 18 other motor vehicle associated traffic tickets during this time. No tickets regarding ATV's were issued. There was 1 impaired operations of motor vehicle violation during this period for the Town of Berwick.

There were 164 street patrols conducted with no foot patrols completed during this reporting period. Police visibility continues to be high resulting in a reduction of offences.

## Calls for Service

During the months of March and April, Kings District RCMP responded to 66 and 38 service calls in the Town of Berwick respectively. See the attached chart for a breakdown of those service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Mar Berwick	Mar Kings	Apr Berwick	Apr Kings
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>				
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	1
Sexual Offences	1	10	0	12
Assault	1	26	0	17
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	0	2
Extortion / Intimidation	0	1	0	2
Criminal Harassment	0	4	0	5
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	0	0	0	0
Uttering Threats	0	21	1	26
<b>Property Crime</b>				
Arson	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	2	11	4	13
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	0	0
Theft Over	0	0	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	1	2	7
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	1	5	0	1
Take MV w/o Consent	0	1	0	0
Theft Under	2	29	0	20
Shoplifting	3	19	0	20
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	1	2	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	3
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1	0	2
Fraud	1	15	1	26
Identity Theft	0	0	0	2
Mischief	7	54	3	34
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>				
Possession	0	1	0	2
Trafficking	0	1	0	3
Import/Export	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	1
Other	0	2	0	3
<b>Traffic</b>				
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	2
Impaired by Alcohol	1	15	0	9
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	2
Driving while Disqualified	0	2	0	4
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	13	0	10
Seatbelt Violation	2	2	0	5
Intersection Violation	0	3	0	4
Speeding Violation	2	31	0	29
Insurance Violation	1	1	0	6
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	1
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	1	3	0	5
Collision - Reportable	5	33	1	29
Collision - Non Reportable	0	20	2	29
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	1
Municipal By-laws	0	0	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	5	79	6	87
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	5	1	19
Checkstop	0	0	0	1
<b>Other</b>				
911 Call	4	38	0	32
Breach of Court Order	0	16	0	13
Liquor Act	1	6	0	6
Mental Health Act	6	56	5	52
Missing Person	0	48	0	64
Municipal Bylaw - Other	1	10	0	5
Other	7	122	3	169
Suspicious P V P	1	40	1	41
Trespass At Night	0	1	0	0
Wellbeing Check	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>897</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>955</b>

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## **Significant Investigations**

Members have been busy responding to various types of calls yet continue to be proactive with traffic enforcement and other self-generated work. The following are a couple of the significant investigations we've undertaken in the months of March and April.

**Break and Enter – Storage Sheds** File 2024-320777 relates. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Kingston RCMP received a report that several storage sheds located at 117 Front St. had been broken into and approximately \$10,000 of property was stolen. The investigation is currently on-going.

**Distribution of Intimate Images** File: 2024-375486 relates. On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kingston RCMP received a complaint that an intimate video had been posted to a social media site without consent. A 21-year-old Greenwood man has been charged with voyeurism and distributing intimate images without consent. He was released on an Undertaking with conditions and is scheduled back in Kentville Provincial Court on July 24<sup>th</sup>, for election/plea.

**Excise Act Investigation** File 2024-397034 relates. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Kings District RCMP assisted the NS Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Agency with the execution of a Warrant under the **Revenue Act** at the Main Street Convenience located at 287 Main St., in Berwick. The search produced a quantity of illegal cigarettes. The file is still under investigation by the NS Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Agency.

**Break and Enter – Business** File 2024-512338 relates. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Kingston RCMP received a complaint of a break and enter at the Main Street Convenience located at 287 Commercial St. The investigation is on-going at this time.

**Theft of Car** File: 2024-527567 relates. In the early morning hours of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kingston RCMP received a report of a car theft from the parking lot of the Needs Convenience Store on Commercial St. Shortly after 12 noon, officers located the stolen car at a park near Greenwood and arrested a male driver. A 26-year-old Greenwood man has been charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000; operating a motor vehicle while prohibited and failing to comply with a court order. He was remanded into custody until June 7<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled back in Kentville Provincial Court on June 4<sup>th</sup> for election/plea.



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**Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report or any other community matters, please feel free to contact the undersigned.**

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