
Berwick Policing Report



May - August 2024
Kings District RCMP

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Kings District Employees

S/Sgt. Mark MacPherson, Acting 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 one vacancy. 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. Layla Fish, one RCMP vacancy, along with a KPS position which is currently vacant as well.

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 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 is warning 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>.

Apple Blossom Festival



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Annual Performance Plan

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

- Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**
 Since April 1, Kings West members have charged 5 people with impaired driving, issued 2 roadside suspensions for alcohol use, issued 71 traffic enforcement charges, and conducted 1 check stop.
- 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

	May		June		July		August		Total	
	Berwick	Kingston	Berwick	Kingston	Berwick	Kingston	Berwick	Kingston	Berwick	Kingston
Hwy 101	1	4	0	3	2	1	0	1	3	9
Hwy 1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Tickets	10	20	3	4	2	1	0	1	15	76
ATV Calls	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	12
Impaired/ Refusal	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	6
Check stops	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Patrols	145		181		191		167		684	
Foot Patrols	0		0		0		0		0	

Tickets were issued on the 101 Highway and on Commercial Street in Berwick and consisted of speeding, operating without a valid inspection sticker, failing to display number plates for current year, displaying number plate issued for another vehicle and not wearing a seatbelt.

Calls for Service

Between May and August, Kings District RCMP responded to 286 service calls in the Town of Berwick respectively. See the attached chart for a breakdown of those service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	May Berwick	May Kingston	June Berwick	June Kingston	July Berwick	July Kingston	August Berwick	August Kingston
Crimes Against Persons								
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	2	2	1	3	1	4	3	1
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uttering Threats	0	3	1	1	5	1	1	2
Property Crime								
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	1
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft Over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	2	0	1	3	2	4	2	2
Shoplifting	2	2	0	6	0	0	3	3
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Possession of Stolen Goods	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fraud	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	0
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mischief	2	1	3	6	8	6	2	9
Drug Enforcement								
Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trafficking	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Import/Export	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	May Berwick	May Kingston	June Berwick	June Kingston	July Berwick	July Kingston	August Berwick	August Kingston
Traffic								
Dangerous Op of MV	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Seatbelt Violation	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	1
Intersection Violation	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0
Speeding Violation	3	9	4	4	1	4	5	4
Insurance Violation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Collision - Reportable	0	2	1	2	5	7	0	3
Collision - Non Reportable	0	2	1	0	1	3	0	1
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	17	5	12	11	10	2	7	0
Other Traffic Related Duties	1	0	3	2	1	4	1	1
Checkstop	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other								
911 Call	1	1	2	4	4	0	3	2
Breach of Court Order	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	1
Liquor Act	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mental Health Act	6	5	2	5	5	5	4	3
Missing Person	1	1	0	3	3	0	3	4
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	8	12	9	18	14	23	14	9
Suspicious P V P	2	4	6	2	2	6	4	5
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wellbeing Check	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	57	67	65	85	78	88	70	69
Total Occurrences*	59	72	69	89	84	91	74	75



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 between May and August 2024:

Possession of Property Obtained by Crime – Stolen Pick-up File 2024593512

A vehicle pulled over by Kings District RCMP in the early morning hours of May 4th, 2024, on Cottage St., in Berwick, was later determined to be a stolen truck from Kings County.

The male driver, a young person who cannot be identified, was charged with one count of PSP Over \$5000. During a court appearance in July, the YP was convicted on a number of outstanding charges and was subsequently sentenced to 9 months custody followed by 15 months of probation.

Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle File 2024604581

On May 6th, 2024, a 67-year-old male from Kingston was charged with Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, failing to stop after an accident and failing to stop at a stop sign near Berwick, NS.

The individual appeared in Kentville Provincial Court on August 13th to enter a plea.

Domestic Assault File 2024636444

On May 12th, 2024, Kingston RCMP responded to a 911 call of domestic assault and theft in progress on Main St., in Berwick. Officers arrived on scene and arrested a 36-year-old male for assault and theft under \$5000.

He was released on an Undertaking to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on July 24th, 2024.



Uttering Threats
File 20241017557

On July 18th, 2024, a 39-year-old Somerset male was arrested and charged for uttering threats against a person. He was released on an Undertaking to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on sept. 4th, 2024.

The individual failed to appear in court and an endorsed Warrant of Arrest has been issued by Kentville Provincial Court for his arrest.

Domestic Assault
File 20241195540

On August 17th, 2024, Kingston RCMP responded to a 911 call of female assaulting a male while driving in a Black Dodge Caravan with 4 small children inside. The suspect vehicle was located and stopped on Commercial St., in Berwick and a 26-year-old female from the Weymouth, NS area was arrested and charged with one count of assault.

She is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on October 30th, 2024.

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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