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# ***Berwick Policing Report March 2021***



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## **Kings District Employees**

Inspector Dan Morrow, Kings District Commander.

Forty general duty constables police Kings District as first responders. These officers are supervised by 8 corporals, 2 sergeants and 1 staff sergeant.

Kings East School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jennifer Britton.  
Kings West School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jeff Wilson.

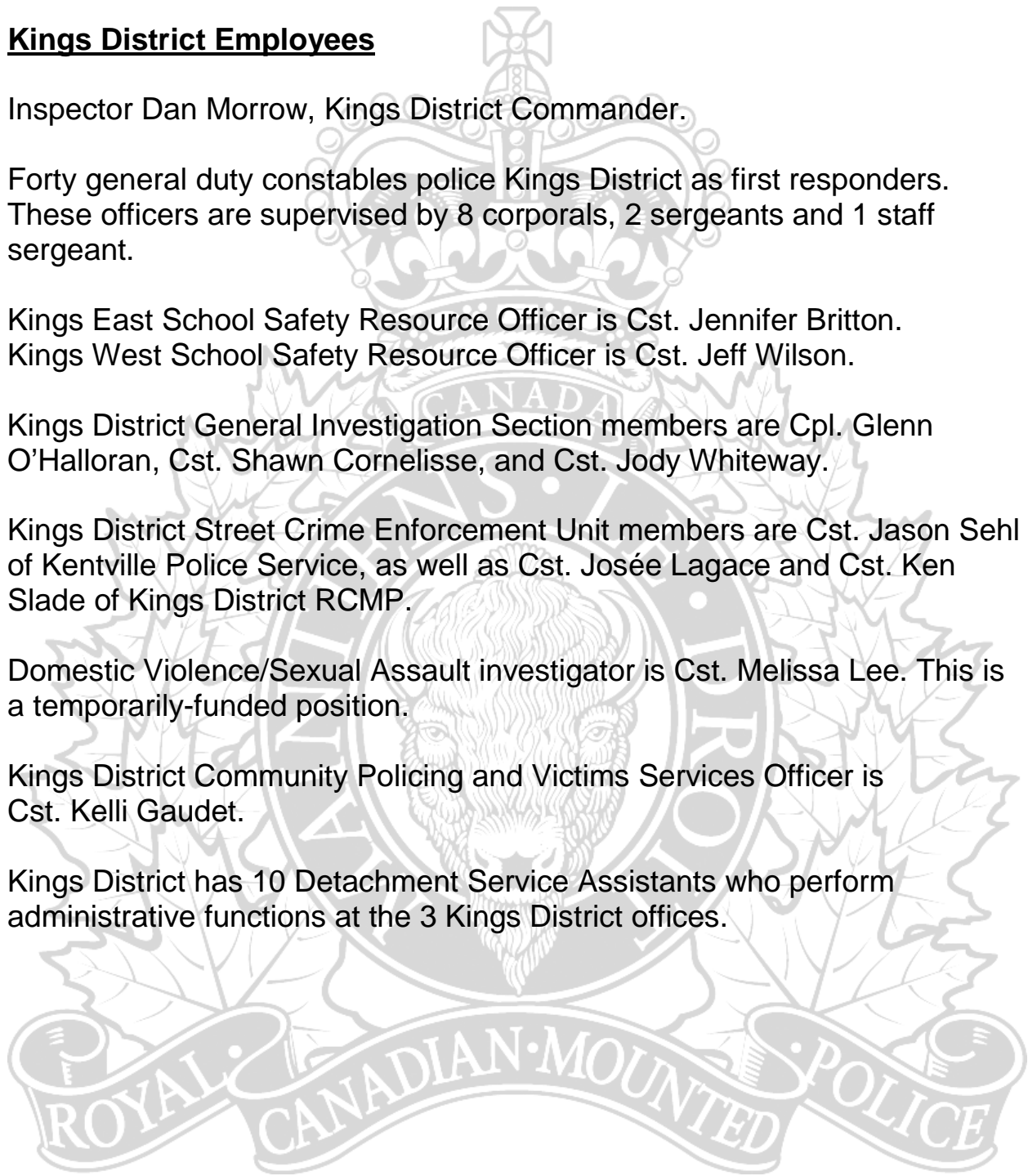
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

Kings District Street Crime Enforcement Unit members are Cst. Jason Sehl of Kentville Police Service, as well as Cst. Josée Lagace and Cst. Ken Slade of Kings District RCMP.

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is Cst. Melissa Lee. This is a temporarily-funded position.

Kings District Community Policing and Victims Services Officer is Cst. Kelli Gaudet.

Kings District has 10 Detachment Service Assistants who perform administrative functions at the 3 Kings District offices.



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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. SSRO's update the National SafePlan every year for each Kings County School. SSRO's do the initial investigation in cases that stem from schools. SSRO's also provide support for school events that occur after traditional school hours.

Cst. Wilson's service area is from Annapolis County line to Central Kings Rural High School, which encompasses 11 schools.

Cst. Britton's service area is from Coldbrook District School to LE Shaw Elementary and encompasses 12 schools.

Distracted driving presentations, Human Trafficking presentations as well as "lock down drills" have been ongoing at several schools throughout the reporting period.

Both district SSROs worked closely with the schools within the entire district. Both Cst. Wilson and Cst. Britton remain heavily involved in the delivery of the mandated objectives while assisting other investigations that require their skills and experience with youth.

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## Highlights

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Cst. Wilson drafted several media releases. Dismissal patrols a WKDHS, 1 warning for speeding on 201. KES had no issues, 1 warning at PRMS for speeding in school zone.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cst. Wilson prepared a media release. Assisted NKEC in regards to counseling a student. Investigational follow-up at CHRHS and participated in several student meetings on various matters. Assisted in service of documents.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted investigational follow-up, media releases. Attended WKDHS re previous concerns over driving complaints, COVID concerns in smoking area. Investigational follow-up at CKRHS, Berwick, CKRHS. Cst. Wilson assisted Cpl. Girma with YCAC questionnaire. Patrols of Cambridge Elementary dismissal, 1 warning for speeding in school zone.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson attended CKRHS for reintegration meeting involving 2 students and fighting. Investigational follow-up with AVRCE, CKRHS. Media releases prepared and Media event in Wolfville. 89.3 REWIND Radio interview on current scams and "H" Division media release on "Fraud Month"

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed patrols for arrivals at École Rose des Vents, Dwight Ross, Kingston and Pine Ridge. No issues. Several media releases prepared. WKDHS patrol of rail bed trail. Patrol of South Berwick 60km/h zone. No violators, as well as Berwick dismissal. Investigational follow-up at CKRHS.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson interviewed again on 89.3 REWIND re scams. Investigational follow-up at PRMS, CKRHS. Several media releases prepared.

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson assisted in getting a student to attend school. Investigational follow-up at CKJH, and CKRHS and surrounding area.

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Traffic enforcement at WKDHS and 1 ticket issued for speeding in school zone. School zone enforcement at Pine Ridge and Maple St. Further media releases prepared.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted investigational follow-up in Kingston and assisted general duty with MVA in Greenwood. 1 ticket issued for fail to yield. Attended Wolfville for media event. School zone enforcement at CKRHS during lunch, no violators. East Berwick traffic enforcement, no violators. Brown St. intersection enforcement, no violators.

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson prepared media release. Meeting regarding possible future recruiting in Kings District. Patrols of WKRHS, 1 warning issued. Various investigational follow-ups conducted. Patrol of CKRHS during dismissal, no violators.

March 12<sup>th</sup>, no school until March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cst Wilson performed school zone enforcement at Pine Ridge, Kingston Elementary. No violators. Media releases prepared and investigational follow-up conducted at Kingston School. Patrols during dismissal in Kingston, no violators.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed speed enforcement during arrivals at PRMS/Kingston, no violators. Investigational follow-up at WKDHS, CKRHS. Dismissal patrols conducted at Dwight Ross, École Rose des Vents, PRMS, no violators.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson drafted a media release. Conducted various investigational follow-ups i.e. Cyberscan on Cyber bullying. Attended Wolfville dismissal, no violators.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up at CKRHS, École Rose des Vents. Attended Wolfville dismissal again and no violators noted.

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed 2 cybercrime presentations at CKRHS. Attended PRMS on reintegration, educations and threat

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assessment. Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up with various schools in district on a matter. Media release prepared.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed school zone patrols at Kingston/PRMS and St. Mary's in Aylesford, no issues noted. Several media releases drafted. Investigational follow-up at several schools.

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed school zone patrols at Kingston/PRMS with no issues noted. Investigational follow-up at several schools. Several media releases drafted.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed investigational follow-up and attended Horton and CKRHS hockey final.



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## **Help Put Fraudsters in Their Place by Recognizing Fraud Alerts**

March is Fraud Prevention Month and the Nova Scotia RCMP will be sharing tips throughout the month to help you and your loved ones recognize fraud.

Each year, Nova Scotians lose thousands of dollars as a result of scams and the impacts can be devastating. According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, Nova Scotians lost \$725,280 to fraudsters in 2020 and \$701,793 in 2019. Although there are many types of scams out there, there are warning signs, or fraud alerts, to look for.

"It's important to know that anyone can be targeted as fraudsters continue to find sophisticated ways to scam people out of their money," says Sgt. Andrew Joyce with the Nova Scotia RCMP Financial Crime Unit. "The impacts of fraud to an individual or business can be significant so it's important to know how to recognize the warning signs to protect yourself and your family members from these types of crimes."

If you receive a call, text or email with any of these common fraud alerts, proceed with caution:

**Payment type** – Fraudsters often request payment in cryptocurrency, gift cards or E-Transfer.

**Urgency** – Be suspicious if an email, text or phone call includes a sense of urgency.

**Unknown/Unsolicited** - Messages claiming to be from businesses or organizations that you have not dealt with previously.

**Threats** – Threats of arrest, deportation or suspension of your travel visa or your tax accounts if immediate payment is not made.

The best way to help prevent these scams is through awareness and education. Sharing this information with others may help someone from

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becoming a victim. For information about common scams and ways to protect yourself, visit: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.

Follow us on Facebook (Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia) and Twitter (@RCMPNS) for more tips. If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

### **Kings District RCMP, in Partnership with Kings Seniors' Safety, Introduce Scam Awareness Program**

Kings District RCMP in partnership with the Kings Seniors' Safety Program are introducing a new awareness program aimed at potential victims of frauds and scams in Kings County.

The program is inspired by a sign that was placed by management in Carl's Independent Grocery in Wolfville, NS. The sign was placed on the gift card rack of the business and allows consumers a chance at educating themselves on frauds and scams before they purchase a gift card. Kings District RCMP and Kings County Seniors' Safety are encouraging local merchants to become involved in the prevention of scams in Kings County communities by placing these signs in their stores.

March is Fraud Prevention Month and Kings District RCMP and Kings Seniors' Safety would like the public to know that fraudsters will contact a victim via email or phone posing as bank investigators, police, etc., and ask them to purchase large amounts of these cards and share the card information. The program offers further education and one last opportunity to think about what they are about to do before purchasing a gift card.

Seniors are often targets of frauds and scams. Seniors who may be a victim of Fraud are encouraged to reach out to the local Seniors' Safety Coordinator who can assist with the fallout of Frauds and Scams. The program is expected to be carried on throughout Nova Scotia with

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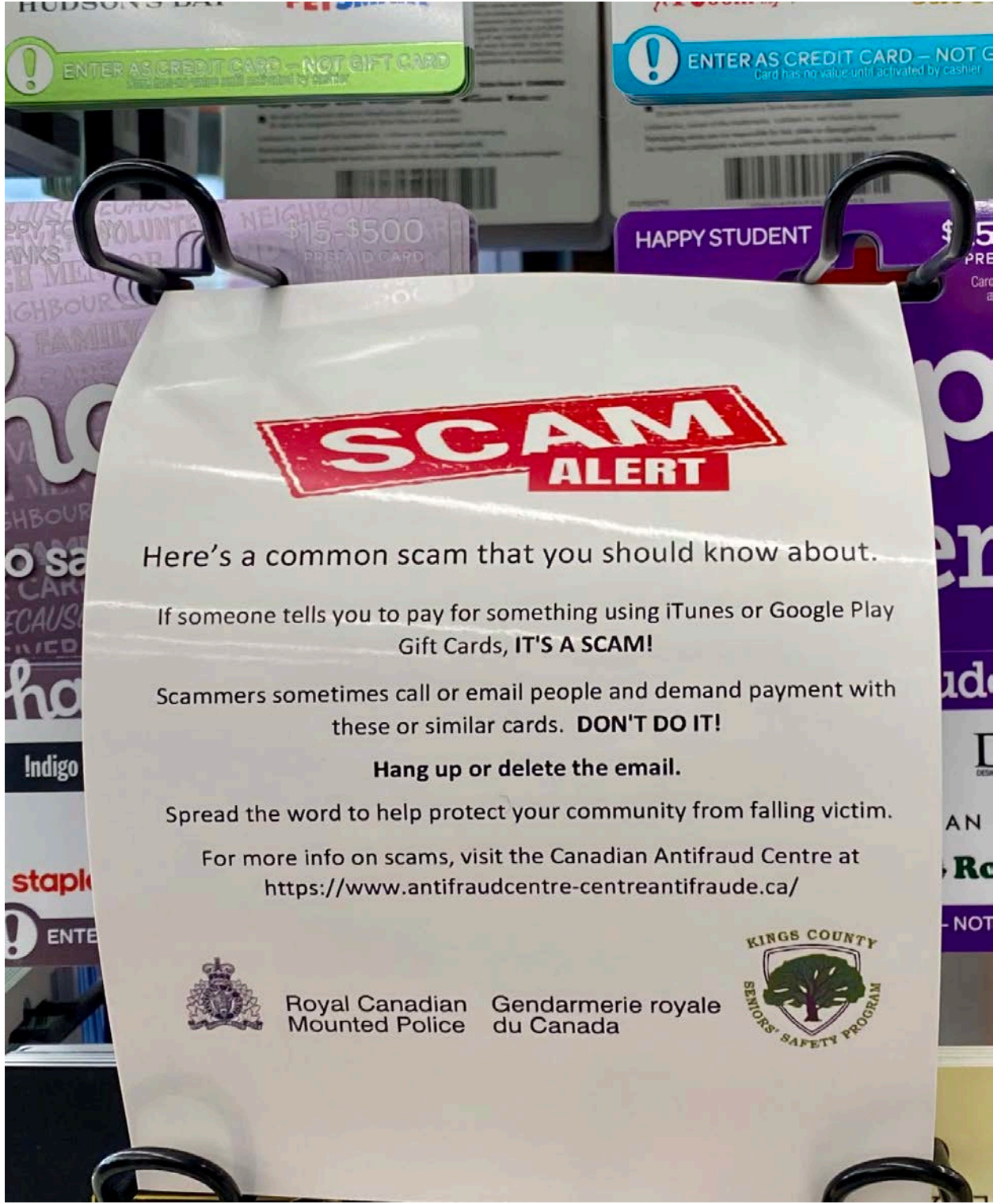


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# SCAM ALERT

Here's a common scam that you should know about.

If someone tells you to pay for something using iTunes or Google Play Gift Cards, **IT'S A SCAM!**

Scammers sometimes call or email people and demand payment with these or similar cards. **DON'T DO IT!**

**Hang up or delete the email.**

Spread the word to help protect your community from falling victim.

For more info on scams, visit the Canadian Antifraud Centre at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/>



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## **Keep All Passengers Safe by Always Buckling Up**

Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding motorists to buckle up. Making sure that you and your passengers wear a seatbelt properly is the simplest and most effective way to protect everyone during a collision.

In 2020, the Nova Scotia RCMP responded to 27 serious and fatal motor vehicle collisions that involved individuals not wearing a seatbelt or wearing one incorrectly. As a way to help prevent unnecessary injury and death, the RCMP uses enforcement to encourage motorists to buckle up. Last year, RCMP in Nova Scotia charged 1,388 people for not wearing a seatbelt or not wearing one properly.

"Seatbelts prevent you from being thrown out of a vehicle during a collision and they can greatly increase your chances of survival," says Cpl. Mike Carter with Traffic Services. "Collisions can happen in a split second so it's important to make sure everyone in the vehicle buckles up, every single time."

The Nova Scotia RCMP wants to remind motorists that a seatbelt should be used properly and be in good condition. A seatbelt should be worn as directed by the manufacturer (for example, a shoulder strap should not be tucked behind the back). Improperly wearing or altering a seat belt in Nova Scotia can result in the same consequences as not wearing one at all. Fines start at \$180 and add two points to your license.

It is important to remember that a driver is responsible for ensuring that passengers under 16 are wearing a seat belt. Children can use an adult seat belt when they are nine years old or 4-foot-9 (145 cm). Otherwise, kids must be buckled in using a car seat or booster seat. Parents and guardians can help kids stay safe by enforcing and modelling good seat belt habits.

Nova Scotia RCMP asks every motorist to do their part to protect themselves and others by buckling up every time they get into a vehicle.

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## Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:



- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
To date, Kings District members have charged 95 people with impaired driving (13 for drugs, 7 with refusal to provide a breath sample), issued 29 roadside suspensions (3 for drugs), issued 1,919 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 214 check stops.
- **Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia**  
Community resource officers and Senior Safety Coordinator continue to educate students and seniors on Cybercrime.
- **Reduce Crime Against People**  
Members continue to conduct physical checks on offenders/accused who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest with the goal to prevent recidivism. 175 checks were performed this month.

## Calls for Service

In the month of March, Kings District responded to 1402 service calls. There were a total of 97 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	March Berwick	March Kings
	2021	2021
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	1	4
Assault	4	23
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	5
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	0	12
Uttering Threats	0	21
<b>Property Crime</b>		
Arson	0	1
Break and Enter	1	3
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	2
Theft Over	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	1	3
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	0	19
Shoplifting	0	7
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	10
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1
Fraud	1	31
Identity Theft	0	2
Mischief	3	38
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>		
Possession	0	1
Trafficking	0	6
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	4



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	March Berwick	March Kings
<b>Traffic</b>		
Dangerous Op of MV	1	1
Impaired by Alcohol	0	9
Impaired by Drug	0	3
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	5
Fail to Stop or Remain	2	7
Seatbelt Violation	0	92
Intersection Violation	1	19
Speeding Violation	21	134
Insurance Violation	3	15
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	1	9
Collision - Reportable	1	33
Collision - Non Reportable	3	22
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	1
Municipal By-laws	0	4
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	17	155
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	6
Checkstop	4	15
<b>Other</b>		
911 Call	1	35
Breach of Court Order	1	24
Liquor Act	0	21
Mental Health Act	5	42
Missing Person	1	36
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	23
Other	17	294
Suspicious P V P	2	40
Trespass At Night	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	13
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	3
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	2	48
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1308</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1402</b>



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## **Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update**

Members continue to conduct patrols and are aware of the traffic complaints in the community. 527 patrols were conducted in Berwick for the month of March. Below are some of the highlights for March.

March 1<sup>st</sup>: Extensive day and night patrols of Berwick conducted. Radar conducted on Hwy 1, Commercial St., Main St., Orchard St., and Foster St. Stop sign enforcement on Main. 3 tickets issued.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Radar on Commercial, Main, Foster Maple and Brown. Stop sign enforcement on Main. No violators. Foot patrol of Rainforth Park conducted.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Radar performed on Commercial, Main, Foster, Maple, Brown, Cottage. No violators. Foot patrol of Rainforth park.

March 4<sup>th</sup>: Extensive day and night patrols of Berwick conducted. Foot patrols of Rainforth park and Commercial. Radar performed on Main, Commercial, Hwy 1. 6 SOTS issued, 1 being stunting on Hwy 1.

March 5<sup>th</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick. Foot patrol of Rainforth park. 18 MVA tickets issued.

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick area. Nothing of note.

March 7<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted, 1 ticket issued.

March 8<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Radar conducted on Commercial and Main. Nothing of note.

March 9<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Radar conducted on Commercial, Main, Maple, and Orchard. Nothing of note.

March 10<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick patrols conducted. Radar conducted on Orchard, Main, Commercial. 2 tickets issued. Check point on Main, 2 tickets issued.

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March 11<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Checkpoint on Hwy 1 in South Berwick, and Main/Commercial. 1 ticket issued. 3 tickets issued during various patrols.

March 12<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Nothing of note.

March 13<sup>th</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick. RADAR performed Commercial, and Main St. 4 tickets issued during patrols.

March 14<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick. Nothing of note.

March 15<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick. RADAR performed on Main St. Nothing of note.

March 16<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Roving Radar performed on Main, Commercial and Maple. Nothing of Note.

March 17<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Stationary Radar on Main and Foster. Roving Radar Veterans, Commercial, and Orchard. Nothing of note.

March 18<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Roving Radar on Main, Commercial Maple and Union. Intersection enforcement at Commercial/Main. Nothing of note.

March 19<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Roving Radar on Main, Commercial and Union St. Nothing of note.

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Foot patrol of Rainforth park.

March 21<sup>st</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Nothing of note.

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick conducted. Intersection enforcement at Commercial/Main. Nothing of note.

March 24<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Roving Radar on Commercial and Main. Nothing of note.

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March 25<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Roving Radar on Commercial and Main. 3 tickets issued during patrols. Check point North Berwick / 360, 1 ticket issued.

March 26<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Roving Radar on Commercial, Orchard and Main. Nothing of note.

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Patrols of Berwick conducted. Roving Radar on Commercial and Main. Check point on Main. Nothing of note.

March 28<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Checkpoint on Hwy 1. 2 tickets issued. Intersection enforcement Commercial/Main. Radar performed on Commercial and Main. 3 tickets issued.

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Numerous patrols of Berwick conducted. Foot patrol of Rainforth Park. Nothing of note.

March 30<sup>th</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick conducted. Foot patrols of Rainforth park, Ball diamonds, Commercial St and post office area. Radar performed on Commercial. 1 ticket. Intersection enforcement Commercial/Main. 1 ticket issued on 101.

March 31<sup>st</sup>: Extensive patrols of Berwick conducted. Foot patrols of Rainforth park, Ball diamonds, Commercial St and post office area. 3 tickets issued.

In addition to the above, 10 violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were also 8 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 in Berwick. Annapolis Valley Traffic Services issued 2 tickets.



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## **Significant Investigations**

**2021272779** - On March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 am, Kings District RCMP attended a single vehicle collision on Highway 358 near Greenwich. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a pole. Police attended the scene and located the driver.

The driver displayed signs of impairment and was subsequently arrested. The driver was transported by police to the New Minas RCMP office where they provided samples of their breath.

A 23-year-old Windsor man has been charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%. The male has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Kings District RCMP would like to thank all that assisted with this collision.

If you believe someone is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number.

**2021276114** - Kings District RCMP have charged a male after a hit and run collision. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at approximately 5:45 p.m., Kings District RCMP responded to a report of a collision at the intersection of Cottage St. and Commercial St. A black pickup truck collided with a red pickup truck while turning onto Commercial St. This caused damage to the red truck and caused the airbags to deploy. The black truck fled the scene. There were no reported injuries.

A short distance away, Kings District RCMP members located a damaged vehicle matching the description of the black truck involved in the collision. The driver, a 29-year-old man from Somerset, was arrested without incident and is facing the following charges:

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- Failing to stop after accident
- Breach of Undertaking

The suspect was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The investigation is ongoing.

Road safety is a shared responsibility. Please call 911 if you believe someone is driving in an unsafe manner or is otherwise an immediate threat to public safety. Include as many details as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle description and license plate number.

**2021283853** - Kings District RCMP have charged a 29-year-old North Alton woman with stunting on Highway 1 near Berwick after driving 53 km/hr over the speed limit: 113 km/hr in a 60 km/hr zone.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:00 a.m., a member of Kings District RCMP on Hwy. 1 spotted a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. The officer activated the radar and measured the speed at 113 km/hr in a 60 km/hr zone, 53 km/hr over the speed limit. The member was successful in locking the radar on the vehicle at 113 km/h. The driver has been charged with Stunting under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act. The fine for stunting in Nova Scotia on first offence is \$2422.50.

Speed is one of the major causes of serious injury and fatal collisions on our roads. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.

**2020-1847621** - The RCMP's Provincial Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit has charged a Kentville man for child pornography offences.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the RCMP's ICE Unit, along with members of the Kings District RCMP Street Crime Enforcement Unit, RCMP General Investigation Section, RCMP Digital Forensics Services and the Kentville Police Service, searched a home in Kentville. Investigators were directed to the residence

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after a social media application notified law enforcement that child pornography was being shared on their service.

A sixty-four year-old male of Kentville, has been charged with:

- Two counts of Transmitting Child Pornography
- Three counts of Possession of Child Pornography

Crouse has been released from custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on April 21, 2021 at 9:30am.

In Nova Scotia it is mandatory for citizens to report suspected child pornography. This means that anyone who encounters child pornography material or recordings must report it to the police. Failing to report suspicious activity and materials could result in penalties similar to failure to report child abuse set out in the Child and Family Services Act. The RCMP encourages citizens to be a voice for children who are victims of sexual exploitation by reporting any suspected offences to your local police or by using Canada's National tipline for reporting online sexual exploitation of children at [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca).

**2021257040** - Kings District RCMP is warning residents of two recent break-ins and thefts from cottages on Chain Lake Rd. in East Dalhousie.

With one of the cottages, it appears that suspect(s) entered through a door and tried to steal a vehicle parked inside the basement garage. It is also possible that the suspect(s) stole a chainsaw.

With the other cottage, it appears that suspect(s) broke a window to gain entry. Nothing has been reported stolen.

It can be distressing and upsetting to have your property broken into, but there are some ways to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim:

- Remove all valuables from your cottage (including firearms).

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- Lock / secure all doors and windows.
  - Ensure all windows are covered by closing curtains or blinds.
  - Ensure all out buildings (e.g., garage or shed) are secured. Remove valuables from those buildings.
  - Don't leave tools and items outside that could be used to break into your cottage. This includes ladders.
  - Ensure someone checks on your cottage on a regular basis.
  - Ensure your property is well lit. Consider getting motion sensors and timers on lights.
  - You may also want to consider purchasing a trail camera and alarm system.
  - Keep an eye out for suspicious activity and immediately report it to police. Detailed descriptions of those involved in the suspicious activity (physical descriptions, license plate numbers, etc.) is especially helpful.

The investigation is ongoing and being led Kingston RCMP with assistance from the Southwest Nova Forensic Identification Section.

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to contact the RCMP detachment in New Minas at 902-679-5555 or Kingston at 902-765-3317. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

**2021-306318, 2021-376819, 2021-372333** - Nova Scotia RCMP has laid multiple charges against a Yarmouth man after three incidents over multiple days.

On March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:17 p.m., Yarmouth Town RCMP responded to a complaint on Main St. that a male breached the conditions of his undertaking. Yarmouth Town RCMP was able to identify the male and was attempting to locate him.

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On March 20<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 11:39 p.m., Yarmouth Town RCMP responded to a complaint that a van had been stolen from a company on Starrs Rd. On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:22 a.m., members of the Queens District RCMP spotted the stolen vehicle travelling on Highway 3 in Brooklyn. The vehicle stopped for police, but the driver exited the vehicle and fled into the woods near Gould's Lane. A search was conducted, but the driver was not located.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at approximately 2:00 a.m., members of the Kentville Police Service conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Park St. As a result of the stop, it was determined that the vehicle had been stolen but not yet reported as stolen from the Bridgewater area. The driver was arrested for possession of stolen property.

A twenty-three-year-old male, of Yarmouth is facing the following charges:

- Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- Assault
- Resist Arrest x2
- Breach of Conditions of Undertaking x4

He appeared in Kentville Provincial Court on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and is being held in custody pending his next court appearance.

**2021294368** - A Hammonds Plains man is facing impaired driving charges after he was seen doing burnouts and driving the wrong down a street in Wolfville.

On Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:35 a.m., members of Kings District RCMP were on patrol in Wolfville when they saw a vehicle do a burnout and drive the wrong way down the one-way portion of Prospect St.

Members immediately activated their emergency equipment, conducted a traffic stop. He was arrested for impaired driving and provided samples of breath which were above the legal limit.

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The 19-year-old man from Hammonds Plains faces charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%. He has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on June 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Road safety is a shared responsibility. Please call 911 if you believe someone is driving impaired or is otherwise an immediate threat to public safety. Include as many details as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle description and license plate number.

**2021296611** - A Gaspereau man is facing the charge of Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign following a two vehicle collision in North Kentville.

On March 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 4:40 p.m., members of New Minas RCMP responded to a two vehicle collision at the corner of Church St. and Nichols Ave. The investigation revealed that one of the vehicles did not stop at the stop sign on Church St., and collided with another vehicle on Nichols Ave. The collision required a multi-agency response with RCMP, Kentville Fire Department and EHS attending. Three people were transported to hospital by EHS with non-life threatening injuries.

A 31-year-old male driver from Gaspereau is facing the charge of Failing to Stop at a Stop Sign.

**2021369982, 2021368943, 2021372195** - Digby RCMP responded to a driving complaint, which lead to the discovery of a stolen vehicle, three persons arrested and multiple charges.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:18 p.m., Digby RCMP responded to a complaint that a vehicle was being driven aggressively. RCMP members quickly located the vehicle, which was parked behind a local restaurant. It was determined that the vehicle had been stolen earlier in the evening from a business in Lockhartville and was also related to a complaint of a theft from a business

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in New Minas. All three occupants of the vehicle were arrested without incident.

The driver, a forty-nine-year-old male of Deep Brook, has been charged with the following offences:

- Theft of Motor Vehicle
- Possession of stolen property over \$5,000 x2
- Impaired operation of a conveyance
- Driving while Disqualified x2
- Breach of Probation
- Breach of Undertaking X4

He appeared in Digby Provincial Court on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and is being held in custody pending his next court appearance.

A passenger in the vehicle, a 38-year-old female from Kentville is facing a charge of possession of stolen property over \$5,000. A second passenger in the vehicle, a 41-year-old female from Centerville, is facing charges of possession of stolen property over \$5,000 and possession of cocaine.

Both passengers will appear in Digby Provincial Court on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Members of the public are asked to call 911 immediately if they see a driver who is driving erratically or unsafely or if they believe someone is driving impaired. Include as many details as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle description and license plate number.

**2021385545** - On March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:40 pm Kingston RCMP conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Main St. Kingston for a Motor Vehicle Act violation.

On initial contact with the vehicle and its driver the investigating Member observed, in plain view, a bag of cannabis within reach of the driver. The

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officer also observed empty liquor cans in the back of the car.

A search of the vehicle located more liquor cans and bottles. While the investigation continued approximately 15 Percocet pills were located in possession of a female passenger in the vehicle.

A twenty-four-year-old female of Kingston has been charged with Possession of a Scheduled 1 drug under Section 4(1) of the Controlled Drug and Substances Act.

She was released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**2021394795** - Kings District RCMP attended the Gaspereau Valley to respond to lost hikers in the Forest Hill Rd. area. Police attended and were able to reach the hikers by cellphone. It was determined that the police were within the rough proximity of the hiker's location. Police approached a cooperative community member who generously entered the trail in the area of the lost hikers to begin a search as police continued to gather information.

The police confirm the hikers were able to walk out of the wooded area on their own.

There were no injuries.

Kings District RCMP would like to thank the community member for their help on the ATV and all those that may have helped locating the hikers.

**2021403178** - On March 27<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 7:45 a.m., a member was on patrol on Commercial St. in New Minas, when they noticed a woman trying to move an injured beaver from the roadway.

The beaver appeared injured, and RCMP members were able to assist the woman in moving the beaver in a safer location. Eventually, the beaver was placed in a kennel and transported to the New Minas Detachment. They contacted Hope for Wildlife, and a volunteer was able to attend to pick up



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the beaver.

The RCMP would like to thanks all that assisted with the rescue.



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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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