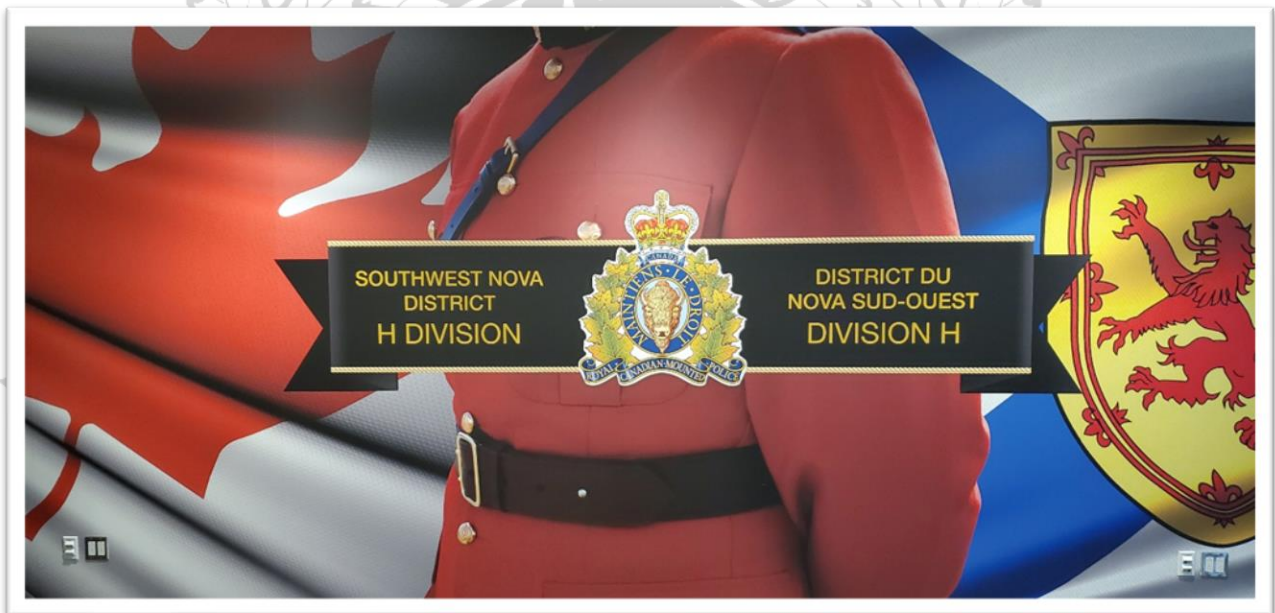

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Kings District Employees

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.

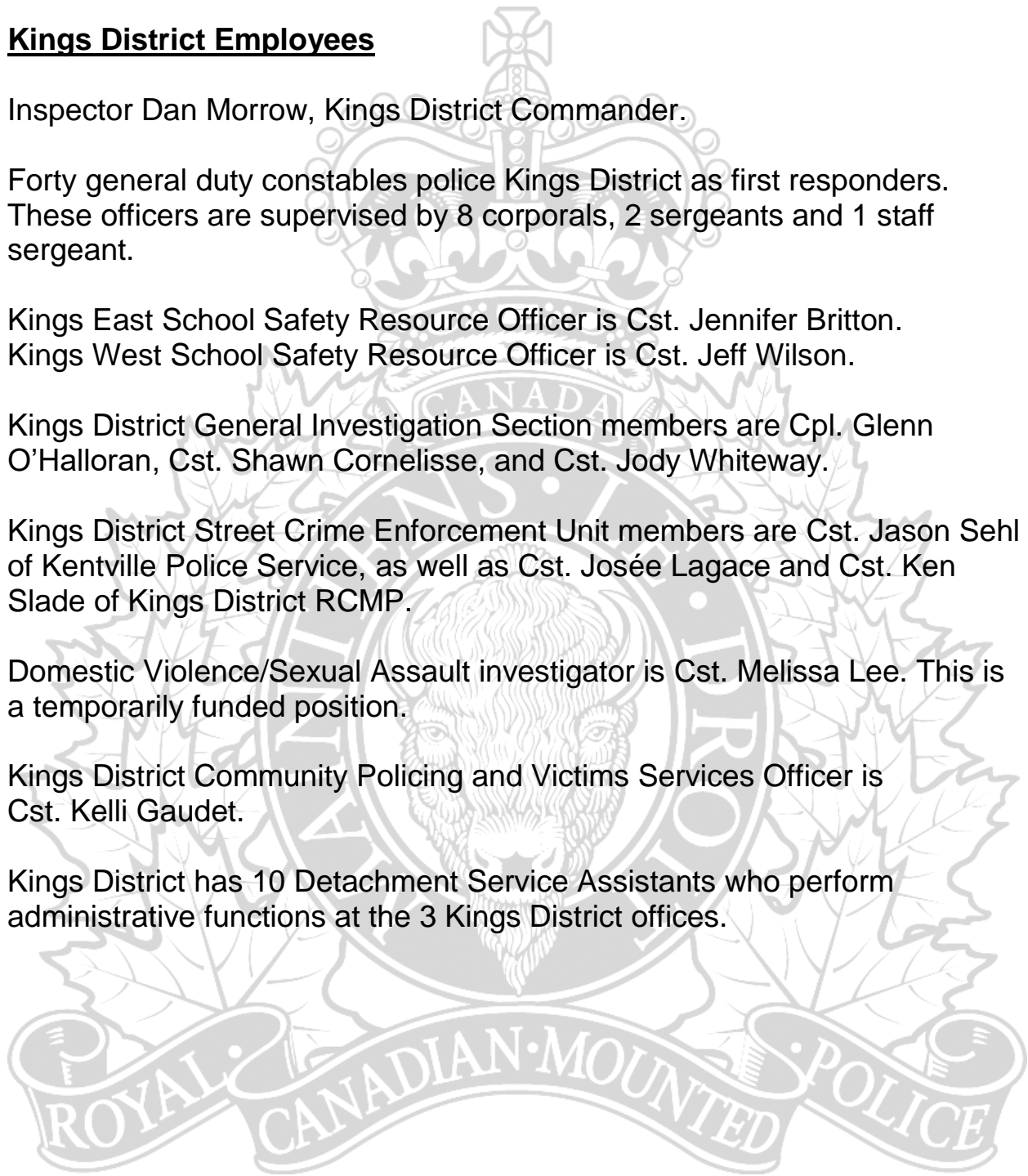
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

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

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

Traffic enforcement continues even as School has now gone virtual school from home. SSRO Cst. WILSON continues to be active in the community with traffic enforcement and assisting with calls for service.

As the summer months are approaching and the weather is getting nicer, people are moving around more freely at all times of the night. The RCMP would like to remind community members to be vigilant in making sure to lock their vehicles, not to leave any belongings in their vehicle in plain view and securing their outbuildings.

Neighbours keeping eyes on their neighbourhood is the best security available. You all know what belongs.

Calling the RCMP to report any suspicious activities at the time things are happening will assist in apprehending the individual involved.

512 patrols conducted in Berwick in the month of May and 3 foot patrols done in the local parks and sidewalks.

ATV traffic has increased. ATV/UTV operators will have make sure to familiarize themselves with Provincial and Municipal regulations. Enforcement has taken place and will be continuing with ATV patrols.



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Help Put Fraudsters in Their Place by Recognizing Fraud Alerts

As in previous months, the RCMP advises that fraud preventions can be achieved through awareness.

Each year, Nova Scotians lose thousands of dollars from 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.

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

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 province wide Seniors' Safety Programs partnering with local police agencies who will engage the local businesses in their communities.

Information about common fraud scams can be found by visiting the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's website at <https://www.antifraudcentre->

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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 seatbelts need to be used properly and maintained in good condition. Seatbelts need to 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.

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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.

Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022. Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia** - To date (for the month of April), Kings District members have charged 8 people with impaired driving, issued 2 Roadside suspensions for alcohol consumption, issued 140 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 19 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.

Calls for Service

In the month of May, Kings District responded to 1470 service calls. There were 54 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	May Berwick	May Kings
	2021	2021
Crimes Against Persons		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	3
Assault	1	28
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	1
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	3	4
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	11
Uttering Threats	0	10
Property Crime		
Arson	0	0
Break and Enter	1	6
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0
Theft Over	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	1	20
Shoplifting	0	12
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	2
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	0
Fraud	1	40
Identity Theft	0	0
Mischief	1	54
Drug Enforcement		
Possession	0	3
Trafficking	1	2
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	1



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	May Berwick	May Kings
Traffic		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	2
Impaired by Alcohol	0	13
Impaired by Drug	0	3
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	1	5
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	3
Seatbelt Violation	0	22
Intersection Violation	0	9
Speeding Violation	4	170
Insurance Violation	5	23
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	1
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	1
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	2
Collision - Reportable	0	14
Collision - Non Reportable	0	10
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	1
Municipal By-laws	0	8
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	18	199
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	15
Checkstop	3	37
Other		
911 Call	0	36
Breach of Court Order	0	12
Liquor Act	0	9
Mental Health Act	0	33
Missing Person	0	36
Municipal Bylaw - Other	1	9
Other	4	264
Suspicious P V P	0	36
Trespass At Night	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	91
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	46
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	1
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	1	32
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	46	1,338
Total Occurrences*	54	1,470



Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update

In addition to the above, 7 violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were also 6 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 near Berwick. Members issued 18 tickets in Berwick.

Members continue to conduct traffic enforcement on the main street and other area of high traffic volume. 31 motor vehicle associated traffic tickets or impaired operation motor vehicle violations were enforced.

There were 512 patrols conducted with 3 foot patrols done in the parks and various sidewalks in the community. Police visibility continues to be high resulting in a reduction in offences.

Impaired Driving Awareness Day

Members conducted several Check Points during this day. Traffic Services were also in the area of Berwick. Police visibility was extremely high, providing for a very safe weekend in Berwick and surrounding area.



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Mental Health Awareness

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness week, Kings Seniors' Safety delivered Grow Kits to seniors who are isolated and/or struggling with mental wellness. Grow Kits included seeds and supplies to start growing herbs / flowers, along with mental health resources and tips for positive mental wellness.



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Significant Investigations

The month of May has been a good month in Berwick with no significant investigations to report. Covid-19 health restrictions continue to be at the forefront of everyone concerns and wanting to keep their family and friends in community safe. Observed violations should be reported to the RCMP for follow up.

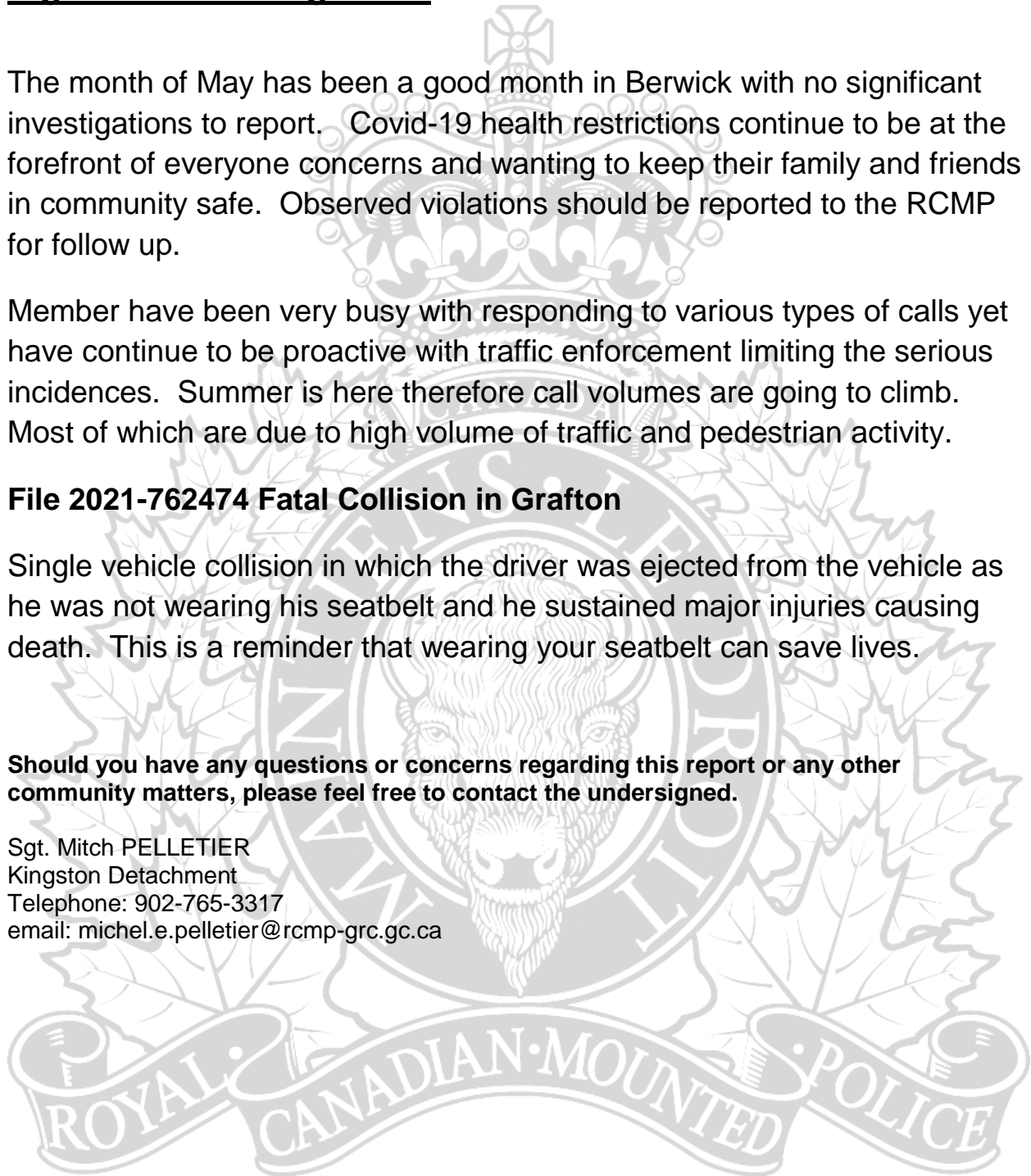
Member have been very busy with responding to various types of calls yet have continue to be proactive with traffic enforcement limiting the serious incidences. Summer is here therefore call volumes are going to climb. Most of which are due to high volume of traffic and pedestrian activity.

File 2021-762474 Fatal Collision in Grafton

Single vehicle collision in which the driver was ejected from the vehicle as he was not wearing his seatbelt and he sustained major injuries causing death. This is a reminder that wearing your seatbelt can save lives.

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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