
Berwick Policing Report August 2021



***Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Kings District***

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Kings District Employees

A/Inspector Rob Jodrey, 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.

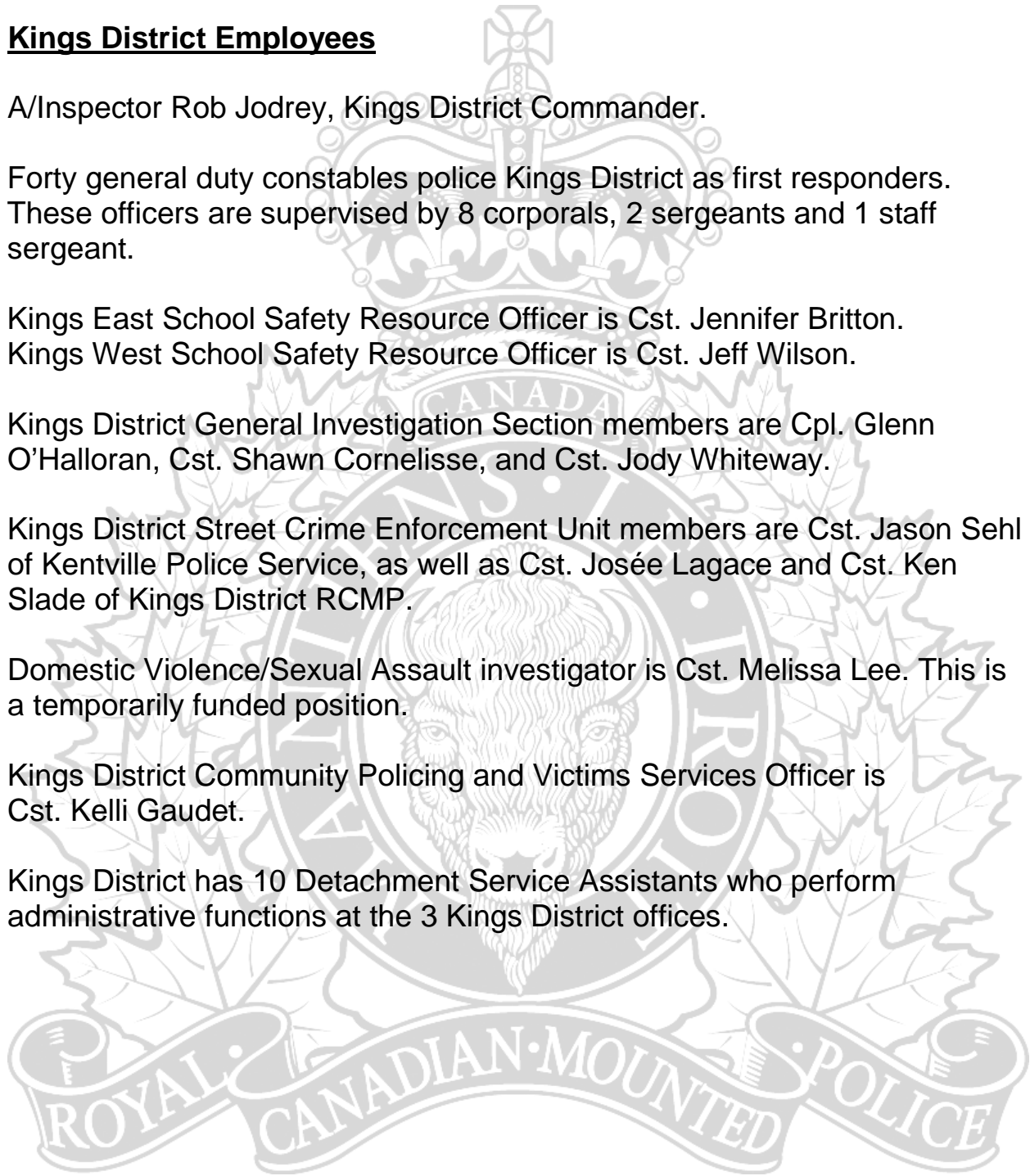
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

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

SSRO Cst. WILSON continues to be active in the community with traffic enforcement and assisting with calls for service.

Kings District RCMP “Caughtcha” Program back this summer in Kings County communities

Kings District RCMP is pleased to announce that the “caughtcha” bike helmet program is back this summer throughout the Kings County communities. Kings District RCMP, in partnership with local Tim Hortons, has created a bike helmet program aimed at rewarding children for safe and responsible cycling. Kings District RCMP are utilizing School Safety Resource Officer, Cst. Jeff WILSON, who patrols throughout Kings County, on police bicycle. Children and youth will be rewarded with a Tim Hortons gift certificate when found wearing a bicycle helmet and operating their bicycle safely.

The following are some laws that affect motorists and cyclists:

- Cyclists of all ages must wear a helmet. Parents can be given a Summary Offense ticket for knowingly allowing their child to ride a bike without a helmet under the age of 16.
- Every bicycle must be equipped with a bell or horn.
- Cyclists must signal their intention to turn and make lane changes. Cyclists are encouraged to learn and practice the use of hand signals.
- Motor vehicles may only pass a bicycle if it is safe to do so and there is at least one metre of open space between the vehicle and the person cycling. Motor vehicles may cross a line to pass a bicycle safely.
- Cyclists may not ride on the sidewalk or use crosswalks while riding.
- Children (16 and under) may cycle on a sidewalk in a public square, park, city, or town unless there is local legislation opposing it.

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Bicycling is a popular and healthy activity. However, it is also a leading cause of recreational injury in children and youth. Head injuries are among the most severe injuries that occur while bicycling and account for a leading cause of hospitalization in children and youth.

Kings District RCMP encourage cyclists to wear a helmet at all times and it must fit properly to be most effective.

Kings District RCMP wish all cyclists safe riding and look forward to meeting children wearing bike helmets as they cycle for the last few weeks of summer and begin their preparations for back to school.



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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 Kings District members have charged 39 people with impaired driving, issued 33 Roadside suspensions for alcohol consumption, issued 902 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 114 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

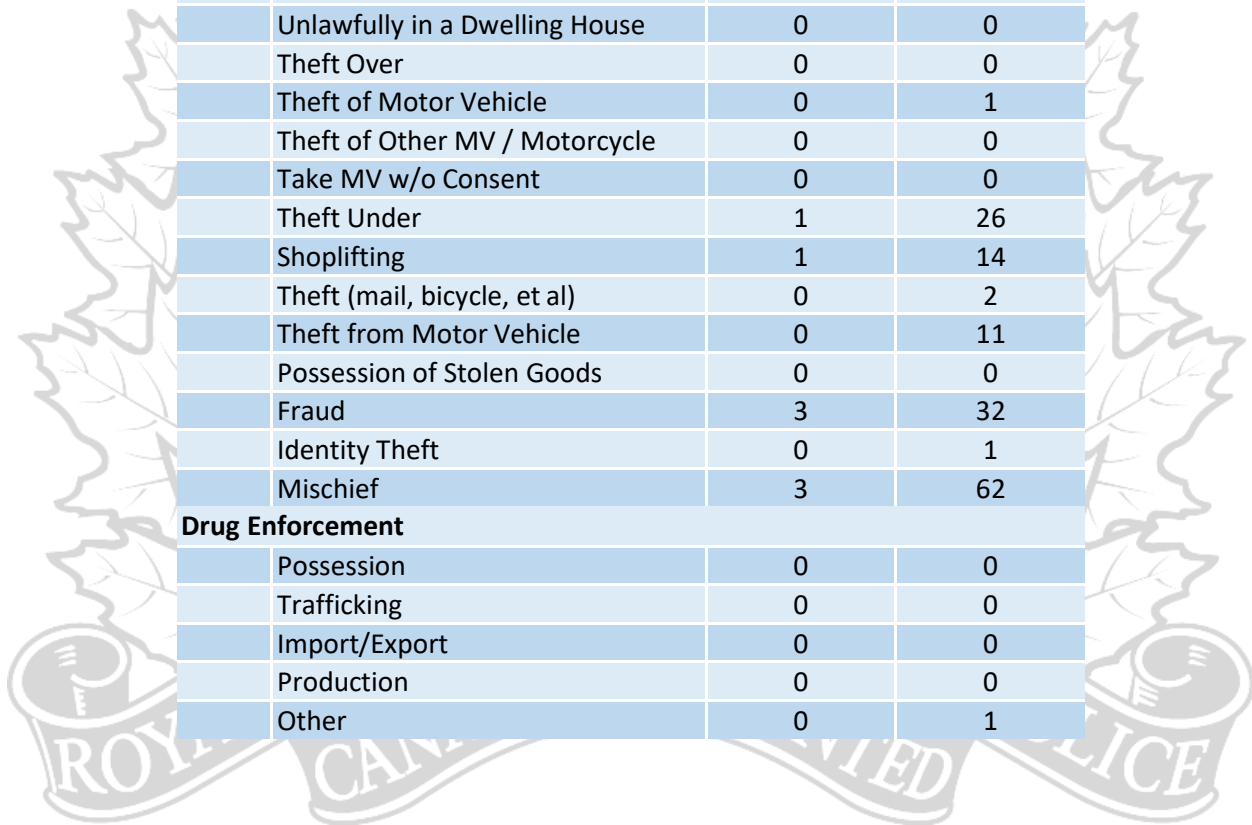
In the month of June, Kings District responded to 1372 service calls. There were 77 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	August Berwick	August Kings
	2021	2021
Crimes Against Persons		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	1	7
Assault	3	24
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	2
Extortion / Intimidation	1	2
Criminal Harassment	1	7
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	6
Uttering Threats	0	19
Property Crime		
Arson	0	0
Break and Enter	1	15
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0
Theft Over	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	1
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	1	26
Shoplifting	1	14
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	11
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	0
Fraud	3	32
Identity Theft	0	1
Mischief	3	62
Drug Enforcement		
Possession	0	0
Trafficking	0	0
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	1



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	August Berwick	August Kings
Traffic		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	1
Impaired by Alcohol	2	26
Impaired by Drug	0	3
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	4
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	16
Seatbelt Violation	0	2
Intersection Violation	3	15
Speeding Violation	4	117
Insurance Violation	1	10
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	2
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	1
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	6
Collision - Reportable	0	28
Collision - Non Reportable	1	23
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	1
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	16	184
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	3
Checkstop	6	12
Other		
911 Call	1	29
Breach of Court Order	1	14
Liquor Act	1	10
Mental Health Act	0	38
Missing Person	2	70
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	25
Other	16	355
Suspicious P V P	1	33
Trespass At Night	0	2
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	3
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	13
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	71	1279
Total Occurrences*	77	1372



Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update

In addition to the above, there were no violation tickets issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were 5 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 near Berwick.

Members continue to conduct traffic enforcement on the main street and other areas of high traffic volume. 38 motor vehicle associated traffic tickets were enforced and there were no impaired operations of motor vehicle violations in this period.

There were 424 patrols conducted with 7 foot patrols done in the parks and various sidewalks in the community. Police visibility continues to be high resulting in a reduction in offences.

Significant Investigations

August has been another steady month district wide but in regard to Berwick there were no significant investigations to report. With the easing of Covid-19 health restrictions at the end of the month along with anticipation and preparation for Gala days among other valley events have kept everyone busy.

Members have been very busy with responding to various types of calls yet have continued to be proactive with traffic enforcement limiting the serious incidences. A slight decrease in calls in the district with a corresponding decrease in Berwick.

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Kings District RCMP responds to armed robbery in Greenwood

Police file# 2021-1182319

August 11th, 2021, Greenwood, Nova Scotia. At approximately 10:00 p.m. last night, Kingston RCMP responded to a complaint of an armed robbery at a gas bar and convenience store on Central Avenue in Greenwood. Upon arrival, RCMP confirmed that a store employee has been approached in the parking lot and demanded the employee open the store to provide money. The suspect showed a firearm to the employee and demanded the employee hand over their wallet. The suspect left the store's parking lot on foot. No one was physically injured as a result of this incident. The suspect was wearing a dark blue hoodie with a dark bandana mask over their face. The suspect is described as approximately 5'5" and 140lbs. The suspect is possibly in their early 20's and has brownish hair. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone who has information or may have witnessed this incident is asked to call Kingston RCMP 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, or use the P3 Tips App.

Kings District RCMP charge ATV driver with impaired driving after rollover in Kingston

Police file# 2021-1203890

On August 14th at approximately 3:40 PM Kingston RCMP members were called to an area of the Harvest Moon Trail after it was reported an ATV had been involved in a collision which caused the ATV to rollover after colliding with a wooden fence. The driver had been operating the ATV with a 5-year-old passenger. Both driver and passenger received non life threatening injuries. The appropriate medical treatment was provided and further support provided to the 5-year-old child. The driver displayed signs of impairment. The driver provided a sample of breath into an Approved

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Screening Device (ASD) which they failed. The driver was arrested for Impaired Driving and transported to Kingston RCMP where they provided two samples of breath.

A 33-year-old male from Kingston will be facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance, Impaired Operation of a Conveyance Causing Bodily Harm and Operation of a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Level Over 80 mg%.

The male will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on October 26th, 2021.

Kings District RCMP encourage ATV enthusiasts to operate in a safe and legal manner which will provide an enjoyable and safe environment for all Kings County residents on Kings County trails. If you witness an Off-Highway Vehicle Act violation, please contact Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resource reporting line at 1-800-565-2224 or your local RCMP detachment. If the situation requires an emergency response dial 911.

Kings District RCMP respond to a two vehicle collision in Canning August 17th, 2021, Canning NS.

Police file# 2021-1203384

At approximately 2:00pm on August 14th police attended the area of Bains Rd. and J Jordan Rd in Canning. RCMP members and first responders were able to identify and treat those involved in a motor vehicle collision which included one of the passengers being trapped in a vehicle. Four persons were transported to local hospital with injuries. Police investigated the scene and it is believed that a vehicle pulling a RV trailer travelling west on Bains Rd. had failed to yield to a vehicle travelling south on Jordan Rd, with resulted in the collision. Kings District RCMP would like to acknowledge and thank the many community members and first responders that assisted with this collision. RCMP collision analyst attended the scene and the investigation is ongoing.

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Kings District RCMP Arrest Impaired Driver near Glenmont

Police file# 2021-1198692

On August 13th at 6:30 PM. New Minas RCMP were called to investigate reports of an impaired driver. Police made patrols of the area and located the vehicle on Black Hole Rd in Glenmont. The driver displayed signs of impairment and was arrested. The driver was transported to the New Minas RCMP office.

A 24-year-old New Waterford man will be facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Level Over 80 mg%. The man has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court October 7th, 2021.

Kings District RCMP arrest female during break and enter in New Minas

Police file# 2021-1253056

On August 23rd at 10:25 a.m. Kings District RCMP were called to a residence on Glendale Drive in New Minas. A family member of the home owner had attended the address for a visit and observed an unknown female on the property. The family member then left the address and returned a short time later to observe a window had been arranged to provide entry and the female inside the residence. New Minas RCMP made an immediate patrol and were able to apprehend the female inside the house without incident.

A 50-year-old Berwick woman has been charged with Break and Enter and Mischief under \$5000.00. The female will face these charges in Kentville Provincial Court on a later date.

Kings District RCMP advise “quick change” scam surfacing again in Kings County

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Police file# 20211249636, 20211231694

Kings District RCMP are investigating two incidents between the 19th and 22nd of August:

- Approximately 3:00 pm on August 19th at a pharmacy in Aylesford
- Approximately 1:00 pm on August 22nd at a hardware store in Wolfville.

A "quick change scam" is when a scammer buys an inexpensive item and pays for it with a large bill (for example, buying something that costs five dollars and paying for it with a fifty-dollar-bill). As the cashier is making change, the scammer tries to confuse the cashier by asking to exchange the bills of smaller denominations for larger ones (for example, asking for ten-dollar bill as change instead of two five dollar bills). As a result of the various requests, the cashier ends up giving too much change to the suspect.

Kings District RCMP advise to avoid being a victim of this scam that the salesperson only complete the transaction for the purchased item and then close the cash register drawer immediately. If the customer is asking to exchange bills be wary of the scam and contact your manager or supervisor before engaging in further interactions.

Anyone with information about these incidents or who feels they may be a victim in this manner is asked to contact the RCMP at 902-679-5555 in New Minas or 902-765-3317 in Kingston. 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, or use the P3 Tips App.

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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