
Berwick Policing Report October 2021



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

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Kings District Employees

Inspector Kurtis Kamotzki, 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.

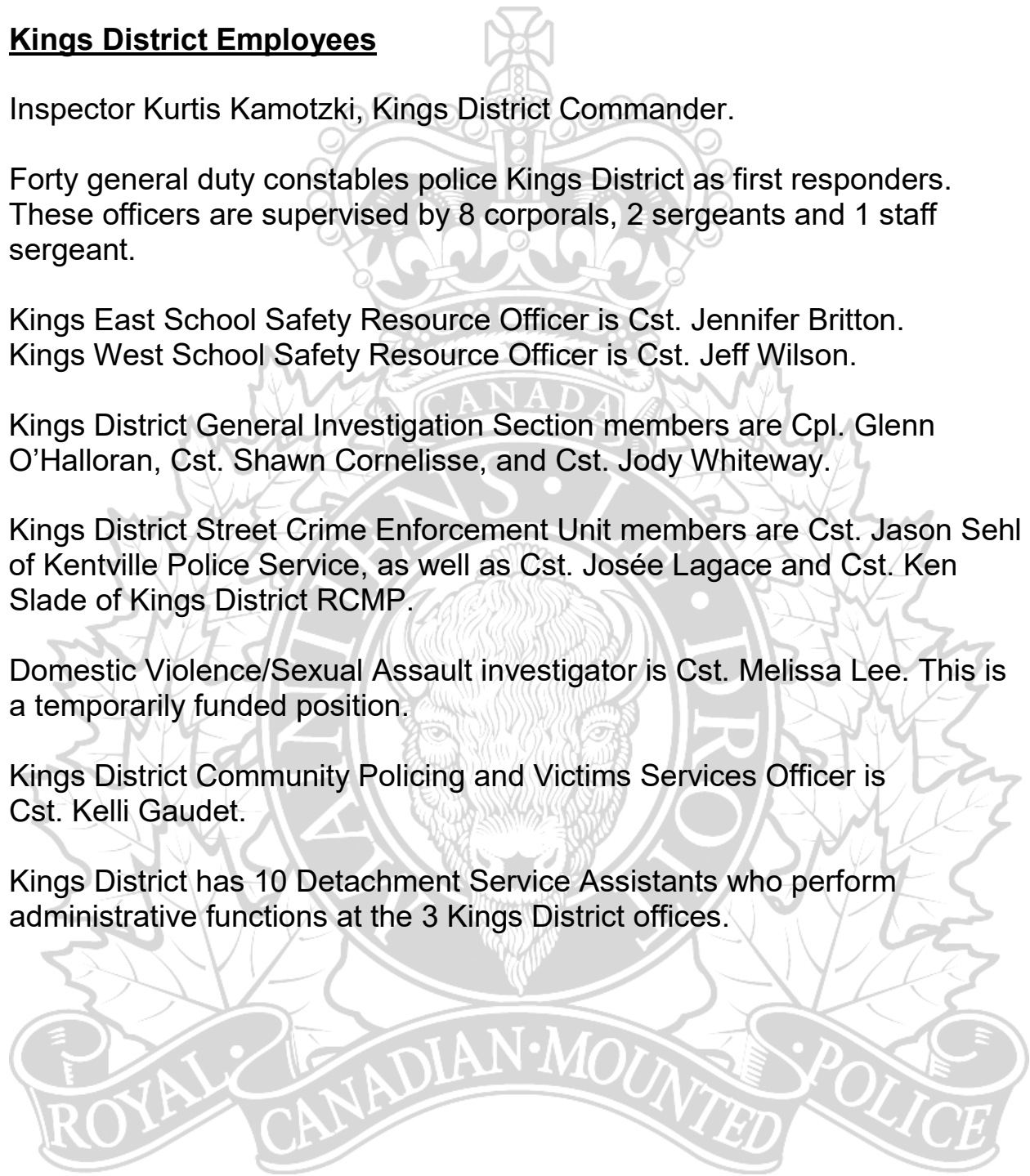
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

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.

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

The Internet and communication technologies provide Canadians, businesses, and institutions with the essential means to access information, offer services and create opportunities. Over the years, however, the exponential growth in these technologies has also increased the potential for cyber threats. Cyber criminals are increasingly targeting and exploiting Canadian citizens, businesses, and our critical infrastructure systems.

Cyber capabilities, once rare and expensive, have now become commonplace and affordable. That, along with the borderless and anonymous nature of cybercrime, amplifies the pool of potential victims.

Cyber security has always been important, but with more and more people relying on the internet for work, day-to-day tasks, business, social connections, financial services and more, it is vital that we learn how to keep ourselves safe.

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month and the RCMP is asking Canadians to take time this month to learn about cybercrime, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you are victimized.

What can Canadians do?

- Visit the RCMP's [Cyber Safety pages](#) and social media, as well as, [Get Cyber Safe's](#) website. Follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for great cyber tips and information!
- Know how to report a cybercrime or cyber fraud. If an individual, business or organization experiences a cybercrime, they should

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contact their local police immediately. It's also important that they report the incident, whether they fell victim or not, to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre [online](#) or toll-free at 1-888-495-8501.

- Share the information you learn with those around you!

What is law enforcement doing?

The criminal exploitation of new and emerging technologies requires new policing measures to keep pace in a digital era. Cybercrime investigations are complex and technical in nature. They require strong domestic and international partnerships, specialized investigative skills, and advanced tools and technologies. The RCMP takes cybercrime seriously and has a number of programs, units and teams actively working on it, including:

- National Cybercrime Coordination Unit (NC3)
- Federal Policing Cybercrime
- Cybercrime Investigative Teams including Cyber Capability Specialists from federal, provincial, local and international police
- Cyber Capability Specialists
- Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

The RCMP works closely with law enforcement partners and other lead security agencies, private and public sectors, including academia in Canada and abroad, to investigate and address cybercrime.

Quick facts

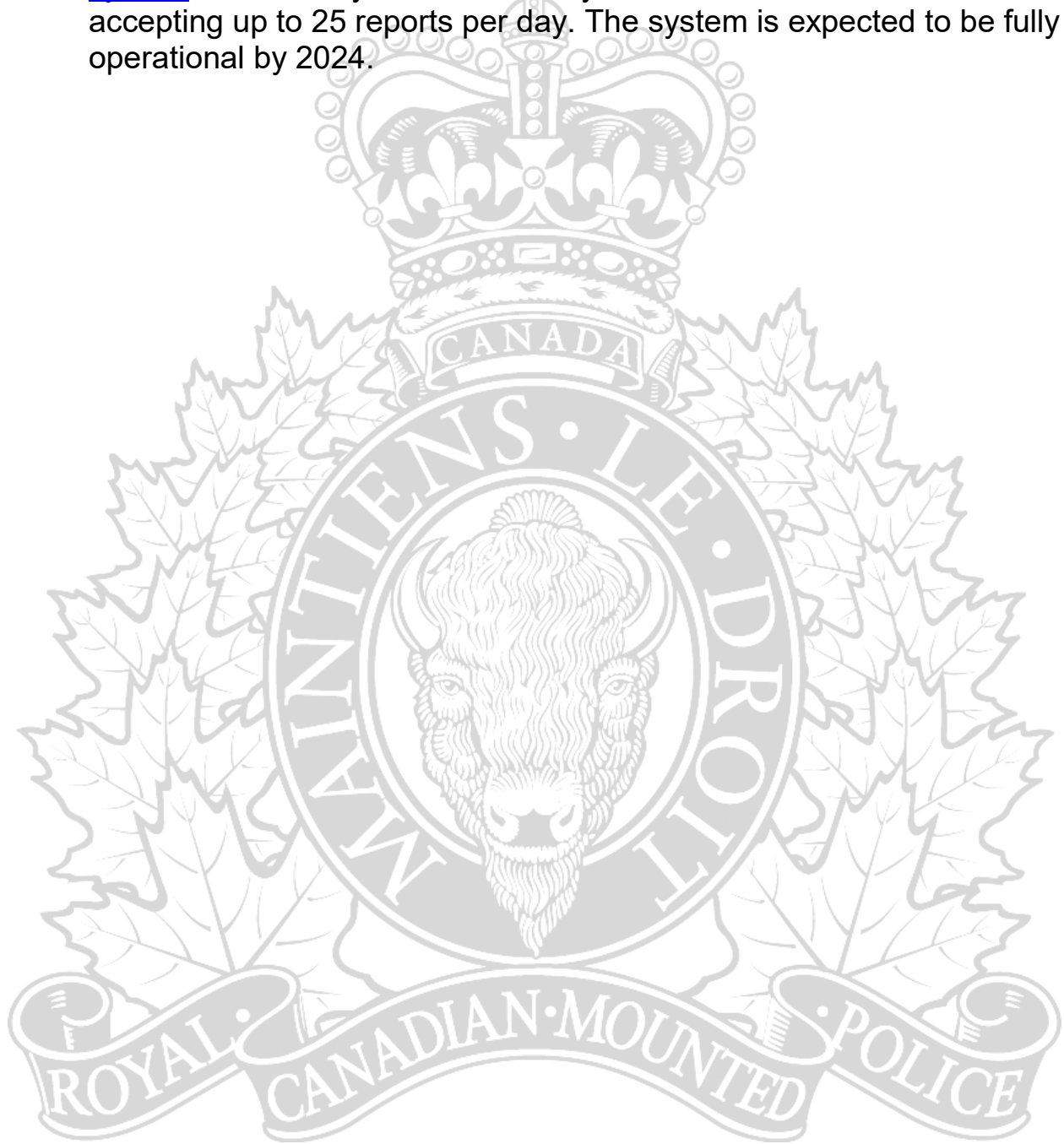
- Cybercrime continues to be the cyber threat that is most likely to affect Canadians and Canadian organizations.
- It is estimated that only 5-10% of all cybercrimes and fraud are reported to police.
- The RCMP continues to see an increase in ransomware in Canada. Since June 2020, the National Cybercrime Coordination Unit (NC3) has received over 2,200 requests for assistance from domestic and international law enforcement partners. Of these requests, over 30% related to ransomware.

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- The NC3 and Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) are working together to implement a [new national cybercrime and fraud reporting system](#). The new system is currently live in a beta version and is accepting up to 25 reports per day. The system is expected to be fully operational by 2024.



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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 in excess of 53 people with impaired driving, issued TBD roadside suspensions for alcohol consumption, issued TBD traffic enforcement charges and conducted 174 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 October, Kings District responded to 1458 service calls. There were 80 service calls in Berwick during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

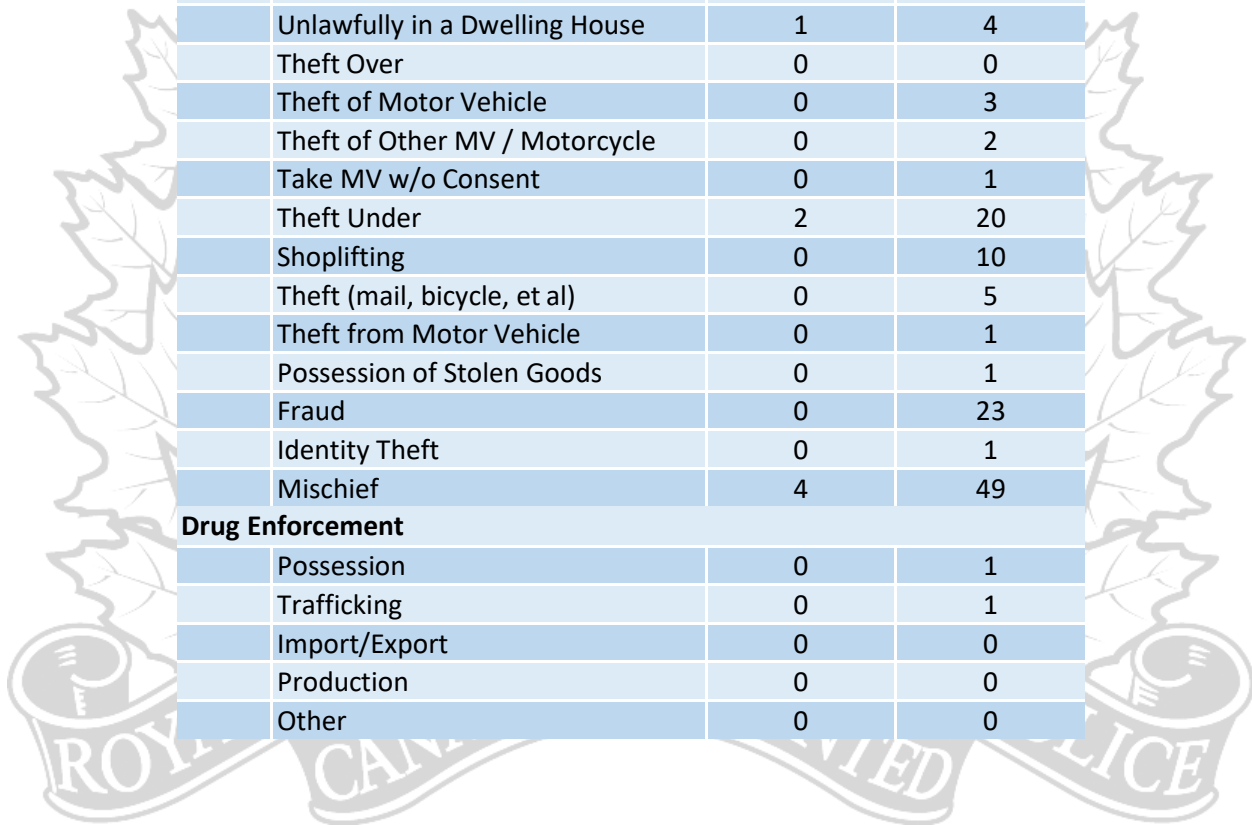


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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	October Berwick	October Kings
	2021	2021
Crimes Against Persons		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	9
Assault	1	34
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	1
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	1	6
Indecent Harassing Comm.	1	3
Uttering Threats	0	14
Property Crime		
Arson	0	2
Break and Enter	0	10
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	1	4
Theft Over	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	3
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	2
Take MV w/o Consent	0	1
Theft Under	2	20
Shoplifting	0	10
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	1
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1
Fraud	0	23
Identity Theft	0	1
Mischief	4	49
Drug Enforcement		
Possession	0	1
Trafficking	0	1
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	0



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	October Berwick	October Kings
Traffic		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	3
Impaired by Alcohol	1	23
Impaired by Drug	0	2
Failure/Refusal	0	2
Driving while Disqualified	0	4
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	12
Seatbelt Violation	1	8
Intersection Violation	1	15
Speeding Violation	9	139
Insurance Violation	0	5
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	1
Collision - Fatal	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	14
Collision - Reportable	2	40
Collision - Non Reportable	1	21
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	1
Municipal By-laws	0	35
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	14	221
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	2
Checkstop	5	16
Other		
911 Call	6	32
Breach of Court Order	2	14
Liquor Act	0	45
Mental Health Act	2	49
Missing Person	1	50
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	40
Other	13	316
Suspicious P V P	5	30
Trespass At Night	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	1	5
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	2
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	11
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	75	1362
Total Occurrences*	80	1458



Significant Investigations

October has been a steady month district wide but in regard to Berwick there were no significant investigations to report.

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. An increase in calls in the district with a significant decrease in Berwick again.

RCMP Charge woman in two armed robberies

Police file 2021-1533836

Kings District and West Hants District RCMP have charged a woman after armed robberies in Greenwich and in Windsor.

On September 25 at approximately 3:40 a.m., police responded to a report of an armed robbery at a gas station on Wentworth Rd. in Windsor. Police learned that a woman had entered the gas station, threatened an employee with a weapon and demanded that they lay on the floor. The woman then stole money from the cash register and fled the area.

On October 12 at approximately 5:55 a.m., police responded to a report of an armed robbery at a gas station on Hwy. 1 in Greenwich. Police learned that a woman had entered the gas station, threatened an employee with a weapon and demanded that they give her money from the cash register. The woman was given cash and she then fled the area.

On October 14, the Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit located the woman in Hantsport and arrested her without incident. Jessica Tonia Lea Davidson, 32, of Wolfville, has been charged with two counts of

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Robbery and was held in custody overnight. Davidson appeared in Kentville Provincial Court on October 15 where she was released on conditions by the Court. She will return to Kentville Provincial Court on December 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. for the incident in Greenwich and Windsor Provincial Court on December 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. for the incident in Windsor. The investigation is ongoing.

Kings District RCMP Respond to Valley High School

Police File: 2021- 1603355

October 25th, 2021, Kings District RCMP responded to a complaint that indicated there was planned school violence at a local high school in Cambridge, NS. At approximately 7:45 am Kings District RCMP responded immediately, with appropriate resources, to Central Kings Rural High School. Kings District RCMP investigated the situation and believe there is no threat of violence to this school. Furthermore, it is believed there is a link to this situation from a post circulating in the United States regarding planned school violence toward a school with a similar name, Central High. It is believed that a local youth observed this post and wanting to warn the community spread this post but in doing so eluded to the school being Central Kings High School.

Kings District RCMP want to assure Kings County residents that police take all treats of school violence seriously and have conducted a thorough and complete investigation. Police feel that the school is safe and would like to thank those who called or messaged with concerns.

Kings District RCMP is dedicated to safe communities. If you have a safety concern please contact your nearest RCMP office, if the concern is an emergency please call 911.



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RCMP to continue strong presence in Wolfville over Homecoming Weekend

With Acadia's homecoming weekend approaching, Kings District RCMP will be increasing its presence in Wolfville with a focus on attending to and investigating concerns about noise, liquor, cannabis and Covid-19 among regular calls for service. Kings District RCMP will be enforcing Town of Wolfville bylaws, including those for excessive noise and nuisance party, Nova Scotia provincial statutes and the Criminal Code while on patrol and responding to calls for service. Notably, the Town of Wolfville's nuisance party bylaw carries a fine of \$582.50, and summary offence tickets for open alcohol, underage drinking and public intoxication under Nova Scotia's Liquor Control Act carry a fine of \$467.50 each.

With regard to Nova Scotia Health response to Covid 19, informal social gatherings not hosted by a business or organization are restricted up to 25 people indoors and up to 50 people outdoors without social distancing and masks. Police can enforce the Province of Nova Scotia's Health Protection Act in these situations.

Kings District RCMP charge impaired driver after two vehicle collision

Police file: 20211526977

Kings District RCMP have arrested an impaired driver after a two vehicle collision on Alders Avenue in New Minas.

At 4:40 pm. on October 10th, Kings District RCMP attended a two vehicle collision on Alders Avenue in New Minas. There were no injuries to the occupants of the vehicles.

A driver of a vehicle involved displayed signs of impairment. The driver provided a breath sample into an ASD (Approved Screening Device) which they failed. The driver was transported by police to the New Minas RCMP office for further investigation. While at the RCMP office the driver provided two samples of breath. The sample readings were over legal limit in Nova Scotia.

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A 52-year-old New Minas man will face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration equal to or exceeding 80 mg%.

The 52-year-old man has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on a later date.

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.

Kings District RCMP Arrest Impaired Driver near New Minas

Police File 2021-1478860

Kings District RCMP have arrested an impaired driver after a traffic stop on Belcher St. near New Minas.

On October 2nd, at approximately midnight, Kings District RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed on Belcher St. near New Minas. New Minas RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle where the driver displayed signs of impairment. The driver was arrested and transported to the New Minas RCMP office. The driver provided two samples of breath which were 120 mg% and 110 mg%. The samples were over the legal limit in the Province of Nova Scotia.

A 22-year-old Kentville man will be facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%. The man has been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court November 23rd, 2021.

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Kings District RCMP locate Prohibited and Impaired Driver in Greenwood

Police File 2021-1635487

Kings District RCMP located an impaired driver after locating the driver in a parking lot of a Greenwood business.

On October 30th at approximately 9:45 PM a Kingston RCMP officer was on patrol in Greenwood when they noticed a suspicious vehicle parked in a non-traditional manner in a business on Central Ave. that was closed.

The RCMP member approached the vehicle and after contact was made with the driver it was determined that the driver was showing signs of impairment. Kingston RCMP arrested the driver for Impaired Driving and transported the driver to the Military Police office on 14 Wing Greenwood for further testing. While at the Military Police office the driver refused to provide samples of breath.

Trevor Kalkman, 21 years old from Port Williams has been charged with Impaired Operation, Refuse Breath Demand and Driving While Prohibited.

Several Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act charges were also issued.

Kalkman as been released from police custody and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on a later date.

Failure or refusal to comply with a peace officer's demand for a sample to test sobriety can result in criminal charges that have the same penalties as impaired driving. There are range of fines and driving prohibition periods for those convicted of driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, with increased measures if there is a child under 16 in the vehicle.

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.

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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