
Berwick Policing Report



January – February
2025
Kings District RCMP

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Kings District RCMP Employee Overview

Kings District RCMP are led by Inspector Robert JODREY, who is the Officer in Charge (OIC), with second in command being S/Sgt. Edward NUGENT, the Senior Operations NCO for the entire District. Kings District is then sub-divided into two sections – East and West. Sgt. Mitch PELLETIER is the Operations NCO for the East, while Sgt. Harold PRIME is the Operations NCO for the West.

Overall, Kings District is policed by approximately forty-four (44) general duty constables divided amongst four watches and provide 24hr coverage as first responders. These officers are directly supervised by eight corporals.

Our General Investigation Section (GIS) members are, Supervisor Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Kelly McPherson and Cst. Meghan Bremner. 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 and Cst. Andrew Renwick, along with one KPS member Cst. Chelsey Hutley.

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 (DSA's) who perform administrative functions at the three District Offices (Kingston, New Minas and Wolfville).



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.

2025-01-23

Cst. BRITTON attended E'cole Rose-des-Vents school and gave a cyber safety presentation to the grade 7-8 classes, approximately 60 students.

2025-02-11

Cst. BRITTON attended Pine Ridge Middle School and gave a Human Trafficking presentation to 45 students in grade 8.

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 Kingston Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**
Since April 1st, Kingston members have charged 11 people with impaired driving, issued 172 traffic enforcement charges, and conducted 6 check stops.
- **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.

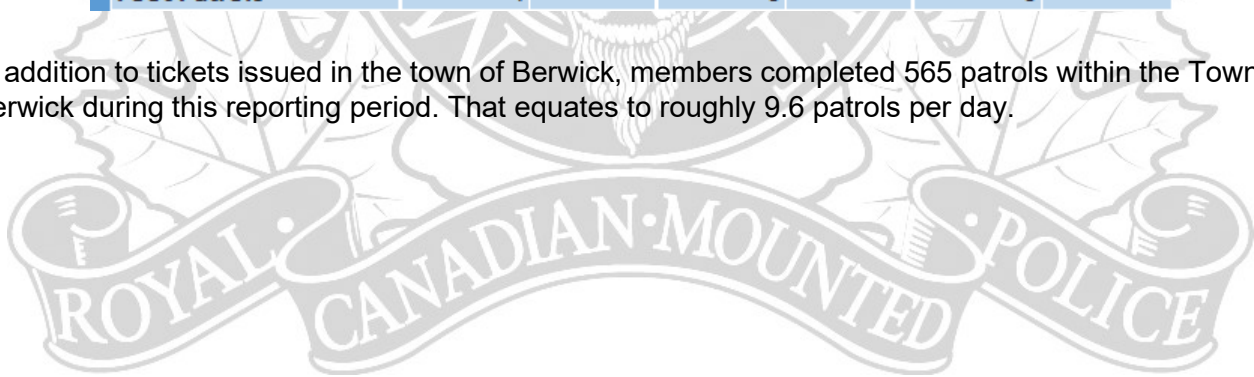
Traffic Enforcement and Proactive Patrols Update

Tickets issued within the Town of Berwick consisted of a variety of Motor Vehicle Act violations such as:

- Speeding;
- Using Hand-held cellular telephone while operating vehicle;
- Failing to display number plates for current year;
- Displaying number plate issued for another vehicle;
- Driving while license is suspended or revoked;
- Driving without liability policy;
- Operating an unregistered vehicle;
- Fail to stop at a stop sign or red light;
- Fail to immediately stop at scene of accident; and
- Fail to have vehicle inspected or repaired as required.

	Jan Berwick	Jan Kingston	Feb Berwick	Feb Kingston	Total Berwick	Total Kingston
Tickets						
Hwy 101	0	3	0	0	0	3
Hwy 1	0	3	0	0	0	3
Town of Berwick	12	N/A	0	N/A	12	N/A
ORVA (ATV) Tickets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tickets	12	6	0	0	12	6
Check stops	2	0	0	0	2	0
Patrols	303		262		565	
Foot Patrols	4		0		0	

In addition to tickets issued in the town of Berwick, members completed 565 patrols within the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. That equates to roughly 9.6 patrols per day.



Calls for Service

Between January 1st and February 28th, 2025, Kingston RCMP responded to over 570 calls for service with approximately 128 of those calls being within the Town of Berwick. That equates to roughly 2 calls per day in the Town of Berwick. See the attached chart for a breakdown of those service calls compared to the same for the Kingston area.

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

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Jan Berwick	Jan Kingston	Feb Berwick	Feb Kingston
Traffic				
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	0	0	1	0
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	0	0	0
Fail to Stop or Remain	0	0	0	0
Seatbelt Violation	0	0	0	0
Intersection Violation	2	1	0	0
Speeding Violation	0	5	0	0
Insurance Violation	2	0	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0	0	0
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	2	0	0
Collision - Reportable	8	2	0	1
Collision - Non Reportable	1	2	1	2
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0
Municipal By-laws	1	0	1	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	12	3	1	7
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	0	0	2
Checkstop	2	0	0	0
Other				
911 Call	3	1	3	0
Breach of Court Order	1	2	3	2
Liquor Act	1	0	1	0
Mental Health Act	4	3	9	1
Missing Person	1	1	0	0
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	0	0	1
Other	10	11	12	16
Suspicious P V P	1	3	1	4
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0
Wellbeing Check	0	0	0	0
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	68	50	53	46
Total Occurrences*	74	56	54	48



Significant Investigations

The following are a couple of the more significant investigations we've undertaken between January and February 2025:

Domestic Assault File 2025132720

On January 29th, 2025, Kingston RCMP responded to a 911 call of domestic assault in progress on Commercial St., in Berwick. Officers arrived on scene and arrested a 40-year-old male for assault and mischief.

Male was released on an Undertaking to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on March 27th, 2025.

Uttering Threats File 202588091

On January 20th, 2025, Kingston RCMP responded to a complaint at the Foodland Store of a person who was violating a PPA order. When asked to leave the male threatened the Manager. Officers arrived on scene and arrested a 78-year-old male for uttering threats

He was released on an Undertaking to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on February 25th, 2025.

On February 25th, 2025, the male appeared in Kentville Provincial Court and was convicted. He received 12 months Probation.

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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