
Berwick Policing Report



July – August 2025
Kings District RCMP

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Kings District RCMP Employee Overview

Kings District RCMP are led by Inspector Bill COLLIER, who is the Officer in Charge (OIC), with the second in command being S/Sgt. Edward NUGENT, the Senior Operations NCO. Kings District is then sub-divided into two halves – 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 who provide 24hr coverage as first responders. These officers are directly supervised by eight corporals.

Our General Investigation Section (GIS) members are Supervisor Cpl. Travis COLLINS, Cst. Meghan BREMNER and a vacant position. 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 Sexual Assault/IPV Super/Invest position will be Cpl. Kenda SUTHERLAND's, who's arrival is later this month.

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



School Resource Officers

School Safety Resource Officers (SSRO's) work as a resource for 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.

SSRO's work closely with the schools within the entire district. Our School Safety Resource Officer positions are currently vacant. The Kingston SSRO's service area stretches from the Annapolis County line to the Coldbrook and District School, encompassing a total of 12 schools. The New Minas SSRO's service area ranges from Aldershot Elementary to LE Shaw Elementary, encompassing a total of 11 schools.

Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2025, to March 31st, 2026. Objectives of the Annual Performance Plan include:

- **Safe Roads and Kingston Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**
Since April 1st, Kingston members have charged 5 people with impaired driving, issued 286 traffic enforcement charges, and conducted 4 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.
- Failing to stop at a stop sign.
- Operating vehicle without registration.
- Failing to display number plates for the current year.

	July Berwick	July Kingston	August Berwick	August Kingston	Total
Tickets					
Hwy 101	2	18	0	4	24
Hwy 1	0	16	0	9	25
Town	1	16	2	3	22
ORVA (ATV) Tickets	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tickets	3	50	2	16	71
Check stops	0	0	0	0	0
Patrols	329		224		552
Foot Patrols	2		6		8

In addition to tickets issued in the town of Berwick, members completed 552 patrols within the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. That equates to roughly 8.9 patrols per day.



Calls for Service

Between July 1st and August 31st, 2025, Kingston RCMP responded to over 710 calls for service with approximately 133 of those calls being within the Town of Berwick. That equates to roughly 2.14 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	July Berwick	July Kingston	August Berwick	August Kingston
Crimes Against Persons				
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0
Assault	2	2	1	4
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	1	0	0
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	0	0	0
Uttering Threats	5	2	0	1
Property Crime				
Arson	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	2	1	0	1
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	1	0	1	0
Theft Over	0	0	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	1
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0	1	1
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	1
Theft Under	4	6	1	5
Shoplifting	1	4	1	2
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	1	3	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	2	0	0
Fraud	1	1	1	1
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0
Mischief	3	1	1	2
Drug Enforcement				
Possession	1	0	0	0
Trafficking	0	0	0	0
Import/Export	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0





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Traffic				
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	0	1	2	1
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	1	1	0
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	1	0	1
Seatbelt Violation	0	0	0	0
Intersection Violation	1	0	1	0
Speeding Violation	2	8	3	7
Insurance Violation	0	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	0	0	1
Collision - Reportable	2	0	3	0
Collision - Non Reportable	1	0	1	1
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	0	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	2	10	4	9
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	0	0	0
Checkstop	0	0	0	0
Other				
911 Call	2	0	1	1
Breach of Court Order	0	2	0	2
Liquor Act	1	1	1	2
Mental Health Act	10	2	2	4
Missing Person	0	0	0	0
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	0	0	0
Other	17	14	9	25
Suspicious P V P	0	3	2	2
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0
Wellbeing Check	0	0	0	0
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	70	76	46	85
Total Occurrences*	76	80	53	89



Significant Investigations

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

Impaired Driver File 20251052593

On July 22nd, Kingston RCMP conducted a traffic stop for failing to stop at a stop sign on Commercial St. Once in contact, the driver was showing signs of impairment. A breath demand was provided. Samples collected, resulting in a failure. An 80-year-old male driver was subsequently arrested for impaired driving.

He was later released on an Appearance Notice to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on Sept. 23rd.

Theft Under \$5000 File 2025952656

On July 25th, Kingston RCMP responded to a complaint of theft at Palmers Home Hardware in Berwick. Upon arrival it was learned that a woman took a Dewalt Palm Sander from the store worth \$180.00. The female was identified by officers and subsequently arrested and held for court on September 2nd.

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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