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# **Berwick Policing Report December 2020**

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



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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.

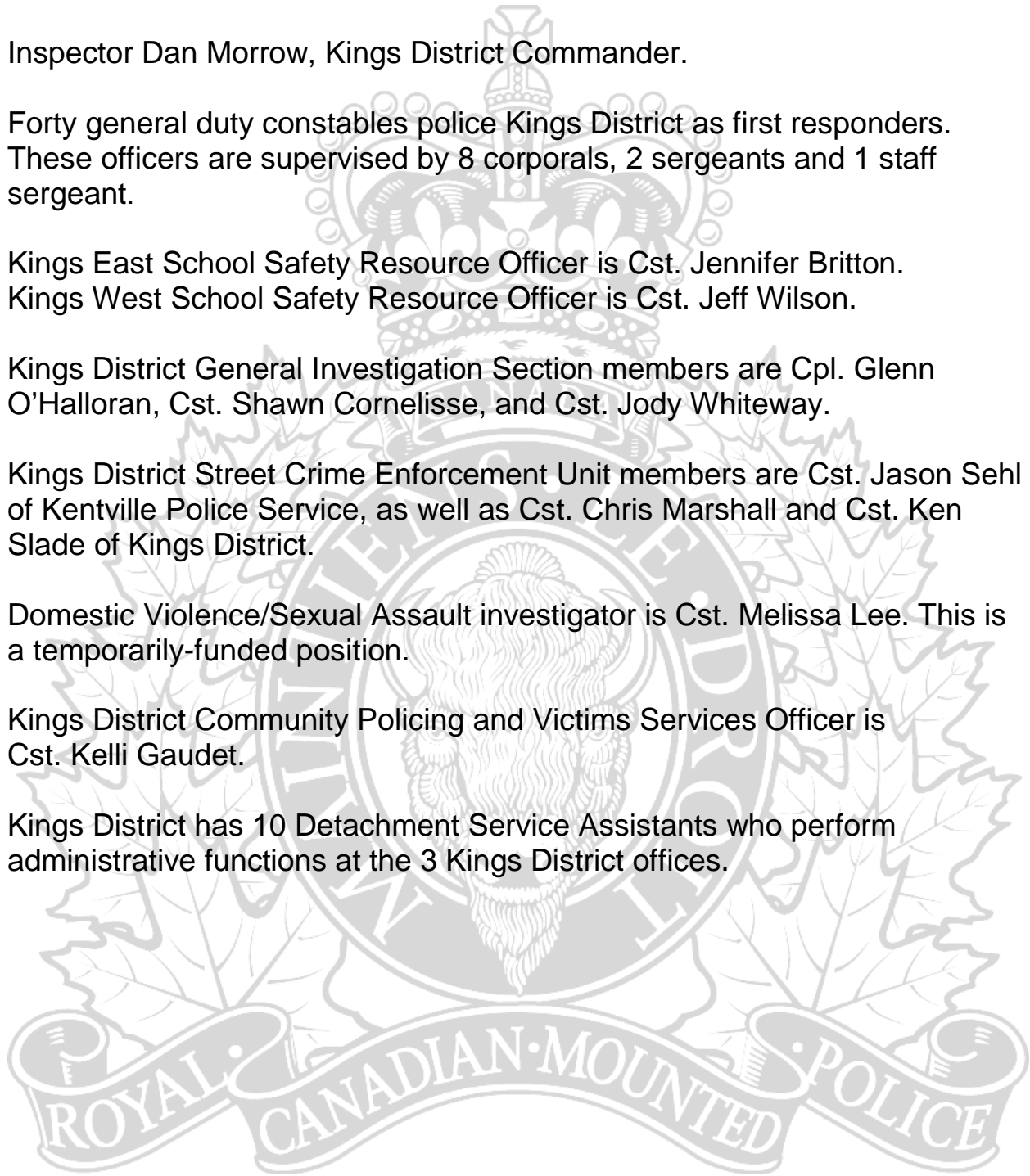
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

Kings District Street Crime Enforcement Unit members are Cst. Jason Sehl of Kentville Police Service, as well as Cst. Chris Marshall and Cst. Ken Slade of Kings District.

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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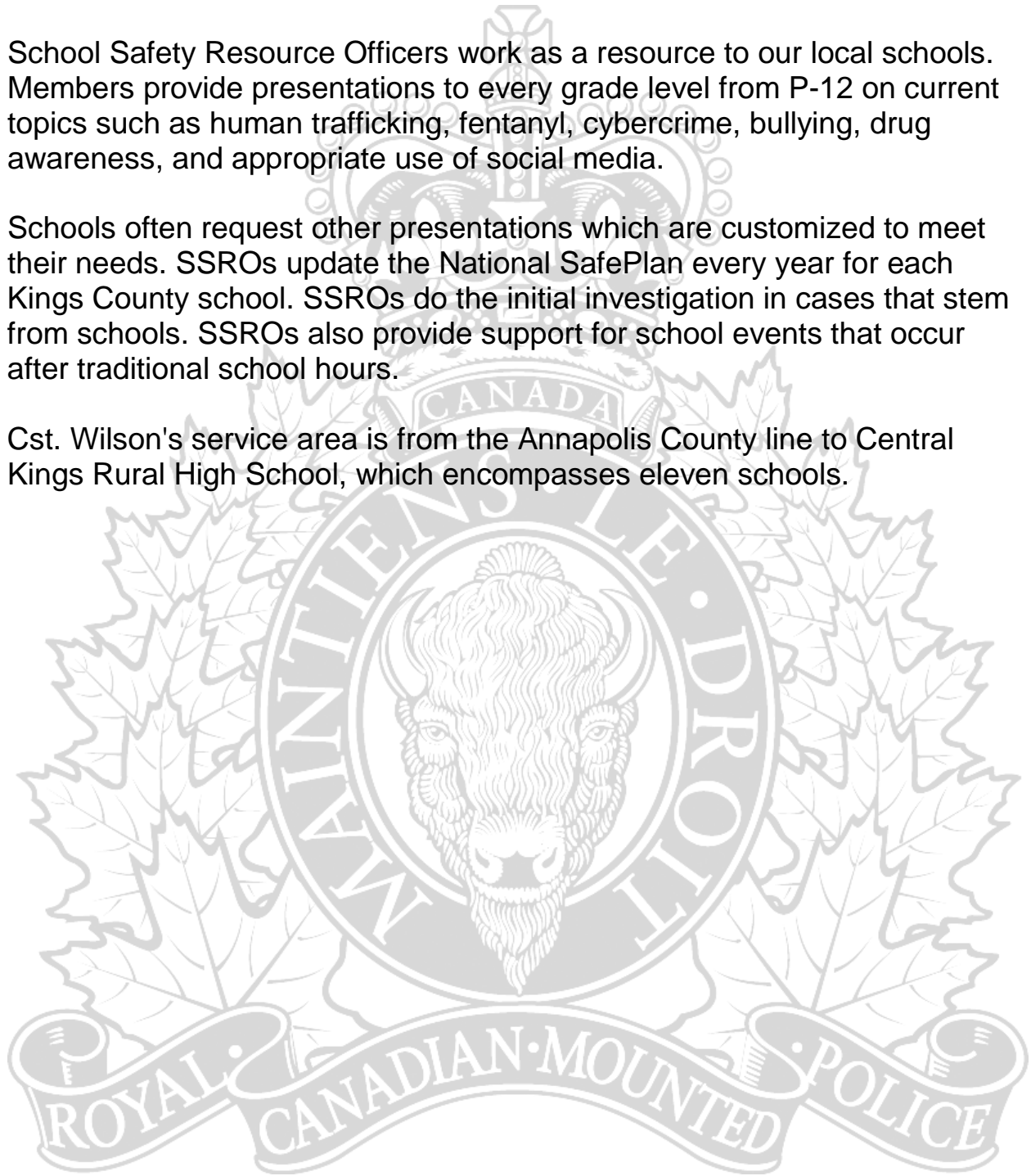
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## School Safety Resource Officers

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. SSROs update the National SafePlan 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.

Cst. Wilson's service area is from the Annapolis County line to Central Kings Rural High School, which encompasses eleven schools.



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## Highlights

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed media interviews for Cram the Cruiser. He attended WKDHS to conduct follow-up patrols for students not following social distancing during school breaks and recorded a YouTube message for same. He performed speed enforcement in school zones in Auburn, Berwick and performed radar on Hwy 1 in Berwick. No violators noted.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cst. Wilson participated in Cram the Cruiser in Wolfville, Kentville, and Berwick before attending Opens Arms shelter and dropping off the donations.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson attended WKDHS to follow-up on messaging regarding students gathering off campus. No violators noted.

December 7-14<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson was working from home due to potential COVID-19 exposure. He participated in virtual meetings with the Kings Senior Safety Committee and International Student Orientation at Acadia University. He drafted several media releases and performed telephone interviews for same.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson attended WKDHS for COVID-19 noncompliance issues. He attended CKRHS and provided RCMP recruiting information to students.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson WKDHS, Berwick, Somerset, St. Mary's, and CKRHS for early dismissals due to a pending snow storm. He performed radar on Main St in Berwick and issued one ticket.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson patrolled WKDHS for COVID-19 noncompliance, no issues noted. Messaging from YouTube message appears to have been well received. He performed radar on Hwy 1 in Auburn school zone, no violators. He was present for dismissal at Berwick school and CKRHS.

December 21-31<sup>st</sup>, Cst Wilson was on annual leave.

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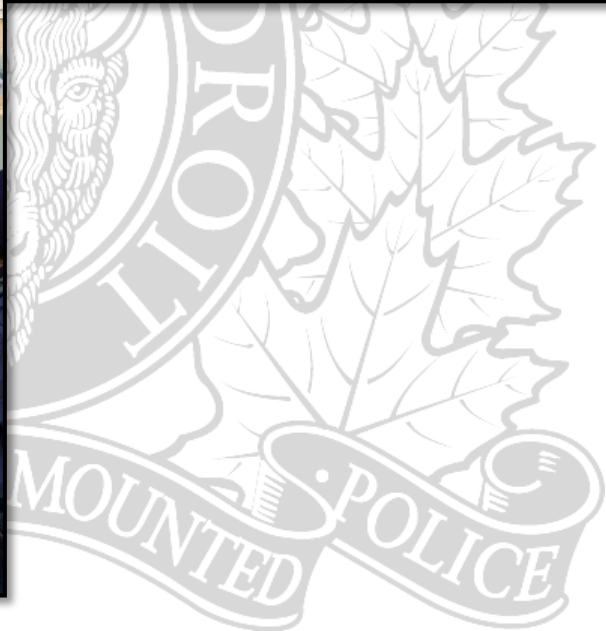
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## Cram the Cruiser: December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cst. Wilson, Cst. Britton, and Cst. Johnston worked with partner agencies in organizing a used clothing drive with donations being made to the Open Arms Shelter.



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## Berwick Santa Parade

Cst. Savage participated in the Santa Parade around the Town of Berwick.



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## **This Holiday: Plan ahead to protect against “porch pirates”:**

In the time of COVID-19, many Nova Scotians are doing their holiday shopping online. Potential thieves ("Porch pirates", as they are sometimes known) *arrrrrrrrrr* looking to take advantage by stealing unattended deliveries.

The good news is that by planning ahead, you can protect those important presents you bought with your hard-earned money.

"The best way to prevent theft is to make your stuff difficult to steal," says Cst. Michael Alford of the Nova Scotia RCMP. "In the busyness of the holiday season, it's easy to get caught up in online shopping and think less about what will happen when the packages arrive. It's important to take steps to keep those deliveries safe."

How to protect against porch pirates:

- Consider the best address for delivery. It doesn't have to be your home if you won't be there. Consider other options, like sending it to work, or a friend or relative who is home during the day.
- Request signature confirmation. This means that someone needs to accept and sign for the delivery and the package won't be left unattended. You can do this by contacting the sender.
- Ask for the package to be left out of plain view (at the side or back door rather than the front, for example). You can request this in the "delivery instructions" on some websites or by contacting the seller or delivery company.
- If you were planning to be home for a delivery but unexpectedly have to leave, call the delivery company and ask to make other arrangements.
- Ask a neighbour who is home during the day to bring your package inside when it arrives.

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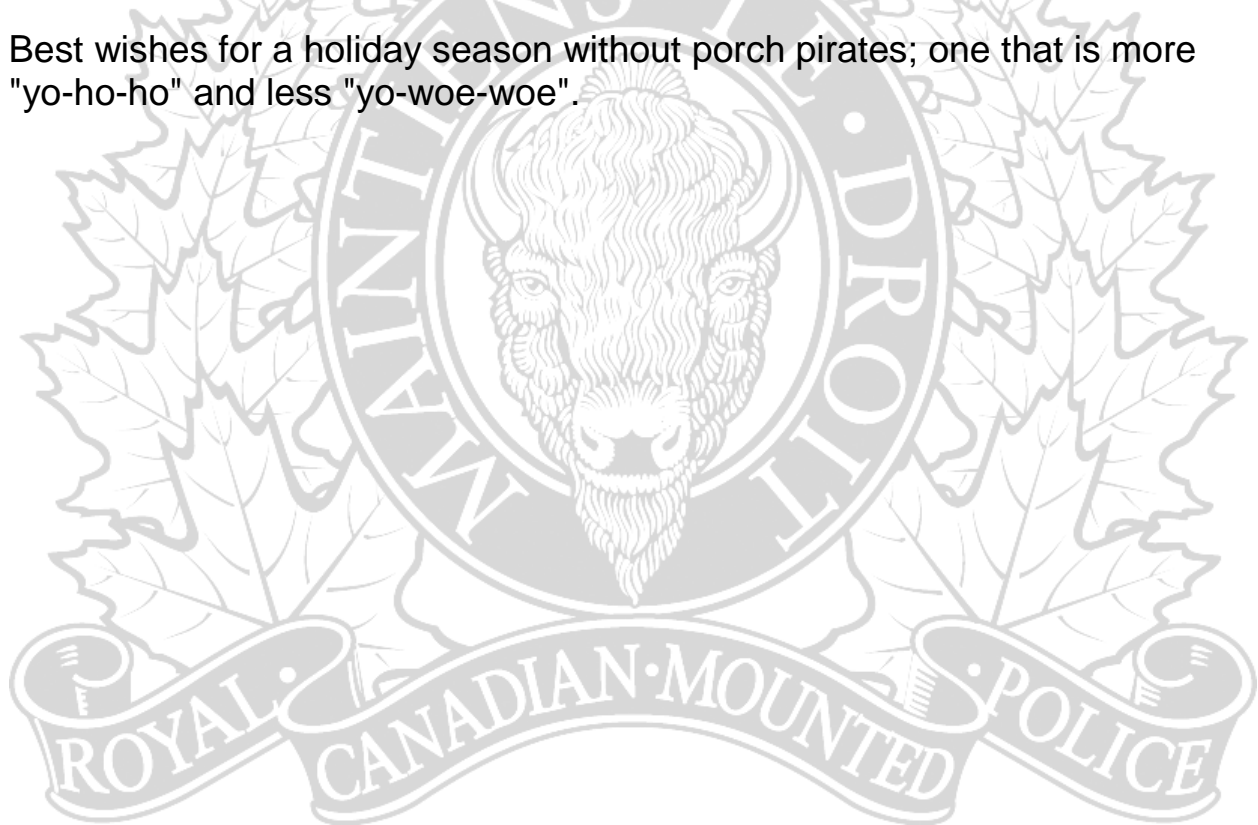
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- If you have the means, you may want to look into investing in some equipment, like a parcel drop box, security cameras or a video doorbell.
- Report theft or suspicious activity to police immediately.

This all may seem overwhelming, especially for people who rarely shop online. If you feel like you don't know where to start, you may want to contact the company or organization you're considering ordering from and ask about shipping options. You may also want to ask for help from a friend or family member who shops online regularly.

We will be sharing more tips on preventing theft of deliveries via social in the coming weeks. Follow along at Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia on Facebook and @RCMPNS on Twitter using the hashtag #ProtectYourPresents.

Best wishes for a holiday season without porch pirates; one that is more "yo-ho-ho" and less "yo-woe-woe".



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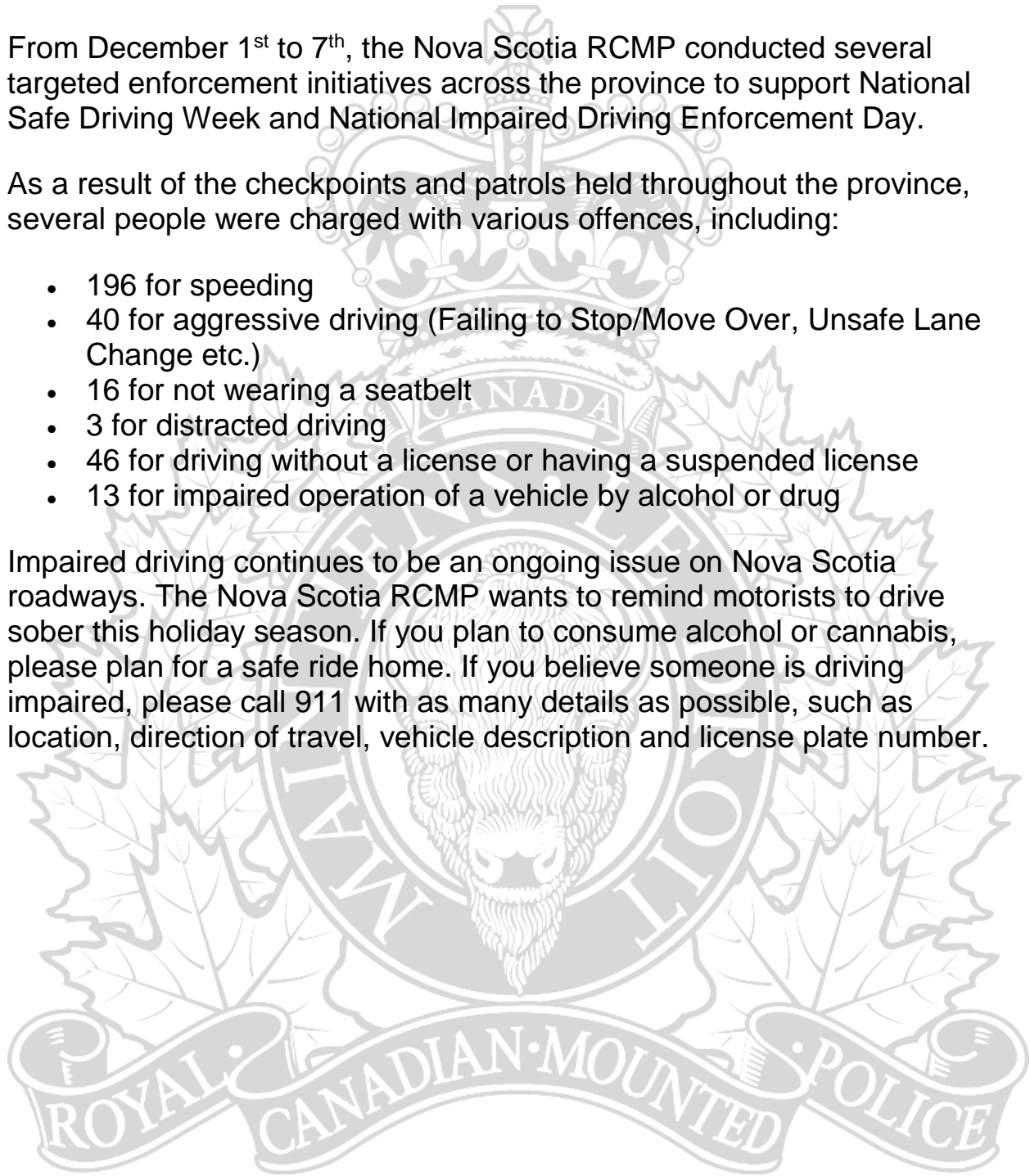
## **Several People Charged During National Safe Driving Week:**

From December 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, the Nova Scotia RCMP conducted several targeted enforcement initiatives across the province to support National Safe Driving Week and National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day.

As a result of the checkpoints and patrols held throughout the province, several people were charged with various offences, including:

- 196 for speeding
- 40 for aggressive driving (Failing to Stop/Move Over, Unsafe Lane Change etc.)
- 16 for not wearing a seatbelt
- 3 for distracted driving
- 46 for driving without a license or having a suspended license
- 13 for impaired operation of a vehicle by alcohol or drug

Impaired driving continues to be an ongoing issue on Nova Scotia roadways. The Nova Scotia RCMP wants to remind motorists to drive sober this holiday season. If you plan to consume alcohol or cannabis, please plan for a safe ride home. If you believe someone is driving impaired, please call 911 with as many details as possible, such as location, direction of travel, vehicle description and license plate number.



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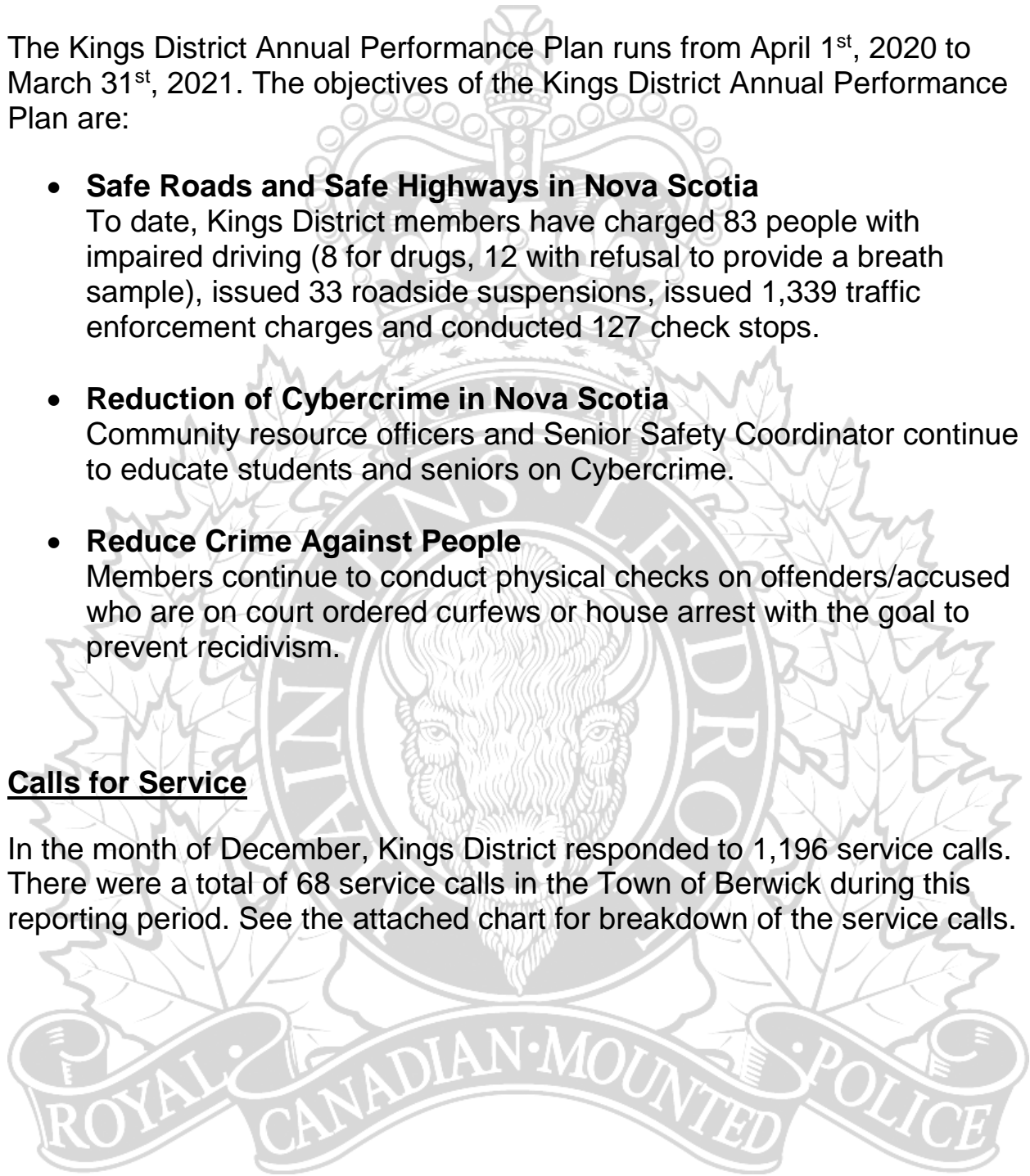
## **Annual Performance Plan**

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The objectives of the Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
To date, Kings District members have charged 83 people with impaired driving (8 for drugs, 12 with refusal to provide a breath sample), issued 33 roadside suspensions, issued 1,339 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 127 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 December, Kings District responded to 1,196 service calls. There were a total of 68 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	December Berwick	December Kings
	2020	2020
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	5
Assault	0	26
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	2
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	3
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	0	4
Uttering Threats	0	12
<b>Property Crime</b>		
Arson	0	0
Break and Enter	0	8
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	1
Theft Over	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	1
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	0	17
Shoplifting	0	9
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	0
Fraud	3	25
Identity Theft	0	0
Mischief	0	43
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>		
Possession	0	2
Trafficking	0	3
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	1



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	December Berwick	December Kings
<b>Traffic</b>		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	2
Impaired by Alcohol	3	20
Impaired by Drug	0	2
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	1	7
Fail to Stop or Remain	0	6
Seatbelt Violation	0	17
Intersection Violation	1	11
Speeding Violation	16	132
Insurance Violation	1	16
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	1	2
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	6
Collision - Reportable	4	32
Collision - Non Reportable	0	18
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	7	114
Other Traffic Related Duties	2	27
Checkstop	1	10
<b>Other</b>		
911 Call	0	42
Breach of Court Order	1	21
Mental Health Act	2	50
Missing Person	1	28
Municipal Bylaw - Other	1	11
Other	8	226
Suspicious P V P	1	29
Trespass At Night	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	2	18
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	1	11
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	4	57
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1090</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1196</b>



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## Traffic Enforcement Update

Members continue to conduct patrols and are aware of the traffic complaints in the community. Below are some of the highlights from the month of October.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Radar on Cottage St, Berwick school zones and Hwy 1 in Berwick. No violators. Radar on Main St East, one ticket issued.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Radar on Orchard St and Main St, two warnings given.

**December 4<sup>th</sup>:** Checkstop conducted on Main/Commercial St. 40 vehicles checked, no violators.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Impaired driver located and arrested in Berwick during a traffic stop. Second traffic stop in Berwick resulted in an ASD being administered and driver arrested for violating a no alcohol condition. Checkstop conducted on Commercial at Main St, no violators. Radar on Main St West, one warning. Radar on Orchard St, no violators. Intersection enforcement at Commercial/Main and Commercial/Cottage, no violators.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Intersection enforcement at various stop signs throughout Berwick, no violators.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Radar on Orchard St, no violators. Intersection enforcement at Main/Cottage, no violators.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Intersection enforcement at Commercial/Cottage resulting in a 7-day alcohol suspension and tickets issued for open liquor and no registration.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Intersection enforcement at Cottage/Main, no violators.

**December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Radar on Main St Berwick, one ticket issued.

**December 19<sup>th</sup>:** Radar on Orchard St, no violators.

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Radar on Main St, no violators.

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**December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Radar run frequently on Commercial/Main, no violators.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Radar on Commercial, no violators.

**December 27<sup>th</sup>:** Radar on Commercial/Main, Commercial/Hwy 1, and on Main, no violators.

**December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Radar run on Commercial/Main, one warning issued.

**December 29<sup>th</sup>:** Speeding ticket issued on Hwy 360.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Checkstop on Commercial/Main. 50+ vehicles checked, no violators.

In addition to the above, 9 violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were also 2 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 in Berwick.



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## **Proactive Police Patrols**

413 patrols were conducted in Berwick for the month of December, giving a total patrol count for 2020 of 4941, averaging 13.5 patrols a day.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Daytime foot patrols of Rainforth Park, downtown Berwick, and Cottage St playground zone. Night foot patrol of Rainforth Park.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Foot patrols of Rainforth Park.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Foot patrol Rainforth Park.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Foot patrol of Rainforth Park.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Foot patrol of Rainforth Park and downtown.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Numerous patrols made through Berwick COVID-19 testing sites to ensure unobstructed traffic flow and emergency vehicle access.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Foot patrol of Rainforth Park.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Foot patrols of Rainforth Park, Commercial St, and Cottage St.

**December 15<sup>th</sup>:** Foot patrols of Rainforth Park.

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Foot patrols of Rainforth Park and Commercial St.

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Foot patrol of Rainforth Park.

**December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Foot patrols of Rainforth Park and Berwick Elementary.

**December 29<sup>th</sup>:** Foot patrol of Rainforth Park.

**December 30<sup>th</sup>:** Foot Patrol Rainforth Park.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Foot patrol of Rainforth Park.

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## **Significant Investigations**

**2019867719** - Kings District RCMP have arrested a Kentville man after a complex fraud investigation. The investigation determined that a man was using an online dating app to meet and defrauds victims, often using online banking.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, police arrested a, 26-year-old male, of Kentville. He has been charged with Fraud under \$5000, Identity Fraud and Uttering a Forged Document. He was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court.

Investigators feel there may be additional victims in the area. Anyone who feels they could be a victim, or has concerns about someone else who could be a victim, is encouraged to contact Kings District RCMP at 902-679-555 in New Minas and 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](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

**20201759617** - The Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) has charged a Kentville man and women with drug trafficking offences following a traffic stop and drug seizure in Kentville.

As part of the investigation, SCEU with the assistance of Kentville Police Service and Kings District RCMP stopped a vehicle on Park St. Kentville Wednesday afternoon December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vehicle was searched, a large quantity of cocaine and a small quantity of cannabis was seized. During the traffic stop the man ingested some drugs and required hospitalization.

A 47-year-old male, is facing charges of Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine and Obstructing a Police officer.

A 41-year-old female, is facing charges of Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine.

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Both were released from police custody and scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

**20201843657** - On December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 a.m., RCMP were called to a scene of an accident on Main Street in Wolfville. The vehicle had hit a utility pole and completely broke it in half. The 21-year-old male driver was arrested without incident for impaired driving as he was displaying signs of impairment. He was transported to the New Minas Detachment for breath samples and he was later released. He is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%. He is schedule to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**20201778775** - An organization in Kingston is facing a fine for violating the Health Protection Act.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Kings District RCMP received a complaint of a gathering in Kingston that may be in violation of COVID-19 restrictions. Police attended and found that several of the nearly 100 people in attendance were not social distancing nor wearing masks. Police reviewed with the event representative the COVID restrictions surrounding such a gathering and served them with a Summary Offence Ticket for Failing to comply with the Health Protection Act by not ensuring social distancing during its event. The violation imposes a fine of \$7500.

The Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding everyone including organizations, businesses and corporations to follow all Public Health Orders, Provincial legislation and Town bylaws. RCMP ask everyone to educate themselves on the directives and enforcement measures at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.

We all need to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The RCMP thanks all Nova Scotians for their continued support and to the vast majority who are adhering to the directives outlined by the provincial government.

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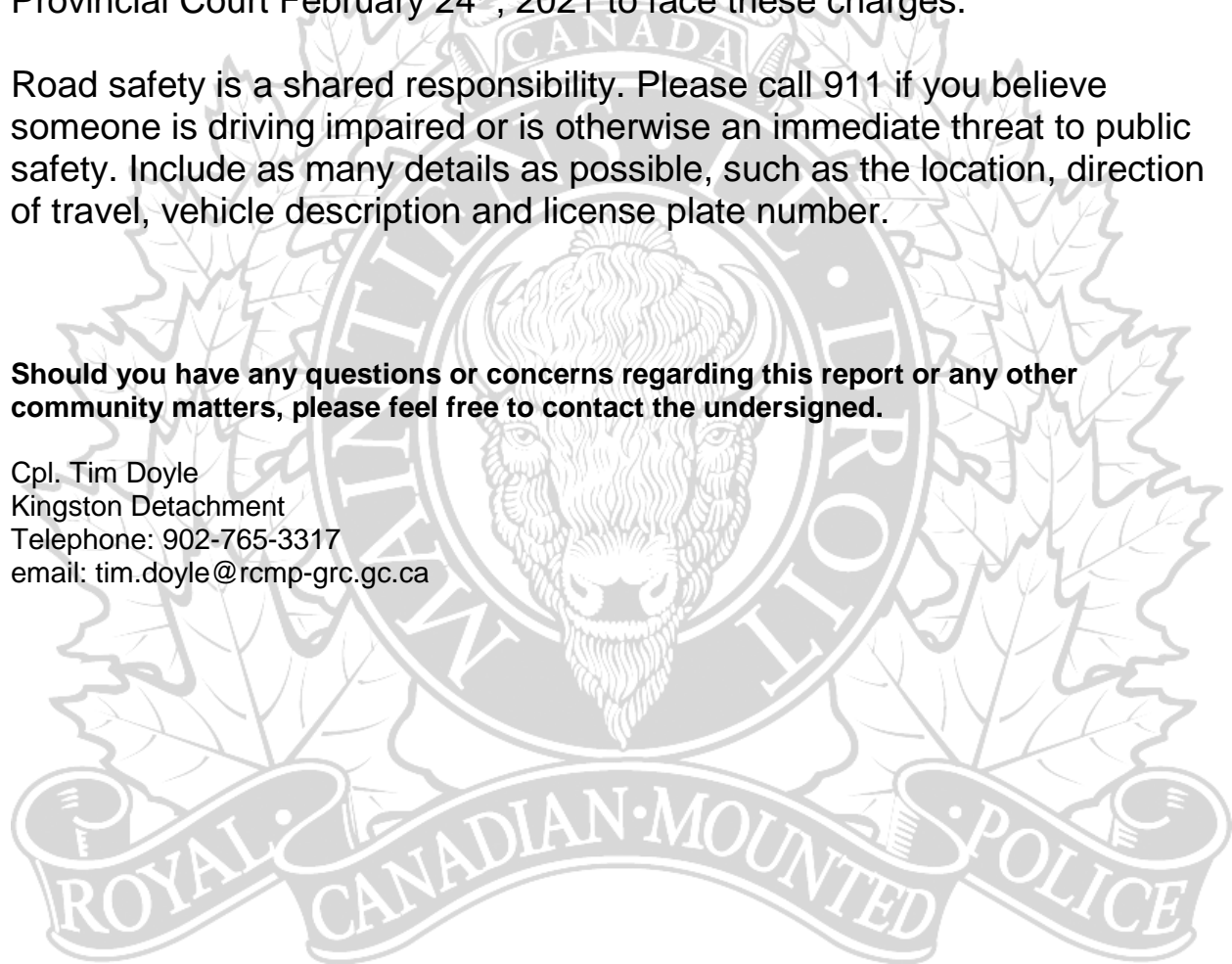
**20201863693** - At 7:00 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>, Kings District RCMP were called to Brooklyn Street in Woodville for a vehicle that had become stuck in a ditch. The vehicle had become stuck in a pile of snow near the intersection of Parrish Road and Brooklyn Street. Police investigated the scene and identified the driver who showed signs of impairment.

The female driver was arrested for impaired driving and was transported to the New Minas RCMP for further investigation. Police have charged the 65-year-old female driver from Somerset with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%. The 65-year-old female will be in Kentville Provincial Court February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to face these charges.

Road safety is a shared responsibility. Please call 911 if you believe someone is driving impaired or is otherwise an immediate threat to public safety. Include as many details as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle 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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