



RCMP Advisory Board Committee Meeting

April 9, 2024
10am
Council Chambers
359 Main Street

Agenda

Call to Order

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. RCMP Advisory Board Committee Meeting December 12, 2023

3. Public Input / Question Period

PLEASE NOTE:

- Public Participation is limited to 30 minutes
- Each Person is limited to 3 minutes and may return to speak once, for 1 minute, if time permits within the total 30-minute period
- Questions or comments are to be directed to the Chair
- Comments and questions that relate to personnel, current or potential litigation issues, or planning issues for which a public hearing has already occurred, but no decision has been made by Council, will not be answered.

4. New Business

- a. Introduction of Inspector Rob Jodrey, Kings District Commander
- b. Body Worn Camera Project for Front Line Members (*Cpl. Travis Collins & Nicole Illsley*)
- c. Proposal on Wolfville Bike Patrols for summer (*Cpl. Travis Collins*)
- d. Community Wellness Safety Pilot Discussion (*Barb Shaw*)
- e. Parked Cars/Crosswalks Safety Discussion

5. RCMP Report:

- a. Quarterly Update (*Cpl. Travis Collins*)

6. Round Table

7. Next Meeting – July 9, 2024

8. Adjournment

Kings District – Wolfville Bike Patrol Proposal

Police Advisory Board Meeting

April 9th, 2024

Purpose

To enhance RCMP presence in the town of Wolfville, and adopt a community-minded approach of proactive policing at events and public gathering. Police bicycle patrols present a solution to successfully enhance public perception and visibility of RCMP officers in a way that is both effective and meets public expectation of deterring crime and increasing public safety.

Introduction

Bike patrol is not new to law enforcement, but is an ever-increasing and extremely effective tool in proactive policing. Policing with bicycles has been an internationally proven strategy in order to enhance the sense of safety for both citizens and tourists. There are many benefits and uses for bicycles in public safety service delivery throughout a variety of environments, police, and security personnel have used bikes in various capacities for many years. They are successfully deployed in cities, academic campuses, airports, hospitals and commercial venues; and can be an effective tool at demonstrations, festivals, parades, concerts, and community events. Officer presence is one of the oldest and most effective abatement and crime prevention tools used by agencies, as such, bicycle patrol officers will be organized to attend special events for public safety, while patrolling nature trails and parks to provide recreational users with a sense of security.

Community Impact

Wolfville has a significant cycling population and is actively investing in infrastructure to support this growing segment. Trained officers encourage safe cycling behavior by setting a positive example. They also enforce cycling laws and provincial statutes, increasing safety for all roadway and campus facility users.

One of the biggest advantages to police cyclists is their mobility. Traffic in and around campus areas is historically dangerous for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike. Bike officers who ride correctly and enforce laws both targeting and protecting cyclists have an impact on overall traffic safety. The positive contacts officers experience on bike patrol are a benefit no other patrol vehicle can duplicate.

Cyclists can connect with bicycle officers on different levels than vehicle patrol officers. They are more likely to be receptive to education and/or enforcement efforts related to cycling behavior and more apt to follow advice on how to prevent bike theft. Bicycle Safety Education programs for

youth, and partnering with local businesses are a couple of examples the RCMP can utilize to build relationships with the community.

Even in unruly crowd situations, bike officers have a unique ability to develop a rapport with the members of the public, defusing situations before they get out of control. When they do, bike patrol officers can not only maintain swift response times, but their bicycles can become a useful barrier if needed. The bike officer can also be very beneficial at special events of all types. The police cyclist is not impacted by traffic congestion, which occurs during these events, and can easily maneuver through the congestion for enforcement purposes or to respond to emergency situations. The increased presence and accessibility of the officers encourages positive contacts and interactions with all members of the community.

Training

Just as civilian driving and emergency vehicle operation are different, so too is police cycling different from regular cycling. Officers need to be able to ride safely and legally in all types of traffic conditions. They must be able to ride slowly and precisely through crowds of people, on sidewalks (where legal and when necessary), and through parking areas. They must be able to negotiate urban obstacles, ride up and down curbs and stairs, and avoid a seemingly endless variety of hazards.

The RCMP's five-day mountain bike training course ensures that police officers are confident and possess the necessary skills to deal with a wide variety of situations and perform an array of maneuvers safely on the bike. The course begins with bike terminology, proper equipment, bike fit and repair. Since being relatively fit is important, candidates must do a time trial early in the course. The benchmark: 16 kilometres in 35 minutes. Skills such as maneuvering through coned courses, braking, quick turns and emergency dismounts are all part of bike handling. As traffic safety is an important part of the course, bike patrol officers must also be familiar with the Motor Vehicle Act as it pertains to bicycles. The course teaches how to overcome obstacles such as curbs, stairs and logs so that officers can get to a call. Because approaching situations on a bicycle is different than in a vehicle, the training includes scenarios for doing this in a tactically safe manner. Once trained, a bike patrol officer can cover a lot of ground and be very effective in crime reduction and community relations.

Equipment

- Two (2) hybrid bicycles (trail/road) – Police specifications, see App (A)
- Equipment bags
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for officers (helmet, gloves, glasses)

Funding

Kings District already has three (3) police bicycles for operations. PPE for officers is personal issue based on the type of activity, as well as the specialized skills and abilities needed to conduct regular bike patrols. Only members specifically trained in these duties would be eligible for this equipment. Issued items would be expected to last several years depending on wear and tear. A conservative estimate per trained member is \$500 - \$600.

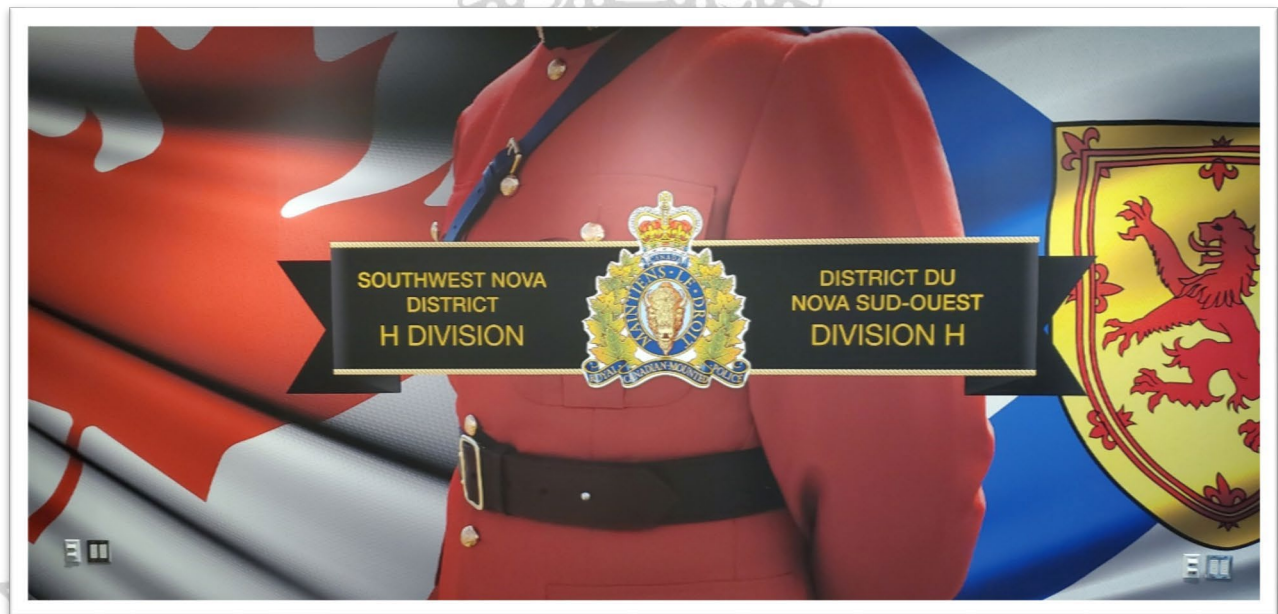
Conclusion

Bicycles provide numerous advantages to officers, allowing a quiet, quick response and great mobility. It is an effective tool, which allows police to take a proactive approach to law enforcement and improve community relations. This initiative will not only increase police visibility throughout the town of Wolfville, but will also greatly assist with engaging citizens and business owners by getting officers out of patrol vehicles and connecting with the public. This initiative, paired with the bicycle related investments and infrastructure the town of Wolfville is already planning will provide both public safety and proactive police visibility in the community.

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Wolfville Policing Report



December 2023 – March 2024
Kings District RCMP

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Kings District Employees

Inspector Rob Jodrey is the Kings District Commander.

Forty general duty constables police Kings District as first responders. These officers are supervised by eight corporals, two sergeants, and one staff sergeant.

The Kings East School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jennifer Britton, and the Kings West School Safety Resource Officer is Cst. Jeff Wilson.

Our Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Kelly McPherson, and Cst. Chris Jones. Our Kings District Street Crime Enforcement Unit is an integrated team consisting of a vacant position from Kentville Police Service as well as Cst. Brian Green and Cst. Layla Fish of Kings District RCMP.

The Kings District Domestic Violence Reviewer/Investigator position is Cst. Neil Edwards

Kings District has ten Detachment Services Assistants who perform administrative functions at the three 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. 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 Annapolis County line to Central Kings Rural High School, encompassing 11 schools. Cst. Britton's service area is from Coldbrook District School to LE Shaw Elementary, encompassing 12 schools.

Distracted driving presentations, human trafficking awareness presentations, and lock down safety drills have been ongoing at several schools throughout the reporting period. Both district SSROs worked closely with the schools within the entire district. While Cst. Wilson is temporarily off duty, Cst. Britton remains heavily involved in the delivery of her mandated objectives while assisting with other investigations that require their skills and experience with youth.



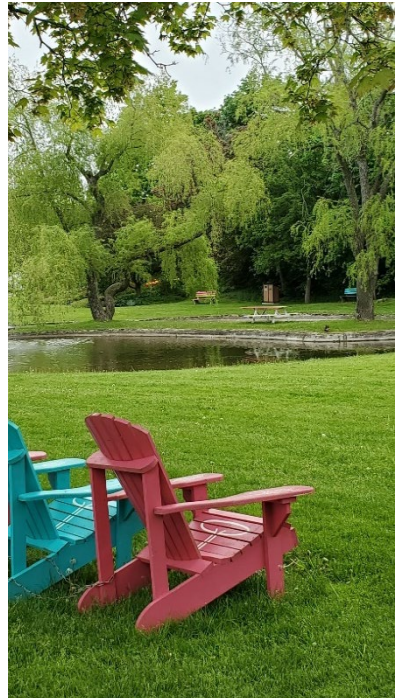
RCMP Warning Public About Threatening Solicitation Scams

The Nova Scotia RCMP is warning the public about a number of threatening phone and computer scams being reported throughout the province.

There are many types of scams on the rise in the province and the most recent one involves callers falsely representing an organization, such as police or government agency. The caller will then threaten to arrest the individual or suspend their travel visa or tax account if immediate payment is not made. Police want to remind the public that legitimate organizations do not conduct business this way.

"If someone portrays themselves as representing a government institution or another organization, and are threatening you with arrest unless you send immediate payment, regardless of reason, it's a scam," says Cpl. Laurie Haines of the Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section. "These scams are very convincing because the caller ID or spoofed email address appear associated to the police or government institution in question," he further adds.

Recipients of these calls are asked to hang up and not continue with the calls. Anyone who suspects they have been targeted in a phone or computer scam is encouraged to contact their local police, and also the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or online at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>.



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Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024. Objectives of Annual Performance Plan include:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**
Since April 1, Kings District members have charged 58 people with impaired driving, issued 15 roadside suspensions for alcohol use, issued 1023 traffic enforcement charges, and conducted 52 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 source

Calls for Service

In this reporting period, Kings District RCMP responded to 406 service calls in the Town of Wolfville. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Quarterly Total
	2023	2024	2024	2024	
Crimes Against Persons					
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	2	0	0	2
Assault	1	2	1	4	8
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0	1	1	2
Criminal Harassment	0	0	1	0	1
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	0	0	0	0
Uttering Threats	2	2	0	2	6
Property Crime					
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	0	1	2	3	6
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	0	0	0
Theft Over	0	0	1	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0	0	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	0	5	3	2	10
Shoplifting	7	2	1	0	10
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	1	0	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	2	1	1	4
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	2	0	3	3	8
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Mischief	7	4	1	13	25
Drug Enforcement					
Possession	1	0	0	0	1
Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0
Import/Export	0	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0



Traffic					0
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	0	0	1	4	5
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	2	0	0	0	2
Fail to Stop or Remain	2	0	0	5	7
Seatbelt Violation	0	1	2	11	14
Intersection Violation	1	19	2	4	26
Speeding Violation	1	3	3	6	13
Insurance Violation	0	0	0	3	3
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	1	0	0	0	1
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	1	0	0	0	1
Collision - Reportable	1	3	3	1	8
Collision - Non Reportable	1	0	3	2	6
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	1	0	0	1
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	5	3	4	17	29
Other Traffic Related Duties	1	0	4	2	7
Checkstop	2	0	0	0	2
Other					
911 Call	4	1	1	7	13
Breach of Court Order	1	6	0	0	7
Liquor Act	1	2	0	4	7
Mental Health Act	1	5	4	11	21
Missing Person	0	0	2	1	3
Municipal Bylaw - Other	2	4	1	12	19
Other	18	15	13	13	59
Suspicious P V P	8	2	2	6	18
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0	0
Wellbeing Check	0	0	0	0	0
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	77	91	64	159	391
Total Occurrences*	80	94	65	167	406

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Reporting

Over the reporting period there continues to be an increased emphasis placed on road safety by Wolfville, Kings District, and Annapolis Valley Traffic Services RCMP members resulting in 86 Summary Offence Tickets, 26 Formal Warnings, and 2 Vehicle Defect offence violations totaling 114 officer contacts. These are highlighted by:

- (12) Twelve Speeding violations
- (28) Twenty-eight Failing to Stop at Stop Sign violations
- (16) Sixteen Distracted Driving violations
- (13) Seatbelt violations
- (3) Three Failing to Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk violations

Impaired driving investigations continue to be a priority for Kings District RCMP. Three (3) impaired driving related charges and one (1) Roadside Suspension was issued.

There were no reported pedestrian vs vehicle collisions during this reporting period.

2023 Reporting Statistics

Sexual Assault Investigations

In 2023 there were six (6) sexual assault related investigations reported to police, resulting in one (1) criminal charge.

Domestic Violence Investigations

In 2023 there were thirty-six (36) investigations into persons related violence occurrences, of those, ten (10) involved domestic violence allegations.

- Seven (7) female offenders
- Three (3) male offenders
- Resulting in thirteen (13) criminal code charges over eight (8) occurrences

Priority 1 – Calls for service

As discussed at the recent presentation to Wolfville Town Council, included below are the percentage of files broken down by Priority Dispatch and definition of each respective.

<u>Priority Level</u>	<u>Response Type</u>	<u>Incident Threat Assessment</u>	<u>Examples</u>
1	Urgent and Immediate, lights and sirens response	Involves loss of life, or potential for loss of life	Weapons complaints, Armed Robbery
2	Immediate, lights and sirens response	Immediate police presence required, but potential for loss of life is not present or a reduced risk	Disturbances, Theft (In Progress), Suspicious Persons
3	Routine response, no lights and sirens	Incident is not in progress, or no potential for injuries or loss of life	Fraud, Theft (not in progress), Parking complaints

These numbers are based off of CAD occurrences for 2023 showing comparison of

Wolfville, Kings County, and Nova Scotia Priority Dispatch occurrences:

	Priority 1		Priority 2		Priority 3		Priority 4	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Nova Scotia	3.66%	3.40%	40.14%	38.55%	52.11%	55.39%	4.09%	2.66%
Kings County	2.93%	3.50%	33.82%	38.26%	57.38%	55.43%	5.88%	2.81%
Wolfville	2.27%	3.49%	30.95%	35.66%	61.77%	57.67%	5.02%	3.18%

Priority 4 files previously were assigned to the Call Back Unit. These are files that generally would not require GD attendance and typically are following up with via phone. The Call Back Unit was disbanded as of 2023-01-01, so although there is still the option for a call taker to code a file as Priority 4, the percentage of files which are coded as priority 4 has dropped significantly in 2023.

Significant Investigations

Driver runs over RCMP member's foot, flees scene

Files: 202474290

A man pulled over by Kings District RCMP early on the morning hours drove away from the female constable who stopped him, running over her foot in the process.

The suspect, later identified as a 26 year old Dartmouth man, was stopped for erratic driving at 2:00 in the morning on January 18th in New Minas. The constable approached the suspect and made a demand for breath samples, which the suspect refused before speeding away. The constable became briefly entangled with the driver's door and the vehicle then drove over her foot, causing minor injuries.

Moments later a second Kings District constable took up pursuit of the vehicle which soon began to emit smoke. The vehicle broke down near Highway 101 and the driver fled on foot, evading a foot pursuit and subsequent search using a Police Dog Service canine. The vehicle was seized for further investigation. A

search warrant later executed on the vehicle resulted in a significant drug seizure.

Tips from the public resulting from a media release assisted with the positive identification and subsequent arrest in Windsor of the suspect. He fled from police in that jurisdiction as well but was apprehended, and is facing numerous charges from both incidents including assaulting a police officer with a weapon, flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm, and possession of a controlled substance for the purposes of trafficking. He remains in custody awaiting trial.

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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Wolfville Major Event After Action Report

Cheaton Cup

March 23, 2024

BACKGROUND:

The Cheaton Cup Operational Plan outlined the duties and responsibilities of the RCMP during the event. Historically this event was established by two residences at Acadia University; Chipman and Eaton House, where residents would participate against one another in a recreational hockey game. This hockey game was both preceded and subsequently followed by large gatherings and excessive alcohol consumption. Due to several factors Acadia University distanced themselves from the Cheaton Cup event and the hockey game was discontinued, however the tradition of large gatherings and excessive alcohol consumption remain. Past events have seen a large influx of students gathering at house parties, and in recent years, overflowing on to roadways in the town of Wolfville causing an increase in both persons, and property crime. These unsanctioned street parties disrupt traffic flow and cause a general concern for public safety.



EVENT CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Large crowds and unsanctioned street parties present public safety challenges
2. Excessive alcohol consumption leads to increased demand for police and EHS services
3. Multiple events taking place simultaneously, straining resources

RESOURCES DEPLOYED:

In addition to ten (10) regularly scheduled members, seven (7) additional General Duty resources were brought in to assist, as well as thirteen (13) Tactical Support Group (TSG), and one (1) Police Dog Service resource, bringing total RCMP strength to thirty (30) for the event.

Kings RCMP also deployed the Divisional Mobile Command Post (MCP), and a dedicated prisoner transport bus to assist the overall operational plan.

CRIME STATISTICS:

There was a total of twenty (20) dispatched or officer-initiated occurrences in Wolfville on March 23-24, 2024. A highlighted break-down is as follows:

- One (1) Break and Enter to a Residence investigation – Unfounded
- One (1) Abandoned 911 investigation - Unfounded
- Three (3) Liquor Act investigations – No charges
- Three (3) Mischief investigations – No charges
- Two (2) Motor vehicle collisions – No charges
- One (1) Motor vehicle no registration charge
- One (1) Motor vehicle speeding charge
- One (1) Crosswalk violation warning
- Three (3) Nuisance Party Bylaw investigations – one charge
- Four (4) Municipal parking offence charges
- Two (2) Persons arrested and held in custody overnight

Occurrences Displayed by Time March 23-24, 2024:

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
0:00 TO 3:59		2
4:00 TO 7:59		1
8:00 TO 11:59	5	
12:00 TO 15:59	4	
16:00 TO 19:59	4	
20:00 TO 23:59	4	
TOTAL	20	

OFFICER INTERACTIONS:

Operational briefings were completed for both day and night shift members based upon shift start times. Officer visibility and communication with the public was established and emphasized as a main priority for the morning. As per the operational plan RCMP members were to encourage persons attending the event to visit the university campus for programming options, while implementing a measured approach to enforcement with consistent communication being the key to success. For those who remained on the streets, a strategy of condensed patrols and continued measured enforcement was adopted to prevent large crowds from assembling and obstructing vehicle traffic on roadways.

As anticipated, at approximately 15:00hrs a large crowd of approximately 200 people began to assemble on Summer Street in Wolfville. As this was occurring, TSG resources were immediately deployed on foot and commenced their crowd control tactics. This had a direct impact on the momentum of people arriving to Summer Street, and curtailed the behaviour of the crowd, dispersing large groups of people away from Summer Street and into individual house parties. At approximately 17:00hrs the street was clear again and members began to declare individual house parties under the Wolfville Nuisance Party Order by-law. Tenants at these residences with issued warnings and promptly cleared out their properties. Afterwards members returned to mobile patrols in the area.

Kings District members reported having very positive interactions with the public throughout the event. There were times when responding members were required to apprehend individuals who were either engaging in a criminal offence, or in a state of intoxication that necessitated intervention.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO DESIRED OUTCOME:

1. Consultations with key stakeholders prior to development of Operational Plan including: Wolfville Compliance Team, Wolfville Landlord Association Representatives, Local Business Owners
2. Utilization of Divisional Resources to assist Kings district with Operational Plan namely: TSG, PDS, and Mobile Command Post

3. Completing Operational briefings with members prior to the start of each shift. By setting clear expectations and clarifying key objectives, members were provided with the opportunity to understand the past challenges of this event, concerns raised from the community and stakeholders alike. This enabled members to buy-in to the objectives of the district and work together to achieve a common goal.
4. Early intervention and crowd control tactics upon the first indication of large gatherings prevented people from contributing to the size of the crowd, and roadways from becoming further obstructed.

RESULTS:

The measured approach to enforcement was implemented with the intent to strike a balance between enforcement and safe crowd control tactics, this approach was seen to be successful by gaining cooperation from various persons as the evening progressed and intoxication levels increased.

Compared to previous years there was a noticeable decrease in calls for service and criminal investigations. Crowd control and diversion tactics employed were successful in rerouting people away from unsanctioned street parties and back into residences, this also had a benefit of directing persons towards licenced establishments to continue their enjoyment of the events. Initial analysis could point to earlier intervention of crowd control techniques being a contributing factor, however further consultations are planned with key stakeholders to understand their individual perspectives.

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