



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Kings District – Wolfville Office

June 11th, 2020 – September 11th, 2020



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.

Wolfville Employees

The following employees are assigned to the Kings District – Wolfville office:

Bev ELLIOTT – Detachment Assistant

Sgt. Andrew BUCKLE – Operations NCO – Kings East

Cst. Justin Dominie

Cst. Brad Thomas

Cst. Remy Gauvin

Cst. Shannon Herbert

Cst. Byron Mclean

Cst. Jon Anthony

Cst. Nathan Black

Cst. Greg Charlton

Be on the Lookout for Students Heading Back to Class

It's that time again when parents, students, and educators are busy preparing for the first day of school. The Nova Scotia RCMP will also be preparing for busier roads and to remind motorists to slow down.

Each year, police receive reports of vehicles passing school buses and speeding in school zones. So, when school starts, RCMP officers will be out to make sure motorists are obeying the rules in areas where children are present. In Nova Scotia, you can be fined \$410 and lose six points off your license for failing to stop for a school bus.

Police are also reminding motorists that when driving in school zones during school hours, they must slow down and assume children are present. To help clarify the rules, when the speed limit is 50 km/h, motorists must slow to a maximum of 30 km/h when children are present. On weekends, evenings and holidays, motorists may drive the posted speed limit unless children are near.

Here are a few tips to help make the transition back to school safer for everyone:

- Stay focused on the road and be aware of what is happening around you.
- Slow down and be extra careful in school zones.
- Always stop for school buses.
- Always drive sober.
- Be courteous at school pick-up and drop-off times. Try not to block other cars or fire lanes.
- Approach crosswalks with caution and remember that pedestrians have the right of way.

We all have an important role to play to help keep everyone safe on the roads. For more back to school safety tips, follow us on Twitter at @RCMPNS (<https://twitter.com/RCMPNS>) and on Facebook at Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia (<https://www.facebook.com/rcmpns/>).

The RCMP Wants to Hear from Youth

To best support young people, we need to listen to them. That's exactly why the RCMP has a National Youth Advisory Committee (NYAC).

Help us find the young leaders who will make up the 2020-2021 NYAC! Applicants must be:

- Canadian residents
- Between the ages of 13 and 21
- Ready to engage for two to four hours per month on an online forum, from October to June

The deadline to submit an application is September 11, 2020.

What's in it for them? There are many reasons youth should get involved, including:

- Help shape RCMP youth programs and strategies
- Connect with youth from coast to coast to coast
- Hear from and interact with RCMP officers and experts
- Get a reference letter and volunteer hours

NYAC members discuss important issues they face in their communities. Their insight can help create positive change. Help us spread the word. For all the details, [visit the RCMP website](#).

RCMP Warns Public About Phone Scams Requesting a SIN

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

The phone calls involve someone calling from 1-800 numbers, local numbers, or the RCMP toll-free number (1-800-803-7267) and saying that there are issues with the individual's Social Insurance Number (SIN). The caller then says the person will be arrested if their personal information is

not provided. The callers of these scams say they are calling from a specific federal agency and request a name, date of birth, and SIN.

Police are advising anyone who receives a call asking for their Social Insurance Number, or any personal or financial information, to request a name and a call-back number and verify the institution requesting the information.

Anyone who suspects they have been targeted in a phone scam is encouraged to contact their local police, and also the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. For more information about common fraud scams and how to protect yourself, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's website at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>

RCMP Warns Public About Any Solicitation Requesting Payment via Cryptocurrency

The Nova Scotia RCMP is warning the public about a number of phone and computer scams requesting payment with cryptocurrency or gift-cards being reported throughout the province.

Various types of scams are on the rise in the province, the most recent involves falsely representing Service Canada, and the vast majority have one thing in common: they involve a request for payment in cryptocurrency or via gift-cards. "If someone portrays themselves as representing a government institution or other organization, or is someone with whom you're in an online relationship and have never met and requests payment in cryptocurrency or via gift-cards, regardless of reason, it's a scam," says Cpl. Wayne Ross of the Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section.

Police are advising anyone who receives a call asking for anything requiring payment in this fashion to step back and contact your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. For more information about common fraud scams and how to protect yourself, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's website at <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>

Kings District RCMP Launch “Caughtcha” Program for Wearing Bike Helmets

Kings District RCMP is pleased to announce their partnership with local Tim Hortons aimed at rewarding children for safe and responsible cycling. Kings District RCMP have utilized School Safety Resource Officer Cst. Jeff Wilson to patrol throughout Kings County, with a focus on Wolfville and Berwick, on a police bicycle. Children and youth will be rewarded with a Tim Hortons gift certificate if they are found wearing a bicycle helmet and operating their bicycle safely.

The following are some laws that affect motorists and cyclists:

- Cyclists of all ages must wear a helmet. Parents can be given a ticket for knowingly allowing their child to ride a bike without a helmet under the age of 16.
- Every bicycle must be equipped with a bell or horn.
- Cyclists must signal their intention to turn and make lane changes. Cyclists are encouraged to learn and practice the use of hand signals.
- Motor vehicles may only pass a bicycle if it is safe to do so and there is at least one metre of open space between the vehicle and the person cycling. Motor vehicles may cross a line to pass a bicycle safely.
- Cyclists may not ride on the sidewalk or use crosswalks while riding.
- Children (16 and under) may cycle on a sidewalk in a public square, park, city, or town unless there is local legislation opposing it.

Bicycling is a popular and healthy activity. However, it is also a leading cause of recreational injury in children and youth. Head injuries are among the most severe injuries that occur while bicycling and account for a leading cause of hospitalization in children and youth.

Kings District RCMP encourage cyclists to wear a helmet at all times and it must fit properly to be most effective.

Kings District RCMP wish all cyclists safe riding and look forward to meeting children wearing bike helmets as they cycle for the last few weeks of summer and begin their preparations for back to school.



On August 17th, Cst. Wilson issued Tim Horton's cards to youth that he interacted with who were wearing a helmet, as part of the program for the county in the Town of Wolfville.

Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 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 29 people with impaired driving, issued 12 roadside suspensions (3 for drugs), issued 611 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 57 check stops.
- **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.

2019 – 2020 Annual Performance Plan

1 - Contribute to Safe Roads by:

Impaired Driving charges – 7 Charges

Summary Offense Tickets (Motor Vehicle Act) – 74 Charges & 11 Warnings

Check stops – 14

2 – Safety and security of all Nova Scotia's

Human Trafficking Presentations – Have been on pause since the implementation of the COVID 19 protocols. In addition, with the schools closed there has been reduced ability to conduct presentations. Hopefully this will get back on track once COVID-19 restrictions are loosened.

Domestic Violence Strategy – County Domestic Violence Position (unfunded) continues to work victims of domestic violence with safety planning, providing supports.

Other Crime Reduction Strategies – School Support Resource Officer (Wolfville School) Kings County Senior Safety works from Wolfville office, CSO (Community Service Order) Checks. With the re-opening of schools, our SSRO's have been tasked to assist with the re-opening as the school officials see fit.

3 - Wolfville, Safety and Peaceful Community

Liquor Act - 11 Charges

Police Presence – Members continue to conduct daily foot patrols in the community. To date there has been **136 documented foot patrols** within Wolfville.

*Approx 70+ hours walking on the streets. With COVID-19 protocols being implemented, foot patrols look quite different and will continue to change and modify with the reopening of businesses.

Members have conducted several bike patrols over the summer resulting in approximately 15 hours being spent patrolling the town and trails in and around Wolfville on mountain bikes.

Calls for Service

June 11th – Sept. 11th, 2020

Kings District (Inclusive of Wolfville) responded to approx. 3200 calls for service.

Wolfville members responded to 260+ calls for service.

5 Year Review:

2014

Assaults – 51 Complaints – 13 Charges

Sexual Assault – 5 Complaints – 0 Charges

Mischief (prevent enjoyment of property) – 114 Complaints – 4 Charges

Liquor Act – 0 Charges

Impaired Driving – 1 Charge

Roadside Suspensions – No Data

2015

Assaults – 52 Complaints - 17 Charges

Sexual Assault – 9 Complaints – 2 Charges

Mischief (prevent enjoyment of property) – 143 Complaints – 4 Charges

Liquor Act – 9 Charges

Impaired Driving – 7 Charges

Roadside Suspensions – No Data

2016

Assaults – 41 Complaints – 13 Charges

Sexual Assaults – 5 Complaints – 2 Charges

Mischief (prevent enjoyment of property) – 124 Complaints – 2 Charges

Liquor Act – 24 Charges

Impaired Driving – 8 Charges

Roadside Suspensions (Alcohol) – 4 Issued

2017

Assaults – 51 Complaints – 17 Charges

Sexual Assaults – 14 Complaints – 3 Charges

Mischief (prevent enjoyment of property) – 87 Complaints – 4 Charges

Liquor Act – 109 Charges

Impaired Driving – 5 Charges

Roadside Suspensions (Alcohol) - 3

2018

Assaults – 60 Complaints – 28 Charges

Sexual Assaults – 7 Complaints – 4 Charges

***Mischief (prevent enjoyment of property) – 127 Complaints – 4 Charges**

***By Law – 128 Complaints – 0 Charges**

Liquor Act – 49 Charges

Impaired Driving – 5 Charges

Roadside Suspensions (Alcohol) – 10 Issued

2019

Assaults – 52 Complaints – 13 Charges

Sexual Assaults – 7 Complaints – 1 charge

***Mischief (Prevent enjoyment of property) – 30 Complaints – 0 charges**

***By Law Complaint – 91 Complaints – 7 Charges**

Liquor Act – 62 Charges

Impaired Driving – 11 Charges

Roadside suspensions (Alcohol) – 5 issued

2020 (June 11 – September 11th)

Assaults – 12 Complaints *

Sexual Assaults – 2 Complaints

***Mischief (Prevent enjoyment of property) – 17 Complaints**

***By Law Complaint – 37 complaints – 6 Charges ***

Liquor Act – 11 Charges*

Impaired Driving – 2 Charges

Roadside suspensions (Alcohol) – 1 issued

COVID-19 -

- **There were twenty-two (22) complaints where members were required to follow up/investigate those who were required to quarantine and/or allegedly breaching the COVID-19 health orders.**
- **There was six (6) charges to individuals under the Health Act for COVID-19 related matters.**

Notable Investigations:

June 29th, 2020 – Members responded to a complaint of Fraud on March Hawk Drive. As a result of the investigation, a 29 year old male was charged with Fraud.

June 30th, 2020 – members responded to a report of a domestic assault at a residence on Basin View Drive. As a result of the investigation, a 49 year old male was arrested and charged for domestic assault.

July 18th, 2020 – member stopped a male operating a motorized bicycle on Main Street in Wolfville. The male was arrested for impaired operation, breath demand read. Bike was a bicycle with a 49 cc 2-stroke engine which powered the rear wheel. Bike was seized. The 32 year driver was charged and released on an Undertaking, pending court.

July 27th, 2020 – members conducted a vehicle stop to find driver, intoxicated. A 24 year old male driver was uncooperative with ASD

screening and eventually charged with Refusal. A 90 day license suspension, and vehicle seizure was completed as well.

August 8th, 2020 – Members responded to a report of a domestic assault at a residence on Skyway Drive. As a result of the investigation, a 47 year old male was arrested and charged for domestic assault.

August 23rd, 2020 – Members responded a complaint of a female breaching her court order. As a result of the investigation, a 58 year old female was arrested for uttering threats and breach. She was released on a no contact order.

August 24th, 2020 – Members responded to a call of a possible impaired driver. A black Audi with purple rims was identified as the suspect vehicle. It was located and the 36 year old female driver was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and impaired operation by drug. She was later released on Undertaking. Vehicle towed by Kelly's towing.

Kings District members continue to be patrolling the streets of Wolfville on bicycles over the summer/fall months. These patrols have already been initiated on the Harvest Moon Trail and various local streets.

Kings District has put together an Operational Plan to address anticipated activity for the weekends of September 18-20th and 25-27th.

Additional resources will to be working strictly in the town of Wolfville to address any and all unacceptable social gatherings and/or behaviours. Due to the COVID-19 ordered limitations/shutdowns, all events were will be heavily monitored and a zero tolerance policy will be adopted for violators.



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