



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Kings District – Wolfville Office

September – December 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. Ryan KELLY – Operations NCO – Kings East

Cst. Justin Dominie

Cst. Remy Gauvin

Cst. Kelli Hennessy

Cst. Shannon Herbert

Cst. Byron McLean

Cst. Jon Anthony

Cst. Greg Charlton

Cst. Erin MacKinnon (arrived Nov. 28th)

School Safety Resource Officer

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.

Cst Britton's service area extends east from Coldbrook and District School to L.E. Shaw Elementary School, which encompasses 11 public schools and one Community College Campus.

Highlights

On October 21st, Cst. Britton attend Northeast Kings Education Centre and did two presentations to the grade six students on cyber safety.

On October 29th Cst. BRITTON attended Wolfville School to deal with a 911 call. No issues. Child and parents spoken to.

On November 2nd, Cst. BRITTON attended Landmark East and gave 3 cyber safety presentations to 66 students from grades 7-12.

On November 16th Cst. BRITTON attended Evangeline Middle School to speak with students about the sharing of intimate images and what constitutes child pornography.

On November 18th Cst. BRITTON participated in MADD's "Operation Red Ribbon". MADD volunteers, Keith IRVING, Mike PAYNE, local fire departments, Kentville Police - Sgt Mike GOSS and RCMP - Cpl CARTER, Cst. O'SHEA, Cst. CHARLTON and Cst. BRITTON, conducted check stops in Windsor, Wolfville, Kentville and Berwick. MADD ribbons handed out.



On November 24th Cst. BRITTON and Cst. EDWARDS attended Horton High School and hosted a pizza party and Q&A session for twenty-five African Nova Scotian students about policing and recruiting.



On November 26th Cst. BRITTON along with Horton's High School hockey team recorded a video supporting "pink tape/anti-bullying". The video has since been shared via social media (Face Book and Instagram), has had more than 3000+ views and has received positive feedback from the public.

On November 30th Cst. BRITTON attended Wolfville School and presented 2 Cyber Safety presentations to grade 7 students.

Don't let your cottage be targeted by thieves this winter

Every year, the RCMP responds to multiple reports of break and enters at cottages and cabins during the winter months.

Break and enters are frequently crimes of opportunity at seasonal properties as they are often located in isolated areas, with decreased chances of criminal activity being noticed. This month, many cottage owners will be closing up their seasonal homes and Nova Scotia RCMP is offering some tips to keep seasonal homes free of thieves this winter:

- Remove all valuables from your cottage (including firearms);
- Lock / secure all doors and windows;
- Ensure all windows are covered by closing curtains or blinds;
- Ensure all out buildings (e.g., garage or shed) are secured and remove any valuables;
- Don't leave tools and items outside that could be used to break into your cottage, including ladders;
- Ensure that your cottage is visited on a regular basis; consider using a trail camera;
- Ensure your property is well lit, with motion sensors and timers on lights;
- Install an alarm system with a local contact person if you don't live nearby.

"Consider forming a 'cottage watch' program with other cottage owners to have properties checked on during the off-season," says Nova Scotia RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Lisa Croteau. "The more difficult you make it for thieves to gain access to your property, the better."

The RCMP will always check with neighbors if a break-in occurs in an area. We encourage community members to call to report suspicious activity and

help to reduce property crime. Taking note of details such as a vehicle description, a license plate number, or a description of a driver can be a big help and lead to the recovery of stolen property and charges against those responsible.

Nova Scotia RCMP can be contacted anywhere in the province by calling 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). 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, or use the P3 Tips App.

Protect your business from payment redirect scams

The Nova Scotia RCMP is warning businesses to use caution when sending or receiving account or payment information over email.

The Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section has noticed an increase in reported cases of business emails being hacked to redirect electronic payments. Scammers are hacking business email systems and intercepting emails that contain billing or payment instructions. The scammer then changes the billing information and resends the altered email to the other company causing future payments to be sent directly to the fraudster. Companies across the Maritimes have been victimized, including a business in Nova Scotia that was defrauded \$100,000.

"These scams are not new but can be crippling to a small business," says Cpl. Laurie Haines of the Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section. "Any business who receives a request via email to change payment instructions should contact the business directly to confirm. As part of Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October, its crucial businesses maintain strong email security practices," he adds and recommends the following:

1. Keep computer security up to date with anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and a good firewall. Only buy a computer and anti-virus software from a reputable source.
2. Regularly use your security software to run a virus check.
3. Secure your networks and devices, and avoid using public computers or Wi-Fi Hotspots to access or provide personal and security information.

4. Choose passwords and PINs that would be difficult for others to guess, and update them regularly. Do not save the passwords on your phone or computer.
5. Do not open attachments or click on links in emails or social media messages received from strangers.
6. Be wary of apps and downloads from unfamiliar websites. They may install harmful programs without you knowing.
7. Do not use software that auto-completes online forms.
8. Prohibit personal use of company emails.
9. Educate your employees on the importance of cybersecurity by sharing this information with them.

Anyone who suspects they have been targeted by this 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>.

It's Time to Get Winter-Ready

It looks like winter weather is soon on its way! Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding motorists to keep changing road conditions in mind and start preparing for winter driving.

"With the temperature getting cooler, now is the time to winterize your vehicle," says Sgt. Andrew Joyce of Nova Scotia RCMP. "Getting vehicle preparations out of the way early will mean a safer and less stressful drive when the snow starts to fall."

Here are a few things you can do to prepare your vehicle for winter:

- Consider investing in winter tires. Winter tires in good condition can displace slush and snow and grip the road. All-weather tires are different and do not offer the same benefits. If you are planning to have winter tires put on, book your appointment today.
- Test everything. Be sure your lights, signals, and windshield wipers are working properly. Check your battery too. A weak battery can leave you stranded, especially in cold weather.

- Fill up. Ensure your vehicle has a good amount of antifreeze and windshield washer fluid.
- Replace and restock. Be sure your window scraper/snow brush is in good condition and your emergency kit is stocked. For information on what to keep in your emergency kit, visit Red Cross.

When temperatures drop and road conditions change, it is important to adjust your driving. Slow down, stay alert and keep your distance from the vehicle ahead of you.

Before you venture out, check weather and road conditions and adjust your expected arrival time accordingly. You can find information on road conditions at <https://511.novascotia.ca/en/index.html>.

Nova Scotia RCMP will be sharing more winter driving advice throughout the coming months. Follow @RCMPNS on Twitter and Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia on Facebook for more tips.

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 64 people with impaired driving (6 for drugs, 7 with refusal to provide a breath sample), issued 20 roadside suspensions (3 for drugs), issued 983 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 122 check stops.
- **Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia**
On October 21st, Cst. Britton attend Northeast Kings Education Centre and did two presentations to the grade six students on cyber safety.

On November 16th Cst. BRITTON attended Evangeline Middle School to speak with students about the sharing of intimate images and what constitutes child pornography.

On November 30th, Cst. Britton attended Wolfville School and did two presentations to the grade seven students on cyber safety.

- **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. Members continue to conduct daily foot patrols in the community of Wolfville. To date there has been **162 *documented foot patrols*** within Wolfville.
- Approx. **92+** 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.
- On November 25th, Cst. GAUVIN attended four residences in Wolfville, NS, and issued formal warnings to the tenants with regards to their on-going large gatherings. The four residences are located on Highland Avenue, Prospect Road and Bay Streets.

Wolfville Town:

September – December 2020

Assaults – 4 Complaints - 3 Charges*

Sexual Assaults – 0 Complaints

***Mischief (Prevent enjoyment of property)** – 14 Complaints

***By Law Complaint** – 19 complaints – 9 Charges *

Liquor Act – 56 Charges*

Impaired Driving – 3 Charges

Roadside Suspensions/Disqualified (Alcohol) – 1 issued

Parking Offences – Approx. 36 tickets issued

COVID-19 -

- **There were seventy-four (74) 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 Protection Act for COVID-19 related matters.**
- **There were thirteen (13) charges to individuals under the Emergency Measures Act.**
- **There were nine (9) charges to individuals under the Wolfville Nuisance Party Bylaw.**

Calls for Service

In the months of September, October and November, Kings District responded to **3,736** service calls. There were a total of **369** service calls in the Town of Wolfville during this reporting period. Members continue to conduct patrols and are aware of the traffic complaints in the community. Below are some of the highlights from the months of September, October and November.

Significant Investigations

On September 12th, Kings District RCMP responded to a single vehicle collision with a pedestrian on Main Street in Wolfville. As a result of the investigation the driver of the SUV was issued three charges under the Motor Vehicle Act of NS.

On September 27th Kings District RCMP responded to a complaint that two individuals were not isolating for 14 days upon arrival. Members spoke with witnesses and confirmed the complaint. One individual was served a ticket under the Emergency Management Act. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

On October 1st, Kings District RCMP conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle being driven erratically on Hwy. 101 near Wolfville Ridge. The driver and passenger, both men, were taken into custody. During the arrest, an altercation occurred between one of the men and an officer. As a result of

the traffic stop, officers seized a quantity of cocaine. Subsequently, the Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit obtained a warrant and searched a residence in Centreville.

A 28-year-old Centreville man is facing charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, Resisting Arrest, Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Assaulting a Police Officer, Assault with a Weapon and Flight from Police. A 24-year-old Kentville man is currently facing charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, Resisting Arrest and Failure to Comply with an Undertaking.

On October 8th, just before 11 p.m., Kings District RCMP received a complaint of a large group of students gathered at a residence on Bay St. in Wolfville. Police attended and found more than 75 people in the home. The police dispersed everyone at the party and served the main resident of the home with a ticket under the Emergency Management Act. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

On October 13th, at 2:25 a.m., Kings District RCMP responded to a call of a possible impaired driver swerving on Hwy. 101 in Wolfville Ridge. Members located the vehicle and did not stop right away and then pulled into a driveway. The 56-year-old male driver, who showed signs of impairment, was arrested without incident. He was transported to the detachment for breath samples and later released. He is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Refusal of the Breath Demand. He is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8.

The RCMP would like to thank the individuals who called in to the police with information about these drivers. Anyone who has concerns about a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle is asked to call the RCMP, anywhere in Nova Scotia, at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If it's an emergency, call 911.

On October 15th, Kings District RCMP responded to a call about a large gathering on Prospect St. and charged five adults under the Emergency Management Act for failing to comply with direction, order or requirement. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50. One of the individuals is also facing a charge for occupier allowing or permitting activity prohibited by subsection 4(4) in dwelling unit. This charge is Section 4(5) in the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law and carries a \$352.50 fine.

On October 16th and 17th, Kings District RCMP issued 14 Summary Offence Tickets under the Provincial Liquor Control Act for Illegal Possession of Liquor under Section 78(2). Three adults from Nova Scotia also received fines under the Provincial Health Act, two under section 23(a) of the Emergency Management Act for failing to comply with the Act/any regulations which has a fine of \$582.50 and one under Section 71(1)(b) of the Health Protection Act for failing to comply with Part I of Act or Regulations, a fine of \$1,000.

On October 17th at 12:00am Kings District RCMP members responded to a complaint of an impaired driver at the Anvil Bar and Lounge in Wolfville, NS. Responding members located the suspect vehicle on Belcher Street, performed a traffic stop and arrested the driver for operating while impaired. A 41-year-old Kings County man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8th to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg%.

On October 25th at 8:00pm Kings District RCMP members responded to a call of a driver unresponsive in a parked car on Front Street in Wolfville. Police located the driver in the vehicle who displayed signs of impairment. The driver was arrested for Impaired driving. A large amount of cash and cocaine were also seized at the scene. The driver was taken to the New Minas detachment where he provided samples of his breath which were over the legal limit. A 22-year-old Hammonds Plains man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22 to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg % and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Cocaine).

On October 29th at 7:45pm Kings District RCMP members were called to a two vehicle collision on Main Street in Wolfville. As a result of the investigation a 21-year-old Wolfville man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8th to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg%.

On October 31st shortly before midnight Kings District RCMP members were dispatched to a noise complaint on Willow Avenue in Wolfville, NS. Upon arrival Police found more than 80 people in the residence. The police dispersed everyone at the party and served the main resident of the home with a ticket under the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law which carries a \$352.50 fine. Four other occupants were issued Tickets

under the Emergency Management Act. This violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

On November 1st shortly after midnight Kings District RCMP members were contacted by Acadia's Campus Security and advised of a large party on Westwood Avenue. Upon arrival Police found more than 50 people in the residence. The police dispersed everyone at the party and served the three residents of the home, plus one guest with tickets under the Emergency Management Act. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

On November 7th at 11:30pm Kings District RCMP performed a traffic stop on Main Street in Wolfville. As a result of the investigation a 26-year-old New Minas man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8th to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg%.

On November 15th shortly before midnight Kings District RCMP received an anonymous complaint of a loud party on Winter Street, in Wolfville. A patrol was conducted and two tickets were issued under the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law which carries a \$352.50 fine.

On November 20th Kings District RCMP responded to a call for service on Linden Street in Wolfville. As a result of the investigation a 21-year-old female from Wolfville was charged with assault and uttering threats. She will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on January 13th, 2021.

On November 23rd around 2am Kings District RCMP received a noise complaint from a resident on Gaspereau Avenue in Wolfville. A patrol was conducted and a ticket was issued under the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law which carries a \$352.50 fine.

Kings District RCMP is reminding everyone including university students to follow all Public Health orders, Provincial legislation and Town bylaws. We all need to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The RCMP thanks Nova Scotians for their continued support and to the vast majority who are adhering to the directives outlined by the provincial government. For more information, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.

The following is a message from S/Sgt. Andrew BUCKLE:

“Since I have moved on to Bridgetown as the District Commander for Annapolis County, I wanted to say thank you for the last 4 years. It was a positive experience in working alongside the citizens of Wolfville and the town officials during my tenure. To see the relationship between the Town of Wolfville and the RCMP improve and flourish to where it is, is a testament to the dedication of the PAB participants and their efforts to improve the communication and cooperation with all involved. The lessons I have learned will no doubt help me as I move into my new role.”

Thank you again and good luck.

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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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