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# Kings District Employees

Inspector Kurtis Kamotzki, 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. Kelly McPherson, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

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

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.



# 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. SSRO's update the National SafePlan every year for each Kings County School. SSRO's do the initial investigation in cases that stem from schools. SSRO's 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, which encompasses 11 schools.

Cst. Britton's service area is from Coldbrook District School to LE Shaw Elementary and encompasses 12 schools.

Distracted driving presentations, Human Trafficking presentations as well as "lock down drills" have been ongoing at several schools throughout the reporting period.

Both district SSROs worked closely with the schools within the entire district. Both Cst. Wilson and Cst. Britton remain heavily involved in the delivery of



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the mandated objectives while assisting other investigations that require their skills and experience with youth.

## **Highlights**

SSRO Cst. WILSON continues to be active in the community with traffic enforcement and assisting with calls for service.

### **Cyber Security Awareness**

The Internet and communication technologies provide Canadians, businesses, and institutions with the essential means to access information, offer services and create opportunities. Over the years, however, the exponential growth in these technologies has also increased the potential for cyber threats. Cyber criminals are increasingly targeting and exploiting Canadian citizens, businesses, and our critical infrastructure systems.

Cyber capabilities, once rare and expensive, have now become commonplace and affordable. That, along with the borderless and anonymous nature of cybercrime, amplifies the pool of potential victims.

Cyber security has always been important, but with more and more people relying on the internet for work, day-to-day tasks, business, social connections, financial services and more, it is vital that we learn how to keep ourselves safe.



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## What can Canadians do?

- Visit the RCMP's <u>Cyber Safety pages</u> and social media, as well as, <u>Get</u> <u>Cyber Safe</u>'s website. Follow them on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> for great cyber tips and information!
- Know how to report a cybercrime or cyber fraud. If an individual, business or organization experiences a cybercrime, they should contact their local police immediately. It's also important that they report the incident, whether they fell victim or not, to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre <u>online</u> or toll-free at 1-888-495-8501.
- Share the information you learn with those around you!

## What is law enforcement doing?

The criminal exploitation of new and emerging technologies requires new policing measures to keep pace in a digital era. Cybercrime investigations are complex and technical in nature. They require strong domestic and international partnerships, specialized investigative skills, and advanced tools and technologies. The RCMP takes cybercrime seriously and has a number of programs, units and teams actively working on it, including:

- National Cybercrime Coordination Unit (NC3)
- Federal Policing Cybercrime
- Cybercrime Investigative Teams including Cyber Capability
- Specialists from federal, provincial, local and international police
- Cyber Capability Specialists
- Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre



The RCMP works closely with law enforcement partners and other lead security agencies, private and public sectors, including academia in Canada and abroad, to investigate and address cybercrime.

# Quick facts

- Cybercrime continues to be the cyber threat that is most likely to affect Canadians and Canadian organizations.
- It is estimated that only 5-10% of all cybercrimes and fraud are reported to police.
- The RCMP continues to see an increase in ransomware in Canada. Since June 2020, the National Cybercrime Coordination Unit (NC3) has received over 4,200 requests for assistance from domestic and international law enforcement partners. Of these requests, over 30% related to ransomware.
- The NC3 and Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) are working together to implement a <u>new national cybercrime and fraud reporting system</u>. The new system is currently live in a beta version and is accepting up to 25 reports per day. The system is expected to be fully operational by 2024.



Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:

 Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia - To date Kings District members have charged in excess of 53 people with impaired driving, issued TBD roadside suspensions for alcohol consumption, issued TBD traffic enforcement charges and conducted 174 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.

## Intelligence led policing effort

In 2021/22, Kings District senior managers recognized a lack of intelligence led policing efforts within the district. This is a national strategic policing priority of the RCMP and as such, efforts to improve in this area have been made through training and mentorship. This improvement has resulted in an increase in drug-related and property crime-related investigations within Kings District.



# **Calls for Service**

In the month of July, Kings District responded to 1,127 service calls. There were 127 service calls in Wolfville during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	July Kings	July Wolfville					
	2022	2022					
Crimes Against Persons							
Offences Related to Death	0	0					
Sexual Offences	5	0					
Assault	36	3					
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0					
Robbery	0	0					
Extortion / Intimidation	4	1					
Criminal Harassment	9	2					
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	2	1					
Uttering Threats	8	2					
Property Crime							



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	Arson	0	0	
	Break and Enter	13	0	
	Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	
	Theft Over	0	0	
	Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	0	
	Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	3	0	
	Take MV w/o Consent	1	0	
	Theft Under	11	2	
	Shoplifting	20	1	
	Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	2	1	
	Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	1	M
	Possession of Stolen Goods	2	0	24
	Fraud	10	1	2
	Identity Theft	1	0	The
	Mischief	52	8	12-9
Drug E	nforcement			45
	Possession	1	0	10
	Trafficking	2	0	K
	Import/Export	0	0	KS
	Production	0	0	Æ
	Other	1	0	43
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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	July Wolfville	July Kings			
Traffic					
Dangerous Op of MV	2	0			
Impaired by Alcohol	12	0			
Impaired by Drug	0	0			
Failure/Refusal	0	0			
Driving while Disqualified	2	0			
Fail to Stop or Remain	7	0			
Seatbelt Violation	1	0			
Intersection Violation	9	2			
Speeding Violation	29	2			
Insurance Violation	10	0			
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	0			
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0			
Collision - Fatal	1	0			
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	9	0			
Collision - Reportable	25	1			
Collision - Non Reportable	20	1			

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Off-Road Vehicle Collision

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Municipal By-laws	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	143	17
Other Traffic Related Duties	12	0
Checkstop	8	2
Other		
911 Call	27	5
Breach of Court Order	28	2
Liquor Act	13	4
Mental Health Act	56	8
Missing Person	55	0
Municipal Bylaw - Other	16	7
Other	321	36
Suspicious P V P	40	5
Trespass at Night	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	0
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	1,051	119
Total Occurrences*	1,127	127



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# **Significant Investigations**

July has been a steady month district wide but in regard to Wolfville there were no significant investigations to report.

Member have been very busy with responding to various types of calls yet have continue to be proactive with traffic enforcement limiting the serious incidences. An increase in calls in the district with a significant decrease in Wolfville again.

Nuisance party complaints have been has reduced significantly. University being out for the summer and significant change of attitude towards loud parties has been a positive outcome.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the CFL came to town. Wolfville hosted this great event. All partners involved in the planning and executing of this grand event were well represented. There were over 10,000 football fans and supporters at the game. No issues noted by all involved. The weather was amazing and the First Responders were present making sure all were hydrated. Leaving this game with a great experience.

## Kings District RCMP attended and investigated a domestic assault

## Police file: 2022-1031808

911 - domestic dispute - in progress – members attended keeping the victim safe. Investigation revealed that violence did occur in the home. The accused was arrested and will be attending court later in the month.



Kings District RCMP responded to a call of Mischief at the Acadia University campus.

## Police file: 2022-1027933

Acadia Security, reported that there was a male trying to get into the Acadia Rink by violently yanking and smashing on the door. Officers attended and located the broken window on the front door of the rink. The was big enough to get through. Officers entered the building and spoke with an Acadia staff who said a male with no shirt was pacing around outside but did not know where he went. The individual was located inside sleeping in the lobby. He was arrested and charged for Mischief. He was intoxicated and placed in the New Minas cells. Once sober he was released with conditions of an Undertaking to attend court in Kentville for this offence.

### Wolfville member attended 5 wellbeing checks.

These calls are always very stressful both for the member and the person calling in the report. Members attend these keeping in mind their duties as investigators in the event the outcome is negative in nature. Being compassionate to address all possible questions/concerns the caller would have in each situation. The sensitive nature of these calls have numerous variables and require all available resources to complete this in a timely manner. All calls were positive with no concerns identify for those being checked.



Kings District RCMP along with the assistance of Wolfville Bylaw Enforcement, continue to respond and enforce the parking offences around the community. Westwood, Seaview and University Avenue are the locations which are the most affected. Continued education and enforcement around these locations will hopefully result in the lessening the enforcement required to address this issue.

Traffic enforcement continues in the community. It's great to see that impaired driving is not prevalent in Wolfville in comparison to the rest of Kings County. The Kings County has 12 reports of Impaired Operation of Motor vehicles as no reports or investigations in Wolfville. This being said it does not mean that it's not happening. It important for everyone to know that reporting impaired driving is for everyone safety.

### **Compliance Checks**

Members of Kings District RCMP continue to complete compliance verifications of persons who are released on conditions. These checks have proven valuable as they are an effective deterrent for offenders who are considering to re-offend.

## **Check Stops/Traffic Violations**

Check stops and traffic enforcement continue to be conducted by Kings District members. This a very important area in policing that prevents serious event from occurring. Kings District has had several serious motor vehicle collisions on the many road systems in Kings County. Police visibility and enforcement continue in efforts to reduce infractions that lead to motor vehicle collisions. Good weather and increase in visitors to Wolfville normally has a direct impact on numbers of collisions. Members



continue to enforce the Motor Vehicle Act. With visibility and enforcement continues to reduce the number of serious collisions in and around Wolfville.

Check Stops have both produced Control Drugs and Substance Act infractions and impaired drivers. This an extremely important function as it provides visibility and enforcement opportunities that would otherwise be missed.

There has been an increase in Mischief calls in Wolfville. These continue to be investigated and local residence are being provided with information on how to better protect their property from unwanted individuals. Well lit areas creating a deterrent for those wanting to cause damage. Calling police with suspicious activities also provide information to police.

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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