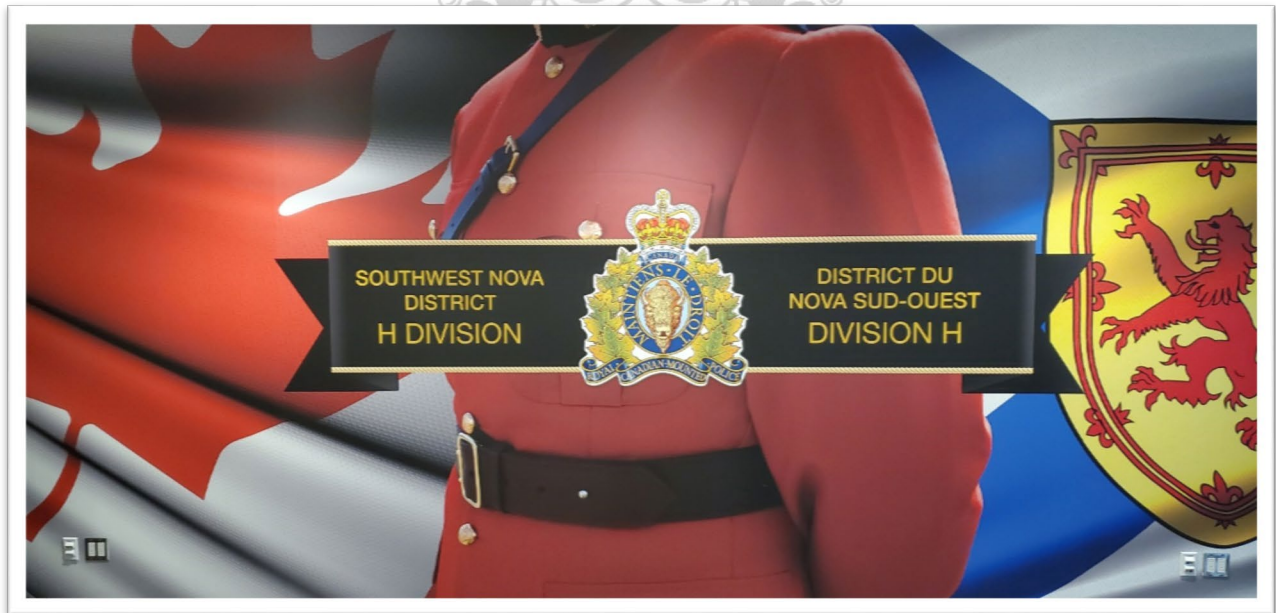

Wolfville District Policing Report



September – November 2022
Kings District RCMP



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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.

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 members are Cst. Jason Sehl of Kentville Police Service, as well as Cst. Josée Lagace and Cst. Everett Smith of Kings District RCMP.

The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is temporarily filled by Cst. Roya Kashani. This is a temporarily funded position.

The 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. 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. Both Cst. Wilson and Cst. Britton remain heavily involved in the delivery of the mandated objectives while assisting other investigations that require their skills and experience with youth.

Child Safety Link Reminds Drivers to Safely Buckle Up Children

In support of Child Passenger Safety Week, the Nova Scotia RCMP and Child Safety Link are reminding motorists to ensure their young passengers are safely buckled up in the right seat.

Nova Scotia RCMP and Child Safety Link came together today to demonstrate how to use booster seats properly to keep school-aged children safe.

"Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and serious injury for children in Canada. Using the right car or booster seat and knowing how to use them properly significantly reduces that risk," says Cpl. Jennifer Clarke with Nova Scotia RCMP.

Here are a few tips to keep kids safe in a booster seat:

- Don't rush to move your child into booster seat before they are ready. A child should weigh at least 18 kg (40 pounds) and be able to sit straight and tall.
- Most kids don't fit the adult seat belt safely until the age of 10-12 years old.
- Keep kids under 13 safely in the backseat. The backseat is the safest for kids under 13.

Here are a few tips to making sure your booster seat is used correctly:

- Always read the instructions that came with your booster seat.
- Fasten the lap belt low across the pelvis and pull up to remove any slack.
- Make sure the belt goes under the armrests when directed by instructions.
- The shoulder belt is placed across the chest and centered between the neck and shoulder.
- Check each time a child buckles their own booster seat.

"Children who move from a booster seat to a seat belt too soon are at risk of serious injuries during a collision," says Katherine Hutka, Health Promotion Specialist for Child Safety Link (IWK Health). "The right seat allows a seat belt to properly fit across a child's strongest bones and away from the soft belly."



Parents and guardians can help kids stay safe by enforcing and modelling good seat belt habits. Once young passengers are safely buckled, adults must remember to buckle themselves too.

Nova Scotia RCMP asks every motorist to do their part to protect themselves and others by ensuring everyone is buckling by buckling up every time they get into a vehicle. For more information about child seats or booster seats and when and how to use them safely, visit IWK's Child Safety Link (<http://childsafetylink.ca/child-passenger-safety/>).



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 neighbours 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.

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Annual Performance Plan

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

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**
To date, Kings District members have charged 47 people with impaired driving, issued 16 roadside suspensions for alcohol consumption, issued 810 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 64 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**
As this is a National Policing Strategic priority, Kings District officers continue to advance challenging investigations by cultivating and managing confidential human sources.

Calls for Service

In the past quarter, Kings District responded to 2,709 service calls. There were 455 service calls in Wolfville during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Quarterly Total
Crimes Against Persons				
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	2	4	1	7
Assault	4	5	5	14
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	1	1	2
Criminal Harassment	0	0	1	1
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	1	1	2
Uttering Threats	0	1	1	2
Property Crime				
Arson	1	0	0	1
Break and Enter	2	1	4	7
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	0	0
Theft Over	0	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	1	0	1
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	5	3	2	10
Shoplifting	0	3	0	3
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	2	1	3
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	0	0	0
Fraud	3	2	1	6
Identity Theft	0	0	1	1
Mischief	8	11	7	26
Drug Enforcement				
Possession	0	0	0	0
Trafficking	0	0	0	0
Import/Export	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

Traffic				0
Dangerous Op of MV	0	1	0	1
Impaired by Alcohol	5	2	2	9
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0	1	1
Driving while Disqualified	0	0	0	0
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	2	5	8
Seatbelt Violation	0	0	0	0
Intersection Violation	2	2	2	6
Speeding Violation	3	2	1	6
Insurance Violation	0	0	1	1
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	1	0	1
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	1	0	1	2
Collision - Reportable	4	0	1	5
Collision - Non Reportable	4	0	3	7
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	0	2	2
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	28	22	10	60
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	0	1	1
Checkstop	2	1	2	5
Other				
911 Call	2	3	3	8
Breach of Court Order	1	1	0	2
Liquor Act	5	24	2	31
Mental Health Act	12	8	10	30
Missing Person	1	3	1	5
Municipal Bylaw - Other	17	14	5	36
Other	37	41	23	101
Suspicious P V P	2	4	4	10
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	0	0	0
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	153	167	106	426
Total Occurrences*	170	174	111	455



Significant Investigations

Members have been very busy with responding to various types of calls yet have continue to be proactive with traffic enforcement limiting the serious incidences.

Attempted Break and Enter into Wolfville Business

File 2022-1252558

On September 1st, 2022, at approximately 10:15 a.m., a business owner reported to Wolfville RCMP that her business had an attempted break and enter sometime overnight. The complainant reported that the screen on the back window of the shop was cut off, but no entry was gained and nothing was taken.

If you notice suspicious activity around shops after closing time and believe there is a risk of break and enter or other criminal activity, please immediately make your local RCMP detachment aware so action can be taken.

Fraud Victim Loses \$49,000 to Online Scammer

File 2022-1252774

On September 1st, 2022, an individual attended Wolfville detachment regarding an in-progress bank transfer wherein a scammer pretending to be from McAfee Internet Security told the victim their subscription had been renewed. In further calls to 'resolve' this unwanted subscription issue, the scammer was able to obtain access to the victim's bank account and make it appear as if a large sum of money had been transferred to the victim accidentally. They then requested that the victim 'send the money back', which the victim obliged.

Although the victim quickly caught on to the scam and immediately went to their bank and Wolfville RCMP, they unfortunately were scammed \$49,000 via wire transfer that was not recoverable.

Nova Scotia RCMP would like to warn the public about a number of similar threatening phone and computer scams being reported throughout the province.

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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.

Recipients of these calls or emails are asked to hang up and not continue with the conversations. 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>.

Theft of Vehicle from Acadia University Gym

File: 2022-1587476

On October 31st, 2022, at approximately 7:00 p.m., a complaint was made to Wolfville RCMP of a theft of a vehicle from Acadia property. The complainant was attending the gymnasium's facilities when he notices his gym bag had been stolen. He then stepped outside and saw his Hyundai Elantra being driven away by an unknown white male in his 20s.

The following day, the complainant's vehicle was located abandoned in a trail near Maple Avenue. The vehicle was undamaged but no further information could be obtained regarding the suspect.

Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian on Front Street

File 2022-1605058

On November 4th, 2022, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Kings District RCMP, Wolfville Fire Department, and EHS responded to a collision on Front St. in Wolfville. Police learned that a Ford F150 pickup truck was travelling North on Central Ave. The vehicle stopped at the intersection of Front St. The driver then

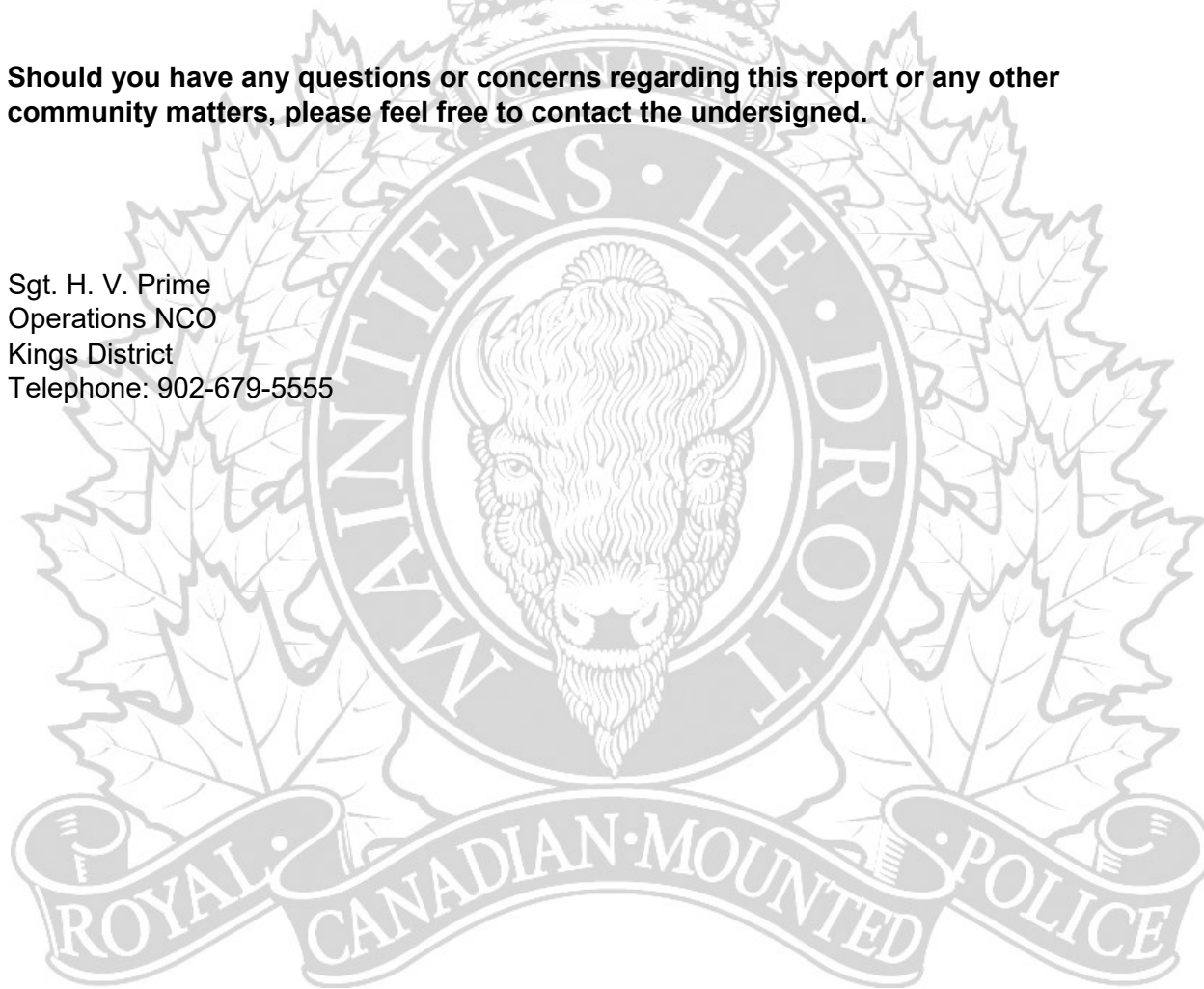
proceeded to turn west on Front St. when it collided with a pedestrian who had been crossing the street.

The pedestrian, a 71-year-old Ellershouse woman, suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to hospital by ambulance. The driver of the pickup truck, a 44-year-old West Glenmont woman, was uninjured.

Mild weather has affected the area and with it brings a notable increase in pedestrian traffic. Kings District RCMP encourage all drivers and pedestrians to travel safety and be aware of their surroundings.

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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