
Wolfville District Policing Report



**December 2022 – February
2023 Kings District RCMP**



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Kings District Employees

S/Sgt. Ed Nugent, acting 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. Brian Green and Cst. Layla Fish (pending) 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:

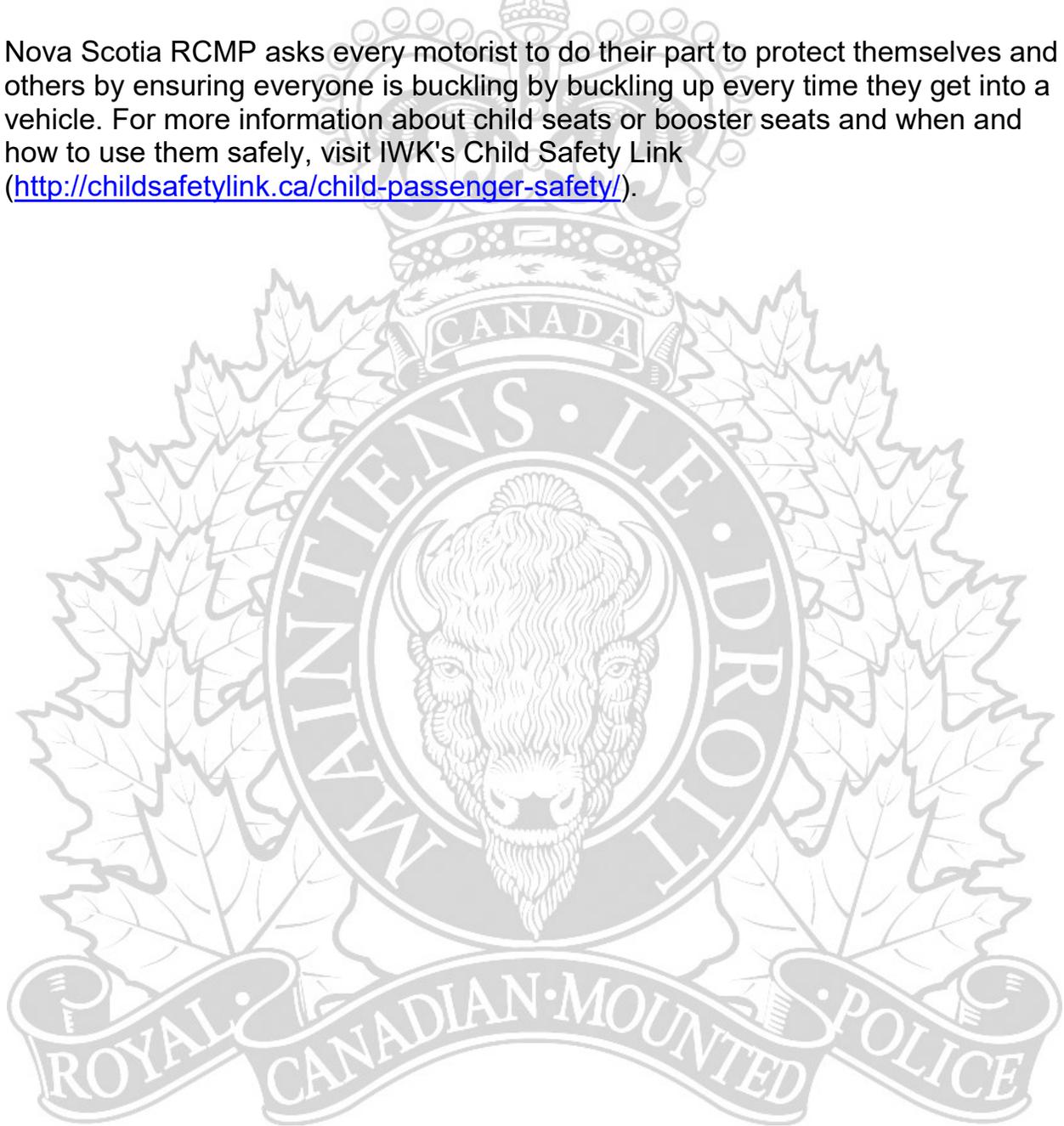
- Always read the instructions that came with your booster seat.
- Fasten the lap belt low across the pelvis and pull up to remove any slack.
- Make sure the belt goes under the armrests when directed by instructions.
- The shoulder belt is placed across the chest and centered between the neck and shoulder.
- 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/>).



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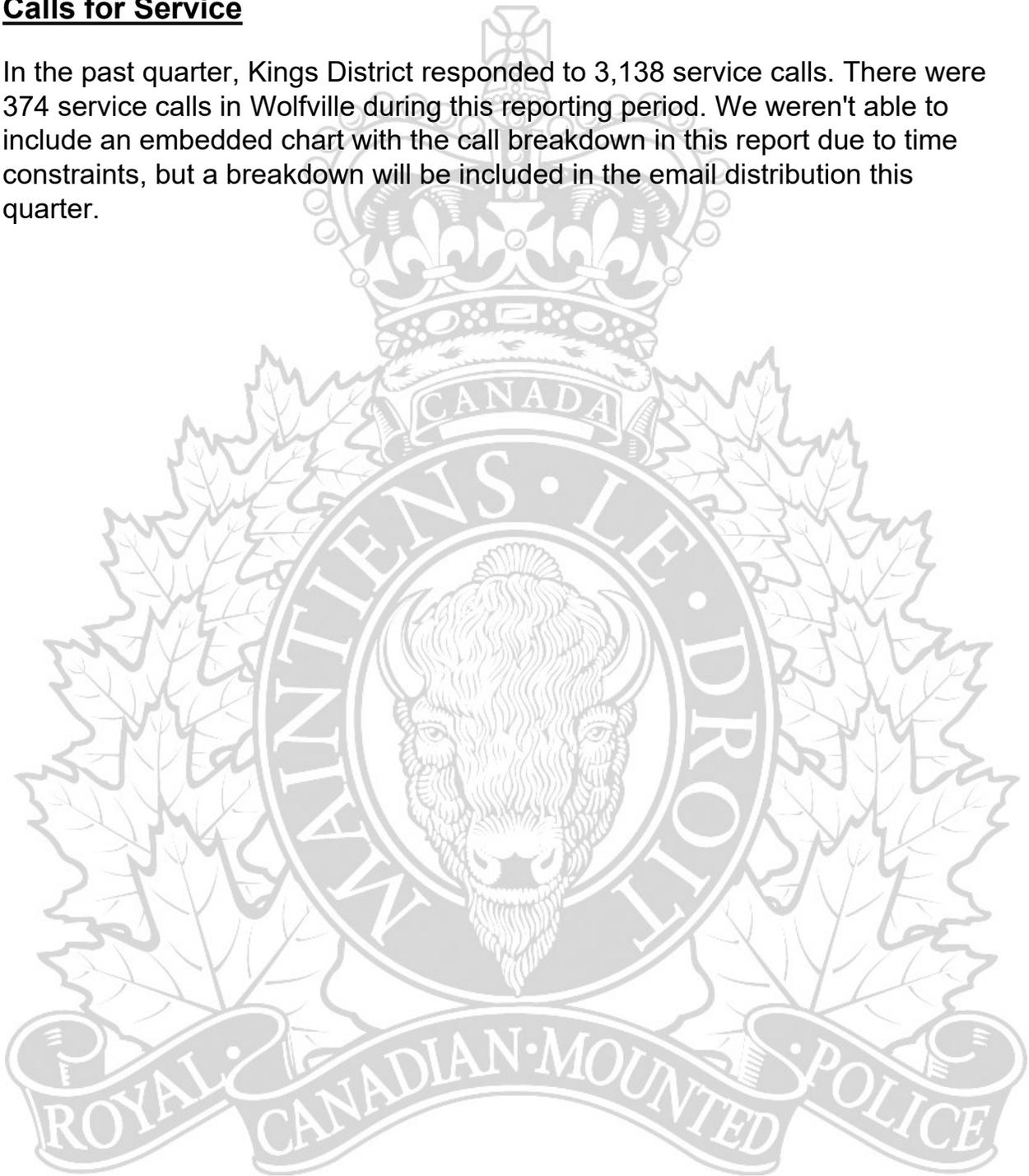
Annual Performance Plan

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 3,138 service calls. There were 374 service calls in Wolfville during this reporting period. We weren't able to include an embedded chart with the call breakdown in this report due to time constraints, but a breakdown will be included in the email distribution this quarter.



Significant Investigations

Members have been 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 2022-1761758

On December 8th, 2022, at approximately 10:23 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 knob on the back door of the shop was smashed off, but no entry was gained and nothing was taken. Kings District members inquired with neighbouring businesses but no cameras provided a view of the location and no neighbours saw or heard anything.

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 Re-victimized by Online Scammer

File 2023-155858

On February 3rd, 2023, a man from Wolfville reported that he had \$35 withdrawn from his bank account and believed he was a victim of fraud. He dutifully called his bank who suggested he take it up with Paypal. He looked up Paypal's number on Google and called, but unfortunately the number he found was a fraudulent one. Fraudsters representing themselves as Paypal employees took another \$500 of the man's money.

Although the victim quickly caught on to the initial fraud and went to their bank, they took unfortunate advice to use a Google search to find the number for another agency which then resulted in them falling victim to another scam. While this was not a major fraud in terms of the dollar value of the loss, the circumstances were unusual and demonstrate the versatility and ingenuity of the fraudsters preying on people today.

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Nova Scotia RCMP would like to warn the public about a number of similar 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.

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>.

Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian on Main Street

File 2023-70642

On January 16th, 2023, at approximately 2:07 p.m., Kings District RCMP, Wolfville Fire Department, and EHS responded to a collision on Main St. in Wolfville. Police learned that a Dodge minivan, a licensed taxi, was traveling on Main Street when it struck a female pedestrian who was crossing in a marked crosswalk toward Acadia University. The crosswalk was equipped with flashing lights and witnesses told police that the lights were activated when the collision occurred.



The pedestrian, a 20-year-old woman believed to be an Acadia student, suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to hospital by ambulance. The driver of the taxi, a 65-year-old New Minas man, was uninjured and was issued a Summary Offence Ticket for failing to yield to a pedestrian under S. 93(2)(h) of the Motor Vehicle Act .

The university school year brings a notable increase in pedestrian traffic in Wolfville. Kings District RCMP encourage all drivers and pedestrians to travel safety and be aware of their surroundings, especially with warmer weather now approaching.

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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