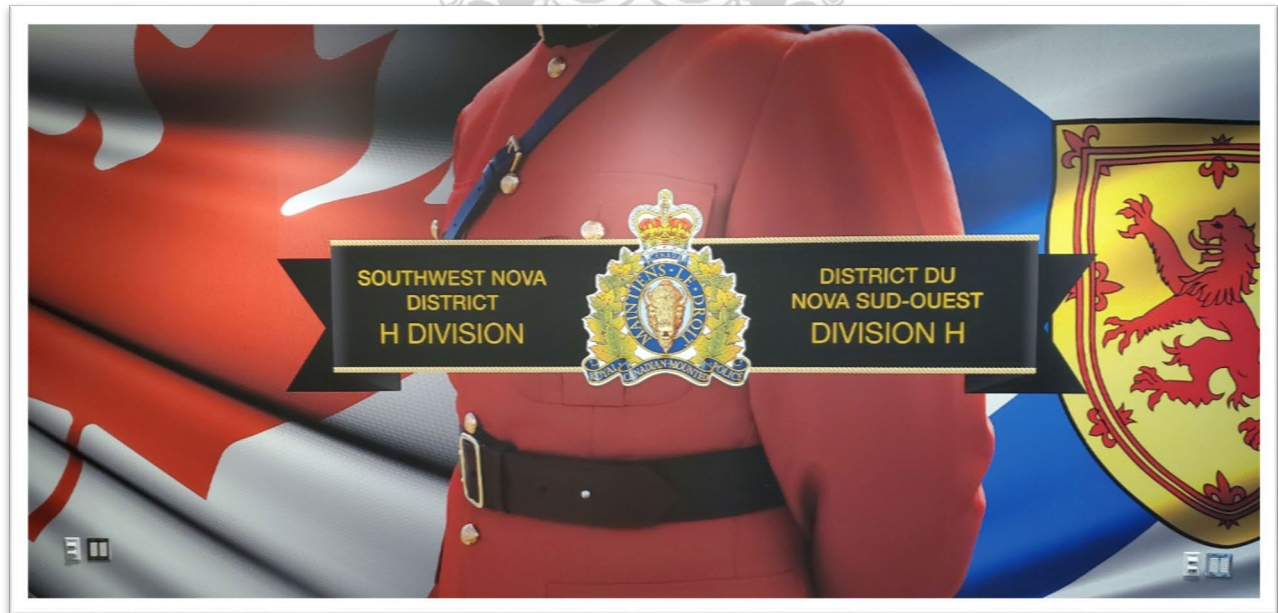

Wolfville Policing Report



June - August 2023
Kings District RCMP



RCMP·GRC



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE • GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

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 eight corporals, two sergeants, and one 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. Andrew Waters of Kentville Police Service, as well as Cst. Brian Green of Kings District RCMP, and one temporary vacancy.

The Kings District Community Policing and Victims Services Officer and Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault investigator is temporarily vacant.

Kings District has ten Detachment Services Assistants who perform administrative functions at the three Kings District offices.



RCMP·GRC



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE • GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

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.



Reduce Distracted Driving

Driving requires your full attention. Here are some tips to help avoid distracted driving:

- **Plan your route ahead of time.** Before you get in the car, know where you're going and how you're getting there. Plan how much time you'll need to reach your destination, road closures to avoid and best time to leave. If you use a GPS system, program your route prior to starting the car. If possible, set your GPS to call out the turns. Have the volume set so you can hear the instructions and do not need to glance down to view the GPS.
- **Put your cellphone away.** Keep your cellphone out of your reach. Reduce the temptation to use it by keeping it out of sight, like in a bag, and turn the ringer off. Most smartphones can now be setup to send an auto reply when you receive a text or phone call while driving.
- **Notify your passengers.** Passengers in your vehicle is a common distraction. Some provinces limit the number of passengers that are allowed with a younger driver. Advise your passengers to be quiet if a risky situation arises on the road. Silence can help when deciding on the safest actions to take.
- **Avoid eating and drinking while driving.** If you need to take a drink, wait until you are stopped at a red light.
- **Keep music or radio at a reasonable volume.** Music should never be so loud that you won't hear a siren, or the screech of brakes from another vehicle.
- **Keep personal grooming for the home.** Don't apply makeup, shave, use creams or brush your teeth while driving.
- **Secure objects in the vehicle.** Place any items like purses, backpacks, and coats in the trunk or safely behind the seat on the ground so they will not go flying if you have to brake in an emergency. Don't reach for items while driving.

You can't always predict when you will begin feeling drowsy. Remember that if you are struggling to stay awake, you shouldn't be behind the wheel. Everyone gets tired, so here are some tips to help reduce the risk of fatigued driving:

- Plan ahead to make sure you get enough sleep before you go on a trip
- On long trips, switch drivers every few hours; you shouldn't be driving to the point of exhaustion
- Don't schedule trips during your usual wake-up and bed times
- Drive during daylight hours when possible
- Travel with someone who can help keep you alert

(Source: *Distracted Driving & Fatigued Driving, CYCP, www.rcmp.gc.ca*)

RCMP-GRC



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE • GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

Wolfville School Pre-Primary Visit to New Minas Detachment

On June 8th, 2023, New Minas RCMP detachment was pleased to provide a tour to a group of eleven excited pre-primary students from Wolfville School. The kids eagerly met several on-duty officers, explored different areas of the building, checked out the inside of the police cars, and enjoyed a snack outside afterwards.

New Minas RCMP were delighted to have them and answer questions, and look forward to another potential visit next year!



Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024. Objectives of Annual Performance Plan include:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**
Since April 1, Kings District members have charged 29 people with impaired driving, issued 8 roadside suspensions for alcohol use, issued 532 traffic enforcement charges, and conducted 41 check stops.
- **Crime Prevention – Property Crime**
Kings District senior managers are holding and/or attending public meetings in several County communities to hear and address residents' concerns about thefts and vandalism. Enforcement efforts continue across the County of Kings, with two arrests made on June 15 2023 within an hour of a complaint of theft in Avonport. Members continue to conduct physical checks on offenders/accused parties who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest, with the goal of preventing recidivism.
- **Community Engagement – Municipal/Indigenous Governments & Stakeholder Groups**
Kings District's dedicated First Nations Policing officer continues to build relationships and mutual trust and understanding in local communities. As noted above, Kings district senior managers have committed to meeting and engaging personally with concerned community and stakeholder groups to address issues.
- **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 last quarter, Kings District RCMP responded to 296 service calls in the Town of Wolfville. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

| Type of Crime & Occurrence Type | Jun | Jul | Aug | Quarterly Total |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | |
| Crimes Against Persons | | | | |
| Offences Related to Death | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sexual Offences | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Assault | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Extortion / Intimidation | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Criminal Harassment | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Indecent Harassing Comm. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Uttering Threats | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Property Crime | | | | |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Break and Enter | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Unlawfully in a Dwelling House | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Theft Over | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Take MV w/o Consent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Theft Under | 3 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| Shoplifting | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Theft (mail, bicycle, et al) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Possession of Stolen Goods | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraud | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Identity Theft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mischief | 1 | 4 | 10 | 15 |
| Drug Enforcement | | | | |
| Possession | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trafficking | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Import/Export | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Production | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Traffic | | | | | 0 |
| Dangerous Op of MV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Impaired by Alcohol | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| Impaired by Drug | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Failure/Refusal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Driving while Disqualified | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| Fail to Stop or Remain | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| Seatbelt Violation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Intersection Violation | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Speeding Violation | 2 | 5 | 2 | 9 | |
| Insurance Violation | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | |
| Road Side Suspension (Alcohol) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Road Side Suspension (Drug) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Collision - Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Collision - Non - Fatal Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Collision - Reportable | 4 | 4 | 3 | 11 | |
| Collision - Non Reportable | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | |
| Off-Road Vehicle Collision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Municipal By-laws | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Other Traffic Offence/Violation | 13 | 6 | 6 | 25 | |
| Other Traffic Related Duties | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | |
| Checkstop | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 | |
| Other | | | | | |
| 911 Call | 1 | 7 | 2 | 10 | |
| Breach of Court Order | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | |
| Liquor Act | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | |
| Mental Health Act | 2 | 10 | 7 | 19 | |
| Missing Person | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | |
| Municipal Bylaw - Other | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | |
| Other | 21 | 23 | 17 | 61 | |
| Suspicious P V P | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 | |
| Trespass At Night | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Wellbeing Check | 2 | 4 | 6 | 12 | |
| Total Founded & SUI Occurrences | 86 | 94 | 93 | 273 | |
| Total Occurrences* | 94 | 105 | 97 | 296 | |

RCMP-GRC



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE • GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

Priority 1 – Calls for service

As discussed at the recent presentation to Wolfville Town Council, included below are the percentage of files broken down by Priority Dispatch and definition of each respective

| <u>Priority Level</u> | <u>Response Type</u> | <u>Incident Threat Assessment</u> | <u>Examples</u> |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| 1 | Urgent and Immediate, lights and sirens response | Involves loss of life, or potential for loss of life | Weapons complaints, Armed Robbery |
| 2 | Immediate, lights and sirens response | Immediate police presence required, but potential for loss of life is not present or a reduced risk | Disturbances, Theft (In Progress), Suspicious Persons |
| 3 | Routine response, no lights and sirens | Incident is not in progress, or no potential for injuries or loss of life | Fraud, Theft (not in progress), Parking complaints |

These numbers are based off of CAD occurrences for 2022 showing comparison of Wolfville, Kings County, and Nova Scotia Priority Dispatch occurrences:

| | Priority 1 | Priority 2 | Priority 3 | Priority 4 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nova Scotia | 3.66% | 40.14% | 52.11% | 4.09% |
| Kings County | 2.93% | 33.82% | 57.38% | 5.88% |
| Wolfville | 2.27% | 30.95% | 61.77% | 5.02% |

| | Priority 1 | Priority 2 | Priority 3 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nova Scotia | 3.82% | 41.85% | 54.33% |
| Kings County | 3.11% | 35.93% | 60.96% |
| Wolfville | 2.39% | 32.58% | 65.03% |

Priority 4 files previously were assigned to the Call Back Unit. These are files that generally would not require GD attendance and typically are following up with via phone. The Call Back Unit was disbanded as of 2023-01-01, so although there is still the option for a call taker to code a file as Priority 4, the percentage of files which are coded as priority 4 has dropped significantly in 2023.

Significant Investigations

RCMP Charge Man in Relation to Acadia University Threats Investigation

Files: 2023-789894, 2023-920355

Kings District RCMP charge man in relation to an investigation of threats at Acadia University.

On June 6, 2023, Kings District RCMP received a report of a threat of a possible shooting at Acadia University. The threat was received in an email by Acadia University Safety and Security. RCMP officers learned that the threat of was being circulated on a social media platform and indicated that a shooting would occur at Acadia University in the fall of 2023.

As the investigation unfolded, RCMP officers received numerous tips from the public and information related to the threats. Through the use of judicial authorizations, RCMP officers identified a suspect.

On June 23, Kings District RCMP, with assistance from RCMP Digital Forensic Services, executed a search warrant at a home on Minas Crescent in relation to the investigation. During the search, RCMP officers located and seized electronic devices including a hard drive, computers, a 3D printer, and a cellular phone. No firearms were located.

Later that same day, Colby Watts, 20, of New Minas, turned himself in at the New Minas RCMP Detachment. Watts has been charged with Personation with Intent and was released on conditions by a Justice of the Peace. Watts will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on August 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Kings District RCMP would like to thank the public for their assistance and for calling in tips that helped advance the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report or any other community matters, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Cpl. Travis Collins
Kings District RCMP
Telephone: 902-679-5555

RCMP·GRC



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE • GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA
