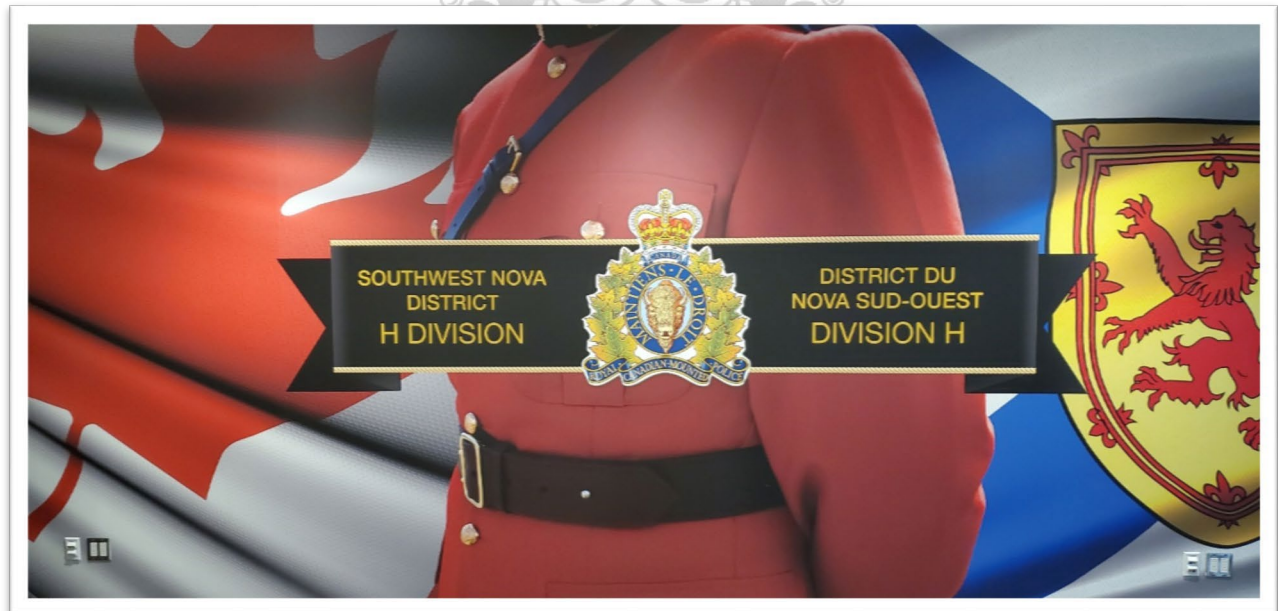


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# Wolfville Policing Report



September -  
November 2023  
Kings District RCMP

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## Kings District Employees

S/Sgt. Ed Nugent, is the 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 Cst. Layla Fish.

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.



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## **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.



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## Annual Performance Plan

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

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
Since April 1, Kings District members have charged 44 people with impaired driving, issued 11 roadside suspensions for alcohol use, issued 764 traffic enforcement charges, and conducted 45 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. 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.



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## **Acadia University Welcome Week**

Various events were scheduled for the new and returning students during Welcome Week. Historically there has been an influx of new first-year students and friends in the town of Wolfville, which was expected to cause a spike in activities that involve alcohol consumption and parties, thus resulting in an increase in calls for service to occur over this event.

In addition to regularly scheduled members four (4) additional resources were brought into to assist, bringing total RCMP strength to eight (8) for the event.

There was a total of nine (9) dispatched or officer-initiated occurrences over the specified time period. A break-down is as follows:

- Three (3) files related to thefts of electric bicycles
- One (1) file related to excess alcohol consumption leading to transport to hospital
- One (1) noise related file
- One (1) person arrested for public intoxication and held in custody until sober

### **Occurrences Displayed by Time:**

	SATURDAY
Total Occurrences	8
0:00 TO 3:59	1
4:00 TO 7:59	1
8:00 TO 11:59	
12:00 TO 15:59	2
16:00 TO 19:59	1
20:00 TO 23:59	3

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Kings District members reported having positive interactions with the public throughout the event. Throughout the day and evening members had approximately 150 interactions including providing verbal warnings, having persons pour out open alcohol, and preventing physical altercations.

### **Acadia University Homecoming**

Annually, Acadia University invites alumni back for Homecoming weekend. Several events take place over the weekend that are attended by current and former students. During these events there is an influx of students, and non-students which causes a spike in activities that involve alcohol consumption and unsanctioned street parties. As a result, an increase in calls for service occur Friday evening and all day Saturday.

In addition to regularly scheduled members eight (8) additional General Duty resources were brought in to assist, as well as ten (10) Tactical Support Group (TSG) resources, bringing total RCMP strength to twenty-eight (28) for the event.

There was a total of forty-seven (47) dispatched or officer-initiated occurrences over the specified time period 2023-10-13 to 2023-10-15. A highlighted break-down is as follows:

- Three (3) assault files – 2 of which were assault causing body harm, **all still under investigation**
- Seventeen (17) Liquor Act related files **resulting in 12 charges**
- Thirteen (13) Wolfville Nuisance Bylaw related files **resulting in 11 charges, 5 residences and 6 persons**
- Seven (7) persons arrested for alcohol related offences and held in custody until sober
- Three (3) Impaired operation of motor vehicle files **resulting in 2 charges**



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## Occurrences Displayed by Time on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

	SATURDAY
Total Occurrences	47
0:00 TO 3:59	7
4:00 TO 7:59	0
8:00 TO 11:59	7
12:00 TO 15:59	19
16:00 TO 19:59	8
20:00 TO 23:59	6

Kings District members reported having generally positive interactions with the public throughout the event. There were times when responding members were required to apprehend individuals who were either engaging in a criminal offence, or in a state of intoxication that necessitated intervention. During these interactions it was observed that the large crowd would tend to congregate in the area of the arrest in attempts to either observe, or record, the interaction. This had the potential to become a significant officer safety issue.

The measured approach to enforcement was undertaken with the intent to strike a balance between enforcement and safe crowd control tactics, this approach was seen to be successful with gaining cooperation from various persons as the evening progressed and intoxication levels increased.



## Calls for Service

In the last quarter, Kings District RCMP responded to 416 service calls in the Town of Wolfville. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Quarterly Total
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>				
Offences Related to Death	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	4	2	7
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	1
Extortion / Intimidation	0	1	0	1
Criminal Harassment	0	0	0	0
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	0	0	0	0
Uttering Threats	1	2	3	6
<b>Property Crime</b>				
Arson	0	0	0	0
Break and Enter	2	2	1	5
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0	1	1
Theft Over	0	1	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0	0	0
Theft Under	3	2	2	7
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	4	0	1	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	1	1	4
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	0	0	0
Fraud	1	0	2	3
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0
Mischief	12	11	3	26
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>				
Possession	0	0	0	0
Trafficking	0	0	1	1
Import/Export	0	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Traffic</b>				
Dangerous Op of MV	0	0	0	0
Impaired by Alcohol	3	4	1	8
Impaired by Drug	0	0	0	0
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	1	0	1
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	2	1	4
Seatbelt Violation	0	0	0	0
Intersection Violation	0	0	0	0
Speeding Violation	3	3	1	7
Insurance Violation	0	0	0	0
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	2	1	1	4
Collision - Reportable	4	4	1	9
Collision - Non Reportable	1	5	3	9
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	1	0	1
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	25	29	19	73
Other Traffic Related Duties	1	5	5	11
Checkstop	0	2	0	2
<b>Other</b>				
911 Call	5	1	4	10
Breach of Court Order	1	0	2	3
Liquor Act	11	10	1	22
Mental Health Act	12	5	4	21
Missing Person	0	0	0	0
Municipal Bylaw - Other	15	10	3	28
Other	24	35	20	79
Suspicious P V P	2	4	6	12
Trespass At Night	0	0	0	0
Wellbeing Check	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>416</b>





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## **Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Reporting**

Over the reporting period there has been an increased emphasis placed on road safety by Wolfville, Kings District, and Annapolis Valley Traffic Services RCMP members resulting in 109 Summary Offence Tickets, 24 Formal Warnings, and 1 Vehicle Defect offence violation totaling 134 officer contacts. These are highlighted by:

- (27) Twenty-seven Speeding violations
- (15) Fifteen Distracted Driving violations
- (7) Seatbelt violations
- (2) Two Failing to Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk violations

Impaired driving investigations continue to be a priority for Kings District RCMP. Six (6) impaired driving related charges and two (2) Roadside Suspensions were issued.

There were three (3) pedestrian vs vehicle related incidents reported, two of which were crosswalk related, and both resulted in charges being laid.

In addition to these statistics Wolfville RCMP members have issued fifty (50) parking related offence tickets.



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## **Media Releases**

### **Kings District RCMP is asking the public to consume responsibly during homecoming in Wolfville this weekend**

**October 11, 2023, Wolfville, Nova Scotia...**Kings District RCMP is expecting a festive atmosphere as homecoming activities occur this weekend in Wolfville.

Kings District RCMP is encouraging the responsible consumption of alcohol and cannabis by those who choose to participate in these types of activities. Often during homecoming weekend RCMP officers are called to loud parties, incidents of underaged drinking, public intoxication, impaired driving and mischief.

Please plan responsibly if you are planning on consuming any alcohol or cannabis and follow the following tip:

- Watch your drink and never accept a drink from a stranger;
- Never drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol;
- Eat something both before, and while, drinking;
- Drink water between drinks;
- Do not drink too quickly;
- Be aware of your environment and do not take risks;
- Have a plan for your activities;
- Know your personal tolerance level;
- Look out for one another and stay with a group

Kings District RCMP will be in the Wolfville area and will be enforcing all applicable bylaws, provincial and criminal offences while on patrol in the community.

Community members are encouraged to contact the RCMP at 902-542-3817 in Wolfville or 902-679-5555 in New Minas, to report concerns related to crime in the community. Reports can be made anonymously by calling Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at [www.crimestoppers.ns.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

### **Kings District Remind Wolfville Motorists to be Cautious of Pedestrians**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Wolfville, N.S....** Kings District RCMP remind motorists in the Wolfville area to be diligent as they navigate roadways. Police are requesting motorists to slow down and be aware of surroundings as they drive within the Town Wolfville. Over the past several weeks Kings District RCMP has responded to several motor vehicle collisions that involved motorists and pedestrians.

Wolfville is a vibrant, busy place in the fall with more pedestrian traffic due to students at Acadia University and the many community events the Town Wolfville and Acadia have to offer.

Kings District RCMP encourage motorists and pedestrians that if they are confused or uncertain of what to do in certain scenarios that they should review the Province of Nova Scotia's Drivers Handbook. The handbook can be located with the following link. <https://novascotia.ca/sns/rmv/handbook/DH-Chapter2.pdf>



Safety Tips for Motorists:

- Be alert at all times, and especially when approaching a crosswalk.
- Yield the right of way to pedestrians in a crosswalk, whether it's marked or unmarked.
- Follow posted speed limits, particularly in school zones and near playgrounds.
- Ensure your windshield is clean and clear.

Safety Tips for Pedestrians:

- Look both ways before crossing the street, and make eye contact with approaching drivers whenever possible.
- Use a marked crosswalk if available.
- Never dart out into traffic between parked cars.
- Make sure you can see drivers, and they can see you.
- Wear brightly coloured and/or reflective clothing, especially at night or in poor weather.
- Activate the crosswalk signals where available.

Kings District RMCP encourage motorists to slow down and pay attention to surroundings. There are many places in the Town of Wolfville where school speed zones apply therefore creating a slower speed zone when children are present. Motorists should be aware of this possibility 24/7, 365.

Kings District RCMP remain committed to safer roadways and will continue with speed and Motor Vehicle Act enforcement in the Wolfville area.

Collectively, motorists and pedestrians can each do their part making roadways safer in Wolfville and within Kings County. If you see dangerous driving, report it to police when it's safe to do so. It's helpful to include the location and description of the vehicle (including license plate number, colour, make and model), its direction of travel and a description of the driver.

**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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Kings District RCMP  
Telephone: 902-679-5555

