



**Berwick  
Policing Report  
October 2020**

**Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Kings District**



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## Kings District Employees

Inspector Dan Morrow, 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. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

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

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.



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## **School Safety Resource Officer:**

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 which encompasses 11 schools.

### **Highlights**

On October 1<sup>st</sup> made patrols in the school zone on Cottage Street in Berwick during dismissal.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson made patrols of the schools zones on Pine Ridge and Maple Street.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled the school zone during dismissal on Foster Street.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson attended École Rose-des-Vents and did a presentation on Cyber Safety.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled the school zones in Greenwood and Kingston.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled the school zones in Cambridge and Berwick.

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On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled school zones in Somerset, Berwick, Auburn, and Cambridge.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled school zones in Aylesford and Berwick.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled school zones in Auburn and Cambridge; two speeding tickets were issued, as well as two warnings.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson presented on Halloween safety to the Primary, grade 1 & 2 classes in Somerset and Saint Mary's elementary schools.

Cst Wilson conducted SAFE lockdown drills at one of the schools in his area.

### **RCMP and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal work together for School Bus Safety Week**

On October 23, Kings District RCMP and the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal's Vehicle Inspection Division worked together for School Bus Safety Week during a checkpoint in Auburn. During the checkpoint, school bus safety information was provided to approximately 1000 motorists.

The checkpoint resulted in several charges including:

- Four drivers charged with Expired License Plates,
- One driver charged with Operating Vehicle Without Registration
- Four drivers charged with Operating Vehicle Without Valid Inspection Sticker
- One driver charged with Driving Vehicle With an Unsecure Load

While in Auburn, speed enforcement was conducted on Hwy 1 in the school zone. Many students were outdoors and present at noon. Seven Summary Offence tickets were issued to drivers with regard to speed in the established school zone.

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We all have an important role to play to help keep everyone safe on the roads. For more school safety tips, follow us on Twitter at @RCMPNS ( <https://twitter.com/RCMPNS> ) and on Facebook at Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia ( <https://www.facebook.com/rcmpns/> ). If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.



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## **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.

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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](http://www.crimestoppers.ns.ca), or use the P3 Tips App.

### **Protect your business from payment redirect scams**

The Nova Scotia RCMP is warning businesses to use caution when sending or receiving account or payment information over email.

The Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section has noticed an increase in reported cases of business emails being hacked to redirect electronic payments. Scammers are hacking business email systems and intercepting emails that contain billing or payment instructions. The scammer then changes the billing information and resends the altered email to the other company causing future payments to be sent directly to the fraudster. Companies across the Maritimes have been victimized, including a business in Nova Scotia that was defrauded \$100,000.

"These scams are not new but can be crippling to a small business," says Cpl. Laurie Haines of the Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section. "Any business who receives a request via email to change payment instructions should contact the business directly to confirm. As part of Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October, its crucial businesses maintain strong email security practices," he adds and recommends the following:

1. Keep computer security up to date with anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and a good firewall. Only buy a computer and anti-virus software from a reputable source.
2. Regularly use your security software to run a virus check.
3. Secure your networks and devices, and avoid using public computers or WiFi Hotspots to access or provide personal and security information.

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4. Choose passwords and PINs that would be difficult for others to guess, and update them regularly. Do not save the passwords on your phone or computer.

5. Do not open attachments or click on links in emails or social media messages received from strangers.

6. Be wary of apps and downloads from unfamiliar websites. They may install harmful programs without you knowing.

7. Do not use software that auto-completes online forms.

8. Prohibit personal use of company emails.

9. Educate your employees on the importance of cybersecurity by sharing this information with them.

Anyone who suspects they have been targeted by this 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>.

### **It's Time to Get Winter-Ready**

It looks like winter weather is soon on its way! Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding motorists to keep changing road conditions in mind and start preparing for winter driving.

"With the temperature getting cooler, now is the time to winterize your vehicle," says Sgt. Andrew Joyce of Nova Scotia RCMP. "Getting vehicle preparations out of the way early will mean a safer and less stressful drive when the snow starts to fall."

Here are a few things you can do to prepare your vehicle for winter:

- Consider investing in winter tires. Winter tires in good condition can displace slush and snow and grip the road. All-weather tires are

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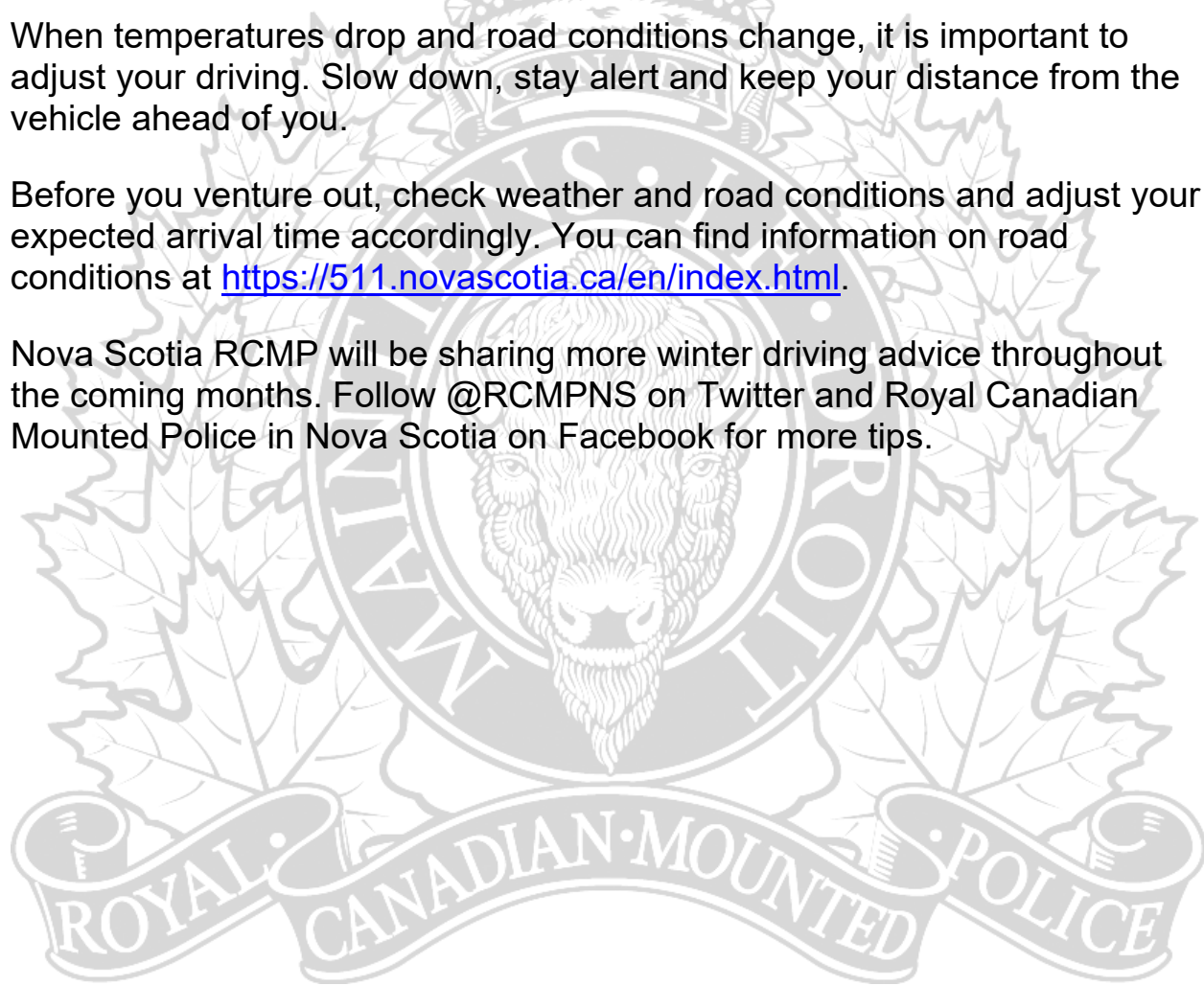
different and do not offer the same benefits. If you are planning to have winter tires put on, book your appointment today.

- Test everything. Be sure your lights, signals, and windshield wipers are working properly. Check your battery too. A weak battery can leave you stranded, especially in cold weather.
- Fill up. Ensure your vehicle has a good amount of antifreeze and windshield washer fluid.
- Replace and restock. Be sure your window scraper/snow brush is in good condition and your emergency kit is stocked. For information on what to keep in your emergency kit, visit Red Cross.

When temperatures drop and road conditions change, it is important to adjust your driving. Slow down, stay alert and keep your distance from the vehicle ahead of you.

Before you venture out, check weather and road conditions and adjust your expected arrival time accordingly. You can find information on road conditions at <https://511.novascotia.ca/en/index.html>.

Nova Scotia RCMP will be sharing more winter driving advice throughout the coming months. Follow @RCMPNS on Twitter and Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia on Facebook for more tips.



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## Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The objectives of the Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:

- **Safe Roads and Safe Highways in Nova Scotia**  
To date, Kings District members have charged 53 people with impaired driving (5 for drugs), issued 16 roadside suspensions (3 for drugs), issued 1,044 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 105 check stops.
- **Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia**  
On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson attended École Rose-des-Vents and did a presentation on cybersafety.  
On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Cst. Britton attend Northeast Kings Education Centre and did two presentations to the grade six students on cybersafety.
- **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.

## Calls for Service

In the month of October, Kings District responded to 1,442 service calls. There were a total of 114 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. See the attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	October Berwick	October Kings
	2020	2020
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	4
Assault	0	20
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	1
Criminal Harassment	1	6
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	0	3
Uttering Threats	0	13
<b>Property Crime</b>		
Arson	0	0
Break and Enter	1	11
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	1
Theft Over	0	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	1
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	0	23
Shoplifting	2	10
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	9
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1
Fraud	3	29
Identity Theft	1	6
Mischief	5	74
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>		
Possession	0	1
Trafficking	0	3
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	4





Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	October Berwick	October Kings
<b>Traffic</b>		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	2
Impaired by Alcohol	2	31
Impaired by Drug	1	5
Failure/Refusal	0	2
Driving while Disqualified	1	3
Fail to Stop or Remain	0	4
Seatbelt Violation	0	1
Intersection Violation	3	14
Speeding Violation	22	109
Insurance Violation	1	11
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	2
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	6
Collision - Reportable	1	29
Collision - Non Reportable	0	28
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	2
Municipal By-laws	0	2
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	19	211
Other Traffic Related Duties	1	24
Checkstop	9	22
<b>Other</b>		
911 Call	3	40
Breach of Court Order	0	15
Liquor Act	2	34
Mental Health Act	4	48
Missing Person	0	38
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	24
Other	16	251
Suspicious P V P	3	47
Trespass At Night	0	1
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	30
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	3
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	8	61
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1,326</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1,442</b>



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## **Traffic Enforcement Update**

Members continue to conduct patrols and are aware of the traffic complaints in the community. Below are some of the highlights from the month of October.

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Checkstop conducted on Main Street in Berwick, twenty-five vehicles were checked, one violation ticket for failing to obey traffic sign and one violation ticket issued for operating unregistered vehicle. Traffic enforcement on Commercial Street, one violation ticket for failing to display numbered plate for current year. Radar enforcement on Orchard Street, no infractions.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Radar enforcement on Orchard Street, no infractions.

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Traffic enforcement on Highway 1, Commercial Street, and Main Street, one violation ticket issued for failing to obey traffic sign.

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Radar enforcement on Main Street in Berwick, no infractions.

October 11<sup>th</sup> – Traffic enforcement on Commercial Street and Main Street Berwick, no infractions.

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Traffic enforcement on Main Street in Berwick, no infractions.

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Traffic enforcement on Commercial Street in Berwick, one warning issued for failing to stop at stop sign.

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Checkstop on Main Street in Berwick, seventy-five vehicles were checked, three violation tickets issued for speeding.

October 17<sup>th</sup> – Checkstop on Highway 1 in Berwick, 150 vehicles were checked, one violation tickets issued for illegally transporting liquor, one for expired inspection sticker, and one for driving while suspended.

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October 18<sup>th</sup> – Checkstop on Main Street in Berwick, eighty vehicles were checked, one violation ticket issued for operating motor vehicle without valid inspection sticker, one for failing to have vehicle inspected and charge of impaired driving by drug.

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Traffic enforcement on Main Street in Berwick, three violation tickets issued for speeding. Radar enforcement on Highway 1 in Berwick, six violation tickets issued for speeding. Traffic enforcement on Commercial Street in Berwick, one violation ticket issued for failing to obey traffic sign. Checkstop held in the evening on Main Street, eighty vehicles were checked, one violation ticket issued for invalid inspection sticker.

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Radar enforcement on Main Street in Berwick, one violation ticket issued for speeding.

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Traffic enforcement on Main and Commercial Street, no violations.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Radar enforcement on Highway 1 in Berwick as well as a Checkstop on Main Street, four violation tickets issued for Speeding on Highway 1, one ticket issued for speeding on Main and one for operating vehicle without valid inspection sticker.

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Radar enforcement on Highway one in Berwick, two warnings issued for speeding.

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Radar enforcement on Main Street in Berwick, no violations. Checkstop on Highway 1 Berwick, one hundred and twenty vehicles were checked, one violation failing to obey traffic sign, one for failing to display numbered plate for current year.

October 26<sup>th</sup> – Traffic Enforcement in Berwick, two violation tickets issued for failing to stop at stop sign and one for operating motor vehicle while using cell phone.

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October 29<sup>th</sup> – Checkstop on Commercial Street in Berwick, no violations.

October 30<sup>th</sup> – Checkstop on Main and Commercial Street, no violations.

In addition to the above, four violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 for speeding (one for stunting) near Berwick. One violation tickets issued for failing to obey traffic sign, fourteen for speeding, and one for no insurance along Highway 1 near Berwick.

### **Proactive Police Patrols**

#### **October – 484 patrols**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Cst Wilson participated in Pink Shirt Day and attended the anti-bullying walk along Highway 1 in Cambridge.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Member conducted a foot patrol at Berwick Elementary school.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** – Member conducted foot patrols of Rainforth Park, Arena and the Elementary School.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – ATV patrols conducted between Kingston and Coldbrook. Thrifty five contacts made, one violation ticket issued for failing to stop, one driving without due care and attention, one for no registration, one for no insurance, one for driving on the roadway, one Criminal Code charge for flight from police and impaired driving.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** – Two members conducted foot patrols of in Berwick.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols in Rainforth Park.

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols in Rainforth Park.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols of Bezanson Park and Union Street.

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** – Members did two foot patrols in Rainforth Park.

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## Significant Investigations

Kings District RCMP has charged two men with drug-related and other offences following a traffic stop and drug seizure.

On October 1, RCMP conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle being driven erratically on Hwy. 101 near Wolfville Ridge. The driver and passenger, both men, were taken into custody. During the arrest, an altercation occurred between one of the men and an officer. As a result of the traffic stop, officers seized a quantity of cocaine. Subsequently, the Valley Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit obtained a warrant and searched a residence in Centreville.

A 28-year-old Centreville man is facing charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, Resisting Arrest, Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Assaulting a Police Officer, Assault with a Weapon and Flight from Police. A 24-year-old Kentville man is currently facing charges of Trafficking in Cocaine, Resisting Arrest and Failure to Comply with an Undertaking.

There were no injuries in this incident. Both men are scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court at a later date. The investigation is ongoing.

**20201451564** – A 19-year-old man from Windsor has been charged with Stunting after driving 80 km/hr over the speed limit: 180 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone.

On October 2 at approximately 7:43 a.m., a member of Kings District RCMP on Hwy. 101 spotted a car travelling at a high rate of speed. The officer activated the radar and measured the speed at 180 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone, 80 km/hr over the speed limit. The officer stopped the car and charged the man with Stunting under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act. The fine for stunting in Nova Scotia is \$2,422.50. Further investigation revealed the vehicle did not have a valid inspection sticker. Under the Nova Scotia's Vehicle Inspection Regulation's operating a motor vehicle without a valid inspection or certificate holds a \$180.00 fine.

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Speed is one of the major causes of serious injury and fatal collisions on our roads. Road safety is a priority for the RCMP and drivers are reminded to make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.

**20201489386** – On October 8, just before 11 p.m., Kings District RCMP received a complaint of a large group of students gathered at a residence on Bay St. in Wolfville. Police attended and found more than 75 people in the home. The police dispersed everyone at the party and served the main resident of the home with a Summary Offence Ticket for Failing to comply with direction, order or requirement made under the Act/regulations under Section 23(b) of the Emergency Management Act. The violation can impose a fine of \$697.50.

The Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding everyone including university students to follow all Public Health orders, Provincial legislation and Town bylaws. RCMP ask everyone to educate themselves on the directives and enforcement measures at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.

We all need to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The RCMP thanks all Nova Scotians for their continued support and to the vast majority who are adhering to the directives outlined by the provincial government.

Kings District RCMP arrested four impaired drivers over the weekend in Kings County.

On October 10, at 4:40 p.m., RCMP members were conducting ATV patrols on South St. in Berwick and attempted to stop an ATV which initially failed to stop. The driver showed signs of impairment and was arrested without incident. The 23-year-old driver is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance, Refusal of the Breath Demand and Flight from Police. He is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22.

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On October 11 at 8:10 p.m., RCMP responded to a 911 call on Marshall Rd. in Kingston of a possible impaired driver who side swiped another car and left the scene. RCMP patrolled the area, located the vehicle and arrested the driver without incident. The 19-year-old man showed signs of impairment and was transported to Kingston Detachment where he provided breath samples more than three times the legal limit. He was held in custody until sober and then released. He is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance, Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%, Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Fail to remain at an Accident. He is schedule to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22.

On October 12 at 12:20 a.m., RCMP were called to a possible impaired driver who almost hit other cars on Commercial St. in New Minas. The car was located and members activated their emergency equipment but the car didn't stop right away. Once it stopped, the 50-year-old male driver was arrested without incident for impaired driving as he was displaying signs of impairment. He was transported to the New Minas Detachment for breath samples and he was later released. He is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operating a Conveyance with a Blood Alcohol Concentration Over 80 mg%. He is schedule to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22.

On October 13, at 2:25 a.m., RCMP responded to a call of a possible impaired driver swerving on Hwy. 101 in Wolfville Ridge. Members located the vehicle and did not stop right away and then pulled into a driveway. The 56-year-old male driver, who showed signs of impairment, was arrested without incident. He was transported to the detachment for breath samples and later released. He is facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Refusal of the Breath Demand. He is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8.

The RCMP would like to thank the individuals who called in to the police with information about these drivers. Anyone who has concerns about a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle is asked to call the RCMP,

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anywhere in Nova Scotia, at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If it's an emergency, call 911.

Kings District RCMP have charged a number of individuals over the homecoming weekend in the Town of Wolfville. Police continue to provide enforcement to address ongoing concerns related to partying, noise, liquor and Health Protection Act violations.

On October 15, Kings District RCMP responded to a call about a large gathering on Prospect St. and charged five adults under Section 23(b) of the Emergency Management Act for failing to comply with direction, order or requirement. The fine amount is \$697.50. One of the individuals is also facing a charge for occupier allowing or permitting activity prohibited by subsection 4(4) in dwelling unit. This charge is Section 4(5) in the Wolfville Prevention of Excessive Noise By-law and carries a \$352.50 fine.

On October 16 and 17, Kings District RCMP issued 14 Summary Offence Tickets under the Provincial Liquor Control Act for Illegal Possession of Liquor under Section 78(2). Three adults from Nova Scotia also received fines under the Provincial Health Act, two under section 23(a) of the Emergency Management Act for failing to comply with the Act/any regulations which has a fine of \$582.50 and one under Section 71(1)(b) of the Health Protection Act for failing to comply with Part I of Act or Regulations, a fine of \$1,000.

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Kings District had a busy weekend keeping Kings County community roadways safe from Impaired Drivers. Kings District RCMP took 3 Impaired drivers off the road between Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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On Friday October 16, just before midnight, Kingston and Annapolis RCMP members conducted a checkpoint on Highway 201 near Greenwood. A motorist displaying signs of impairment was investigated and subsequently arrested for Impaired Driving. The driver was transported to the Kingston RCMP office. The driver provided breath samples where they were found to be over the legal limit. A 21-year old Greenwood man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance over 80mg/%.

Just after midnight on October 17, New Minas members successfully located a vehicle on Belcher Street near Port Williams that had been reported to have left a drinking establishment in Wolfville. The driver was reported possibly impaired. Members investigated the driver who displayed signs of impairment. The driver was transported to New Minas RCMP Office where they provided breath samples. A 41-year-old male from Berwick has been charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

On October 18 at around 4 p.m., Kingston RCMP were conducting a checkpoint on Main Street in Berwick. A Kingston RCMP member detected a very strong odour of freshly burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle operators truck. The driver provided tests at roadside where it was determined they were impaired. The driver of the vehicle was then transported to Kingston RCMP officer where a further DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) investigation was conducted. A 63-year-old South Williamston man has been charged with and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court at a later date.

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**20201542673** – A 41-year-old man from Kentville has been charged with Stunting after driving 53 km/hr over the speed limit: 153 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone.

On October 18<sup>th</sup> just before 10:00 pm, a member of Kings District RCMP on Hwy. 101 spotted a car travelling at a high rate of speed. The officer activated the radar and measured the speed at 153 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone, 53 km/hr over the speed limit. The officer stopped the car and charged the man with Stunting under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act. The fine for stunting in Nova Scotia is \$2,422.50.

**20201561687** – A 27-year-old man from Waterville has been charged with Stunting after driving 51 km/hr over the speed limit: 151 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> at approximately 3:35 p.m., a member of Kings District RCMP on Hwy. 101 spotted a car travelling at a high rate of speed. The officer activated the radar and measured the speed at 151 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone, 51 km/hr over the speed limit. The officer stopped the car and charged the man with Stunting under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act. The fine for stunting in Nova Scotia is \$2,422.50. Further investigation revealed the driver was operating the vehicle without registration. Under the Nova Scotia's Vehicle Act operating a motor vehicle without registration holds a \$295.00 fine.

Speed is one of the major causes of serious injury and fatal collisions on our roads. Road safety is a priority for the RCMP and drivers are reminded to make it their priority as well. If you see someone driving unsafely on our roads, please report it by calling the RCMP at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If you believe it is an emergency, call 911.

**20201465230** – Nova Scotia RCMP has charged four people with drug-related offences following a traffic stop in Kings County.

On October 26, Kings District Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU), with assistance from Kings District RCMP members, conducted a traffic stop on

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Hwy. 1 near Avonport. As a result, officers seized a quantity of cocaine and cash. The driver of the vehicle and two passengers were arrested. As part of the investigation, police searched a home in New Minas where one individual was arrested and a large amount of cocaine, cash, ecstasy, opium, cannabis and drug paraphernalia was seized.

A 23, 28 and 40-year-old male of New Minas, and 23-year-old female of Canning are facing the following charges:

- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine
- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking MDMA (Ecstasy)
- Possession for the Purpose of Distributing Cannabis

All individuals have been released on conditions and are scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22.

The investigation is ongoing.

**20201575864** – Kings District RCMP arrested four impaired drivers over the past four days in Kings County.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> around 1pm, Kings District RCMP responded to a suspicious vehicle at White Rock Pond, off Deep Hollow Road, in White Rock, Kings County. When police arrived they observed a vehicle partially in the ditch and the driver attempting to control a canoe. Police detected a strong odor of alcohol and arrested the driver for impaired driving. The driver was taken to New Minas Office where their breath samples were more than double the legal limit. A 30-year old Port Williams man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg %.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> just after 7:00pm Kings District RCMP responded to a call of a single vehicle collision near North's Corner, on 358 Highway. Kings District RCMP located the driver and the vehicle on its roof. The driver displayed signs of impairment and was arrested for impaired driving. The

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driver was transported to New Minas officer where they provided samples of their breath which were over the legal limit. A 22-year-old Canning man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22 to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg %.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm Kings District RCMP members responded to a call of a driver unresponsive in a parked car on Front Street in Wolfville, Kings County. Police located the driver in the vehicle who displayed signs of impairment. The driver was arrested for Impaired driving. A large amount of cash and cocaine were also seized at the scene. The driver was taken to New Minas Office where they provided samples of their breath which were over the legal limit. A 22-year-old Hammonds Plains man will appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22 to face charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Operation of a Conveyance Over 80 mg % and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Cocaine).

On October 26<sup>th</sup> around 4:30 pm Kings District RCMP investigated a collision on Prospect Road, New Minas. One of the drivers displayed signs of impairment. A trained DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) conducted an investigation which lead to the driver being arrested for Impaired driving. The driver was transported to the New Minas RCMP Office where a further investigation was completed by DRE (Drug Recognition Expert). A 27-year-old Kentville women will appear in Kentville Provincial court at a later date to face charges of Operation of a Conveyance while impaired by drug. The RCMP would like to thank the individuals who called in to the police with information about these drivers. Anyone who has concerns about a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle is asked to call the RCMP, anywhere in Nova Scotia, at 1-800-803-RCMP (7267). If it's an emergency, call 911.



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