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# **Berwick Policing Report September 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.

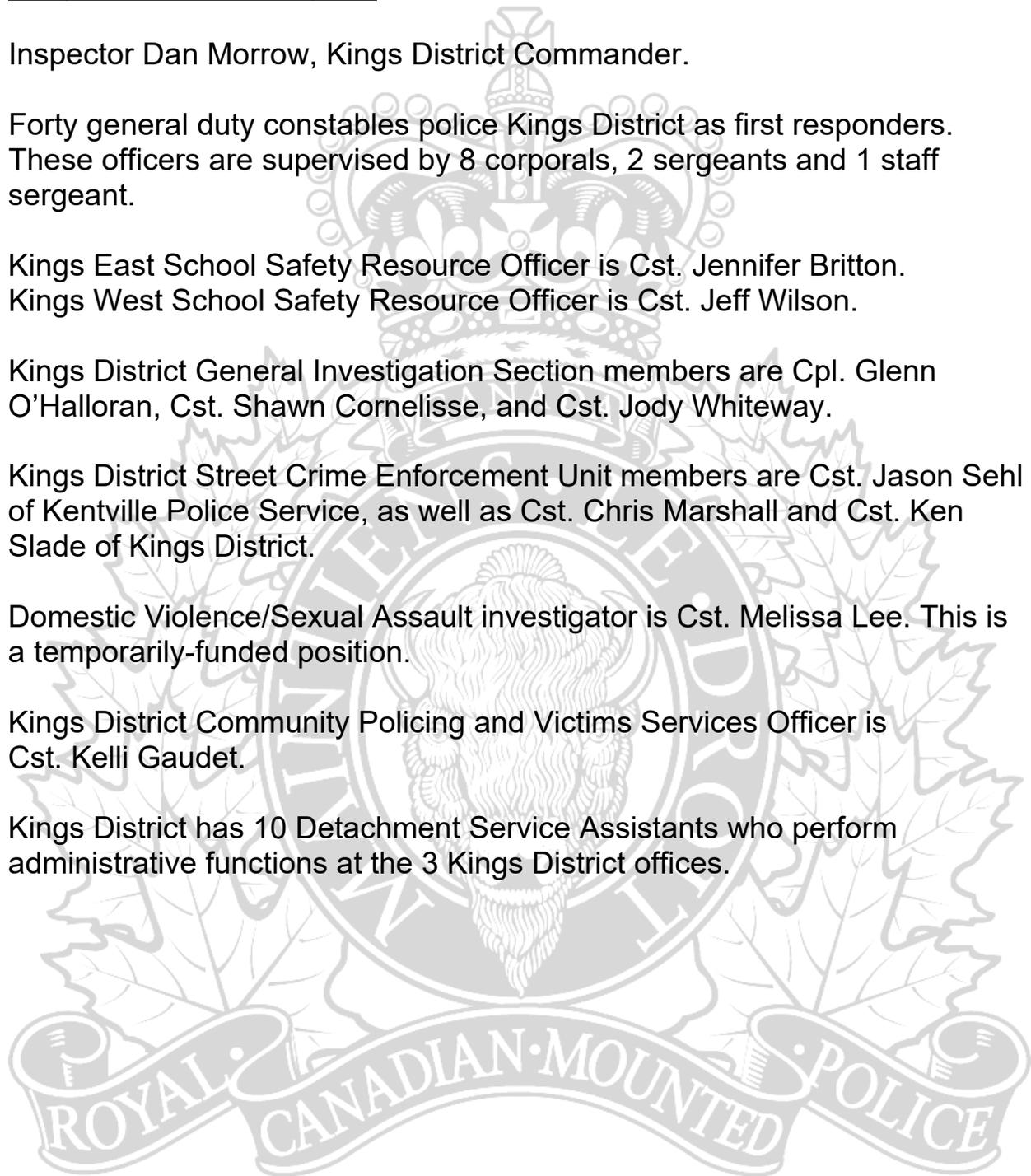
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

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**

In September, Cst Jeff Wilson did a radio interview with K-Rock in regards to back to school and school bus safety.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson did a presentation to Acadia International Students highlighting expectations on self-quarantining and a welcome to Canada law presentation.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson made patrols of the schools zones at École Rose-des-Vents, Dwight Ross Elementary, Somerset, Berwick School, West Kings, Cambridge, and Central Kings.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, members patrolled school zones in Greenwood, Auburn, Kingston, and Berwick, with several warnings issued for speeding in a school zone.

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

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On September 15<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled the school zones in Canning, Coldbrook, Cambridge, and Aylesford.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled the school zones in Kingston, Greenwood, Auburn, and Berwick.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled school zones in Auburn and Aylesford.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled school zones in Auburn.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled school zones in Auburn, Berwick, Canning, Cambridge, Kingston, and Aylesford.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wilson patrolled school zones in Auburn, Cambridge, and Aylesford.

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

### **Talk to Your Preteens and Teens About Intimate Images and Video**

As your junior high and high school aged kids settle into a new school year, it's a good time to talk to them about cyber safety.

A fresh school year brings new relationships, social pressures and technology, so it can be helpful to open a supportive and non-judgmental dialogue about using technology in a safe and positive way. Part of this conversation may include talking about the risks of using technology to send and receive intimate images and video. An intimate image (also known as a "nude") or intimate video involves some form of nudity.

"It can certainly be uncomfortable to talk to your kids about intimate images and videos, but by addressing this with them, you can make sure they get helpful information rather than incorrect information from a less-reliable source," says Cpl. Jennifer Clarke of Nova Scotia RCMP.

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## Having The Conversation

During your open, non-judgmental conversation, there are a variety of topics to cover, outlined below.

Q: Why are requesting, sending and receiving intimate images and video problematic?

A: Sending intimate images or videos of yourself or someone else is problematic for many reasons. These include but are not limited to:

- If someone is pressuring you to send intimate content, they aren't respecting your personal boundaries. This is a red flag of an unhealthy relationship.
- The person receiving the image could send it to someone else. For example, you may trust your boyfriend or girlfriend now, but what if you break up and they still have the photo?
- If you distribute intimate content of someone else, you will eventually regret it. Even if you don't think so now, you will likely feel guilty for hurting someone in a deeply personal way.
- Sextortion (threatening to send a sexual image or video of you to other people if you don't pay them or provide more sexual content).
- Trauma and other psychological harm to yourself, your loved ones and others.
- Bullying
- If the person is under 18, intimate content is considered child pornography. Distributing child pornography can result in up to 14 years in jail. Possessing child pornography can result in nearly two years in jail.

Requesting intimate images or video is also problematic for reasons including but not limited to:

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- If you are requesting intimate images or video from someone under 18, you are requesting child pornography. Possessing child pornography can result in nearly two years in jail.
- Even if they only send the content to you, there's always the possibility that someone else will get access to it. You are putting that person at risk.

Q: What should you do if you've sent intimate content of yourself or someone else?

A: Tell a trusted adult and start taking steps to address it. Visit <https://needhelpnow.ca/app/en/> for more information on how to start.

Q: What should you do if someone sends you intimate content?

A: Tell a trusted adult. They can talk through the situation with you and help figure out your next steps. You may wish to report your concerns anonymously at <https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/report>.

### **After the Conversation**

It's helpful to lay the groundwork for an ongoing dialogue on intimate content so that your pre-teen or teen feels more comfortable telling you if something is wrong.

### **Staying in the Loop**

The above information was compiled through a number of reputable online resources, including those noted below, where you will find helpful tips and information:

- <https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/>
- <https://www.needhelpnow.ca/app/en/>
- <https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/>
- <https://protectchildren.ca/en/>
- <https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/>



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- <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cycp-cpcj/>
  - <https://novascotia.ca/cyberscan/>

By better understanding the issue as it relates youth, you will be more prepared to deal with any concerns in the future.

Throughout the month of September, the Nova Scotia RCMP will continue to share tips for using technology safely using the hashtag #RedFlagBehaviour. To follow along, go to The RCMP in Nova Scotia on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/rcmpns/>) and @RCMPNS on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/RCMPNS>).

### **RCMP and Child Safety Link Remind Drivers to Safely Buckle Up Child Passengers**

In support of Child Passenger Safety Week 2020, September 20 to 26, 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.

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- 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://childsafetyslink.ca/child-passenger-safety/>).

### **RCMP Warning Public About Threatening Solicitation Scams**

The Nova Scotia RCMP is warning the public about a number of 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.

"If someone portrays themselves as representing a government institution or another organization, and are threatening you with arrest unless you send immediate payment, regardless of reason, it's a scam," says Cpl. Laurie Haines of the Nova Scotia RCMP Commercial Crime Section. "These scams are very convincing because the caller ID or spoofed email address appear associated to the police or government institution in question," he further adds.

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

### **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 39 people with impaired driving (2 for drugs), issued 14 roadside suspensions (3 for drugs), issued 840 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 83 check stops.
- **Reduce Crime Against People**  
Members continue to conduct physical checks on

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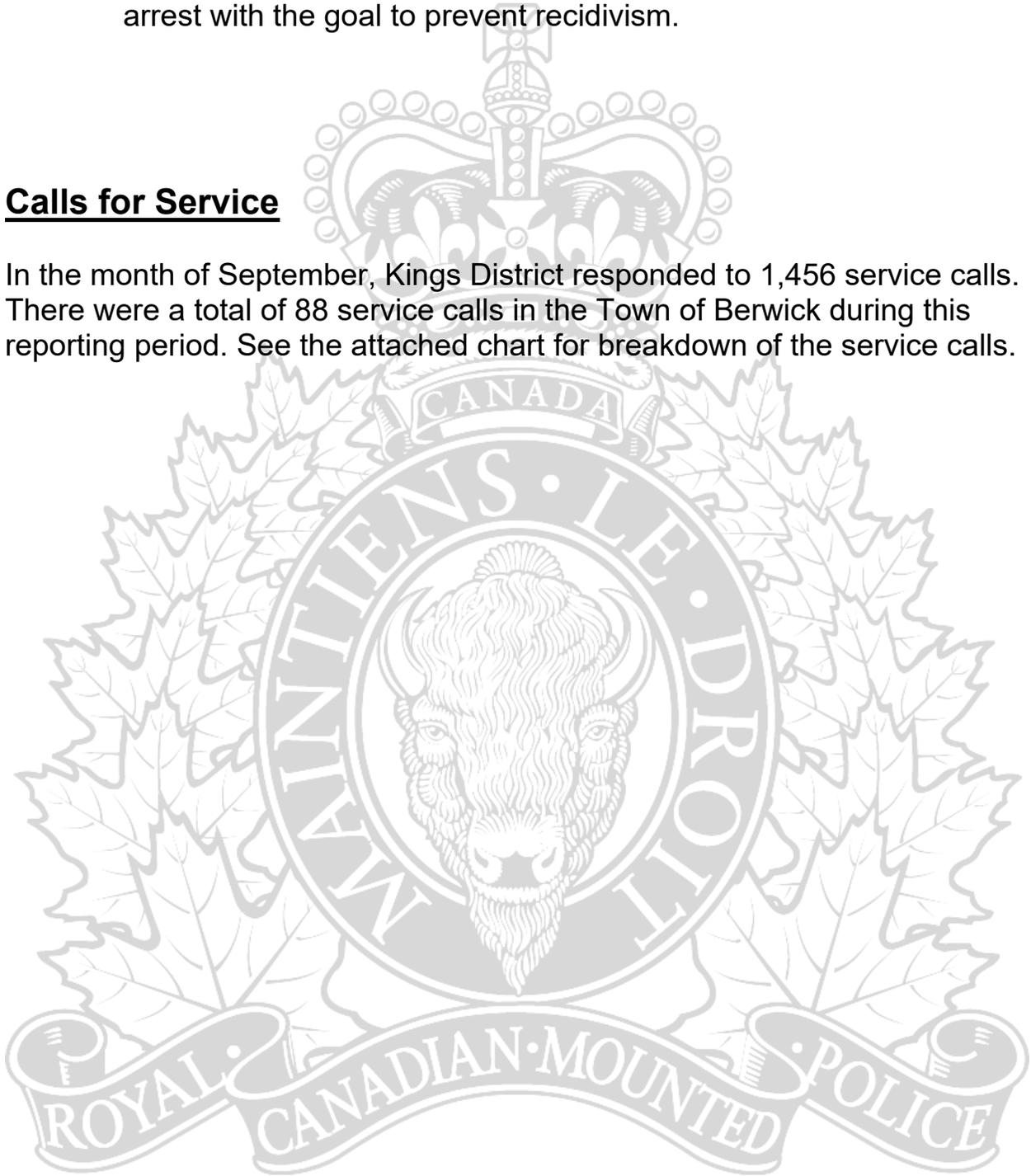
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offenders/accused who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest with the goal to prevent recidivism.

## **Calls for Service**

In the month of September, Kings District responded to 1,456 service calls. There were a total of 88 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	September Berwick	September Kings
	2020	2020
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	5
Assault	3	28
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	1
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	7
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	0	11
Uttering Threats	0	14
<b>Property Crime</b>		
Arson	1	2
Break and Enter	1	7
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0
Theft Over	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	2
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	0
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	0	22
Shoplifting	0	6
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	8
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1
Fraud	1	37
Identity Theft	0	1
Mischief	2	51
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>		
Possession	0	0
Trafficking	0	2
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	4



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	September Berwick	September Kings
<b>Traffic</b>		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	5
Impaired by Alcohol	0	21
Impaired by Drug	0	2
Failure/Refusal	0	1
Driving while Disqualified	0	2
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	7
Seatbelt Violation	0	3
Intersection Violation	0	19
Speeding Violation	11	104
Insurance Violation	0	16
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	2
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	1
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	12
Collision - Reportable	1	44
Collision - Non Reportable	0	20
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0
Municipal By-laws	1	1
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	13	177
Other Traffic Related Duties	1	28
Checkstop	2	26
<b>Other</b>		
911 Call	0	30
Breach of Court Order	1	15
Liquor Act	3	53
Mental Health Act	10	60
Missing Person	1	22
Municipal Bylaw - Other	1	20
Other	23	265
Suspicious P V P	1	48
Trespass At Night	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	23
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	4
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	1
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	4	85
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1,330</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1,456</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 September.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Radar enforcement on Main Street East in Berwick, no violations. Traffic enforcement at our-way intersection of Main and Commercial Street, no violations.

September 5<sup>th</sup> – Checkstop conducted on Highway 1 in Berwick, forty-five vehicles were checked, one violation ticket for failing to obey traffic sign and one violation ticket issued for operating unregistered vehicle.

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Radar enforcement on Main in Berwick, one warning issued for speeding.

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Radar enforcement on Orchard Street in Berwick, no violations. Traffic enforcement in the school zones in Berwick.

September 18<sup>th</sup> – Traffic enforcement on Commercial Street in Berwick, one violation ticket issued for failing to provide valid inspection sticker and one warning for failing to provide valid license.

September 21<sup>st</sup> – Checkstop conducted in Berwick, fifty vehicles were checked, one violation ticket issued for illegally transporting cannabis in a vehicle. Traffic enforcement on Commercial Street in Berwick, one violation ticket issued for failing to yield to emergency vehicle.

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Checkstop on Highway 1 in Berwick, one hundred vehicles were checked, no violations.

In addition to the above, two violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 for speeding near Berwick along with one violation ticket for failing to obey traffic sign. Two violation tickets were issued for failing to obey traffic sign,

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six for speeding, one for parking where it would obstruct traffic, and three warnings for speeding along Highway 1 near Berwick.

### **Proactive Police Patrols in Town of Berwick**

#### **September – 462 patrols**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Cst Wilson conducted bike patrols in Wolfville.

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Cst Wilson conducted bike patrols in Berwick handing out six Tim Hortons coupons to children who were wearing bike helmets.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols on the Rail Bed trail, Centennial Park and Berwick Elementary School.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols in Berwick.

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Cst Wilson attended the trails planning meeting in Berwick.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols of Rainforth Park, baseball diamond and the Elementary School in Berwick.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols in Rainforth Park.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** – Three members conducted foot patrols of Rainforth Park.

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Two members conducted foot patrols of Rainforth Park and the ball diamonds.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Members did a foot patrol in Rainforth Park.

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols in Rainforth park and the elementary school.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Members conducted foot patrols in Rainforth Park, Ball Diamond and downtown Berwick.

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## **Significant Investigations**

**20201322931** - A university student in Wolfville has recently been fined \$1,000 for violating the Health Protection Act (HPA).

On September 10, Kings District RCMP received a complaint about a student from outside of the Atlantic Bubble not self-isolating. Upon further investigation, RCMP officers determined that the individual was in violation of Health Protection Act. On September 10, police issued the individual a Summary Offence Ticket under Section 71(1)(b) of the Health Protection Act for Failing to Self-Isolate.

The Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding university students arriving in the province from outside of the Atlantic Bubble to follow all Public Health orders which includes completing a self-isolation period of 14 days. We ask everyone coming into the province 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 Nova Scotians for their continued support and to the vast majority who are adhering to the directives outlined by the provincial government.

**20201384486** - At 9:30 p.m. on September 20, a robbery was reported at a convenience store in Cambridge. A woman entered the store wearing a disposable face mask and sunglasses, and a hood over her head. She handed the clerk a note to hand over the money, and that she had a gun. Staff at the store saw a handgun. The clerk handed over a bag with cash inside and the suspect left. The store owner was in the back of the store and chased the suspect outside, but she fled the area in a vehicle. No one was injured.

The clerk contacted police and provided a description of the vehicle, including a license plate number. Police located the vehicle at the residence of the registered owner of the car and contained the area. The suspect voluntarily came outside unarmed where she was arrested without incident. She was transported to Kings District RCMP in New Minas.

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A 55-year-old female from Cambridge, Kings County is facing one charge of Armed Robbery and one charge of Wearing a Disguise with Intent, she has been remanded into custody.

**20201308374** - An 18-year-old man from Kings County has been charged with Stunting after driving 70 km/hr over the speed limit: 150 km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone.

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at approximately 11:00pm, a member of Kings District RCMP on the Cornwallis River Crossing in New Minas spotted a car travelling at a high rate of speed. The officer activated the RADAR and measured the speed at 150 km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone, 70 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.

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.

**2020-1108357** - The Kings District RCMP are requesting the publics help identifying two suspects that are believed to be responsible for a break and enter with mischief to a Cambridge school.

On August 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:52 AM New Minas RCMP responded to an intrusion alarm at Central Kings District High School. An immediate patrol was made where a door, located on the North Side, was smashed by a wooded bench causing the glass to break. Police were also able to locate door windows smashed with rocks on the ground level of the East side.

Security video was obtained from the school which revealed two suspects: Suspect 1- appears as Caucasian- male wearing grey jogging pants with a small logo on right front pocket (possibly Champion), a mauve coloured V-neck shirt, blue and green high top style sneakers and wearing a dark

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coloured mask. The suspect has medium length blond hair and appears to have something bulky in their pockets.

Suspect 2- appears as female wearing dark colored Capri style pants, a low cut red shirt and a black zip up sweater with stripes on the arms (possibly Adidas). The female has shoulder length dark hair and is carrying a large grey/blue purse.

If any member of the public has any idea who these individuals may be they are asked to call the New Minas RCMP at 902-679-5555. 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.



**202001370300** - On September 18 at 3:15 p.m., Kings District RCMP responded to a collision at the intersection of the New Minas Connector Rd. and Commercial St. in New Minas. The driver who was arrested for Impaired Operation of a Conveyance was involved in a physical altercation with another motorist who was trying to keep him from leaving the scene. Both drivers were showing some signs of impairment. One driver, a 58-year-old man from Port Williams, was screened, and was given a 7-day

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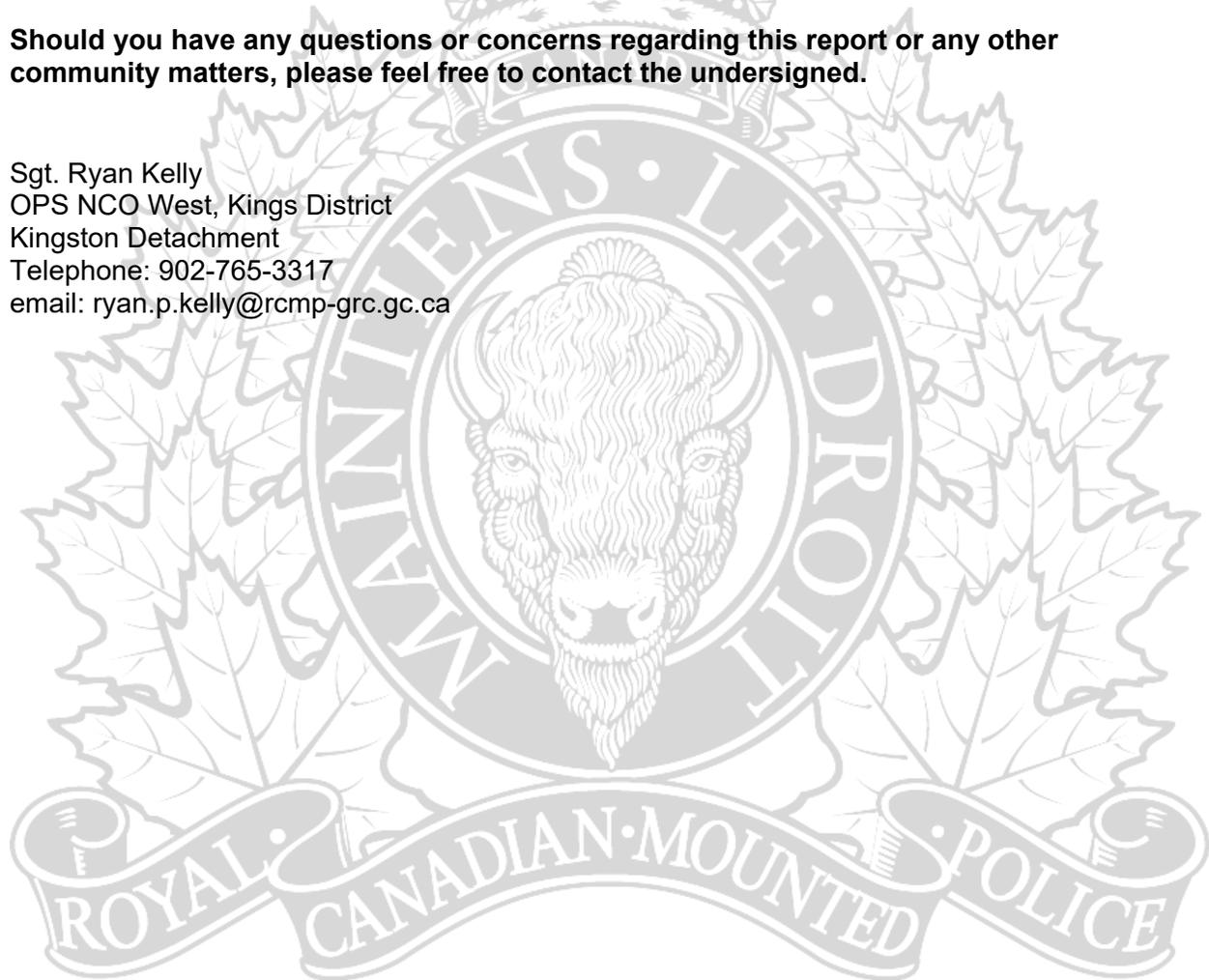
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driving suspension after he produced a warning on the screening device. The other driver, a 32-year-old man from Canning was arrested for Impaired Driving and taken to the detachment to provide breath samples. He is facing charges of Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Impaired Operation of a Conveyance, Refusal of the Breath Demand and Mischief. His licence was also suspended and he was later released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 22. The investigation is ongoing.

**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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