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# **Berwick Policing Report November 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.

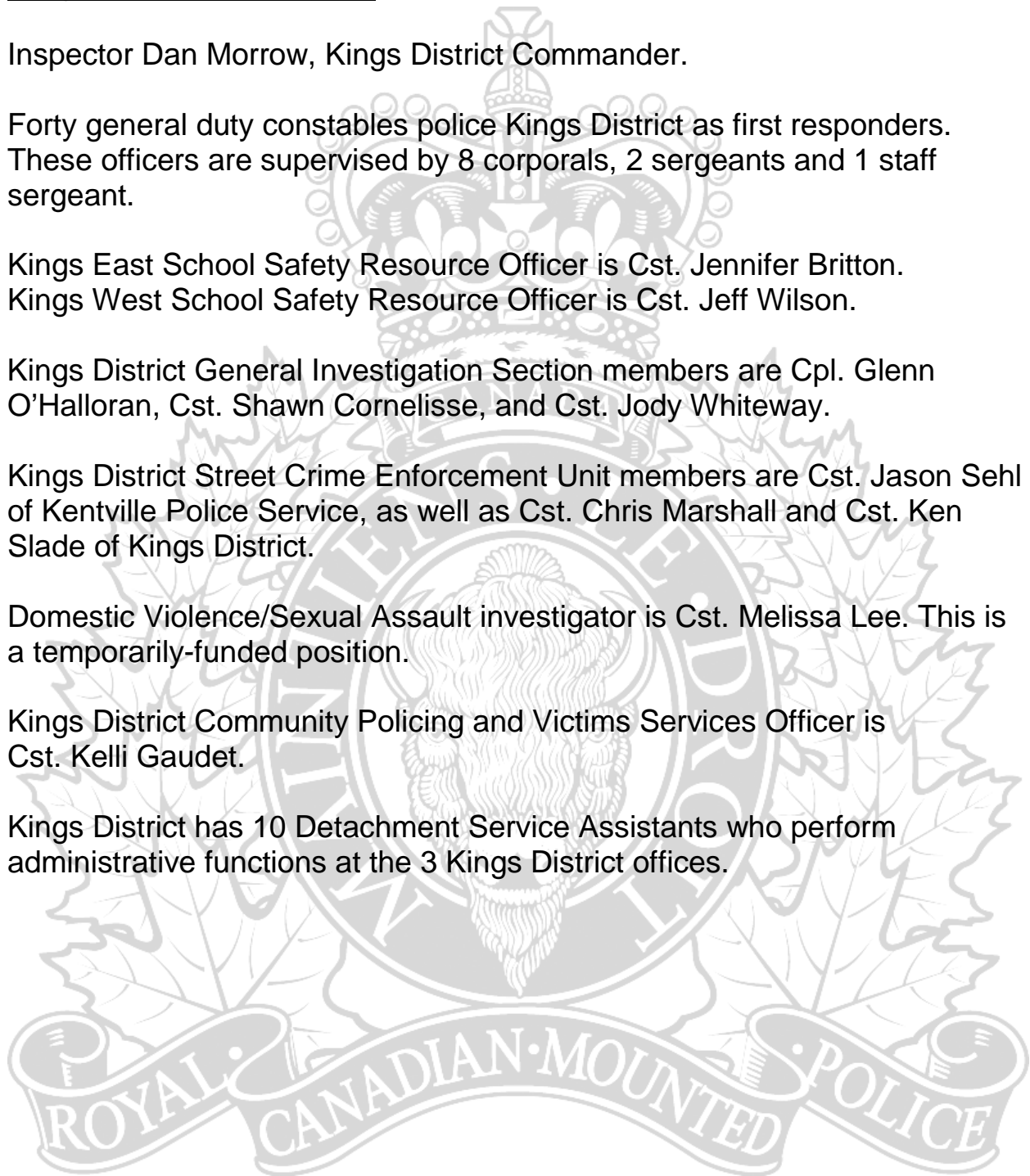
Kings District General Investigation Section members are Cpl. Glenn O'Halloran, Cst. Shawn Cornelisse, and Cst. Jody Whiteway.

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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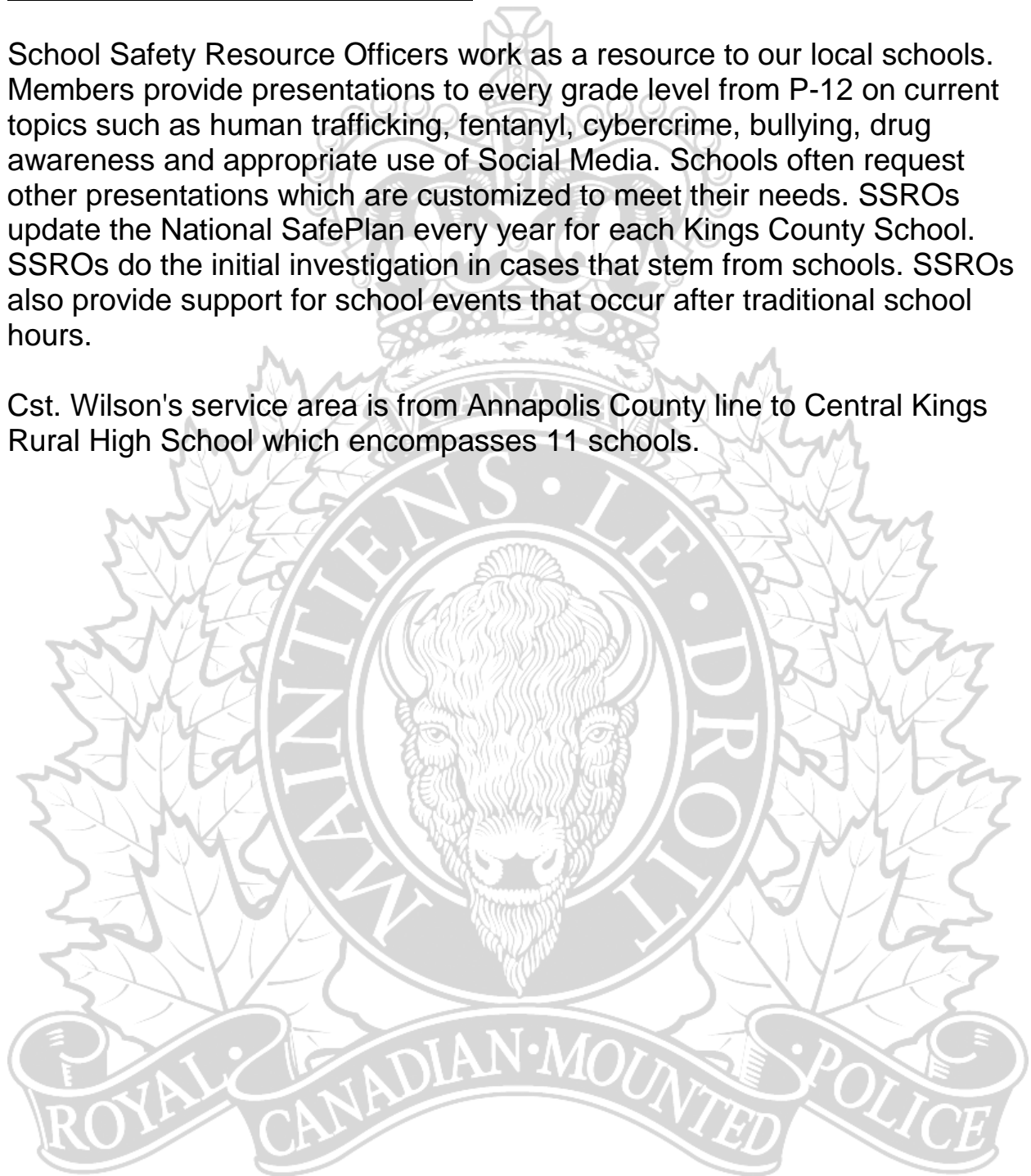
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## School Safety Resource Officer:

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.



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## Highlights

On Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted patrols of the Berwick School and conducted speed enforcement at West Kings High School in Auburn. He also was present for school dismissal on Park St. in Kingston.

On Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cst. Wilson attended schools in Greenwood for a possible bear sighting and provided insight on ensuring students' safety. He also attended an alternative justice planning for a sentencing circle at Central Kings.

On Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted school bus enforcement in Kingston and conducted RADAR in school zones in Kingston.

On Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted speed enforcement in school zones, 1 warning and 1 ticket issued.

On Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted speed enforcement in Greenwood and Kingston school zones.

On Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Berwick.

On Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted school zone enforcement in Berwick and Somerset. Also hosted a planning session for a "Cram the Cruiser" clothing drive to take place in December.

On Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted patrols of Berwick school zone and handled school bus complaints.

On Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted patrols through West Kings and performed traffic enforcement in the school zone. He also attended Central Kings to discuss RCMP recruitment.

On Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted patrols at Greenwood schools during morning arrivals. He also performed speed enforcement in Berwick, Aylesford, Greenwood, and Kingston school zones.

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On Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted patrols during dismissal in Greenwood, Kingston and Somerset.

On Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson performed school zone enforcement in Auburn and Cambridge. 2 tickets issued.

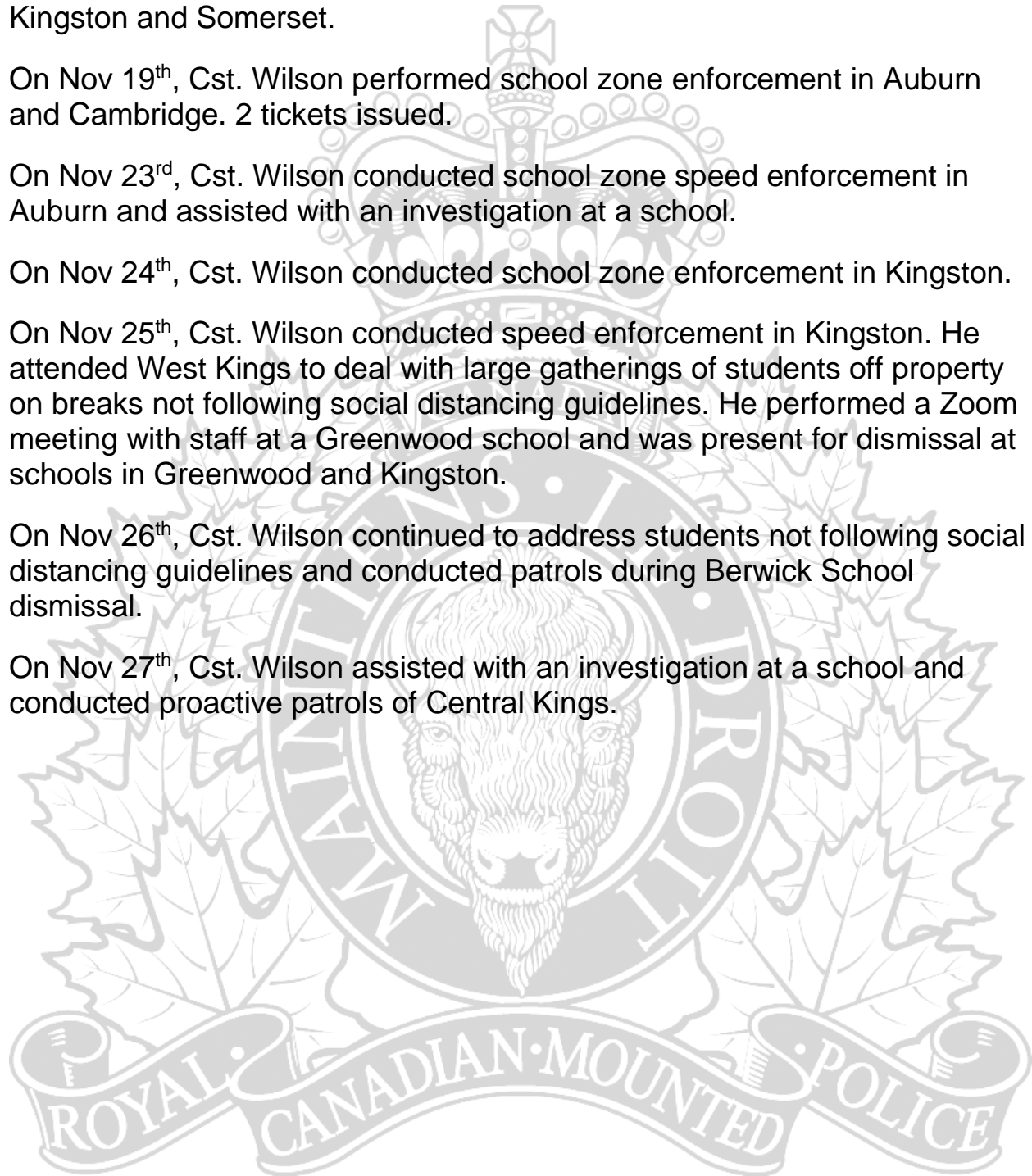
On Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted school zone speed enforcement in Auburn and assisted with an investigation at a school.

On Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted school zone enforcement in Kingston.

On Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson conducted speed enforcement in Kingston. He attended West Kings to deal with large gatherings of students off property on breaks not following social distancing guidelines. He performed a Zoom meeting with staff at a Greenwood school and was present for dismissal at schools in Greenwood and Kingston.

On Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson continued to address students not following social distancing guidelines and conducted patrols during Berwick School dismissal.

On Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, Cst. Wilson assisted with an investigation at a school and conducted proactive patrols of Central Kings.



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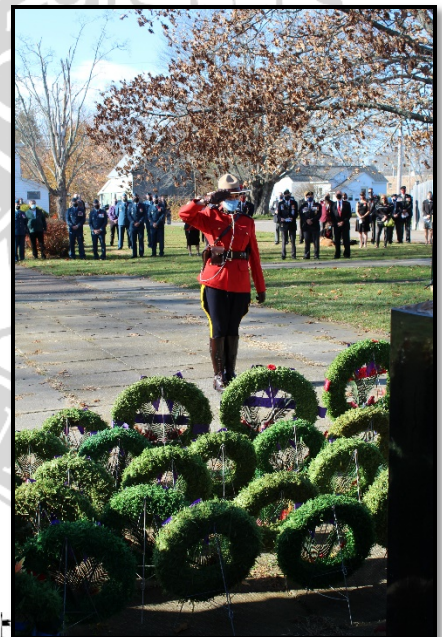
## Remembrance Day

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Ryan Kelly and Ret'd Insp. Mike Payne attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Port Williams.



On November 11<sup>th</sup>, members attended the following Remembrance Day Ceremonies:

- Cst. Brianna Counter attended the Kingston Ceremony.
- Cst. Jeff Wilson attended the Berwick Ceremony.
- Sgt. Ryan Kelly and Cst. Chris Marshall attended the Canning Ceremony.



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## **RCMP Continues to Enforce COVID-19 Restrictions**

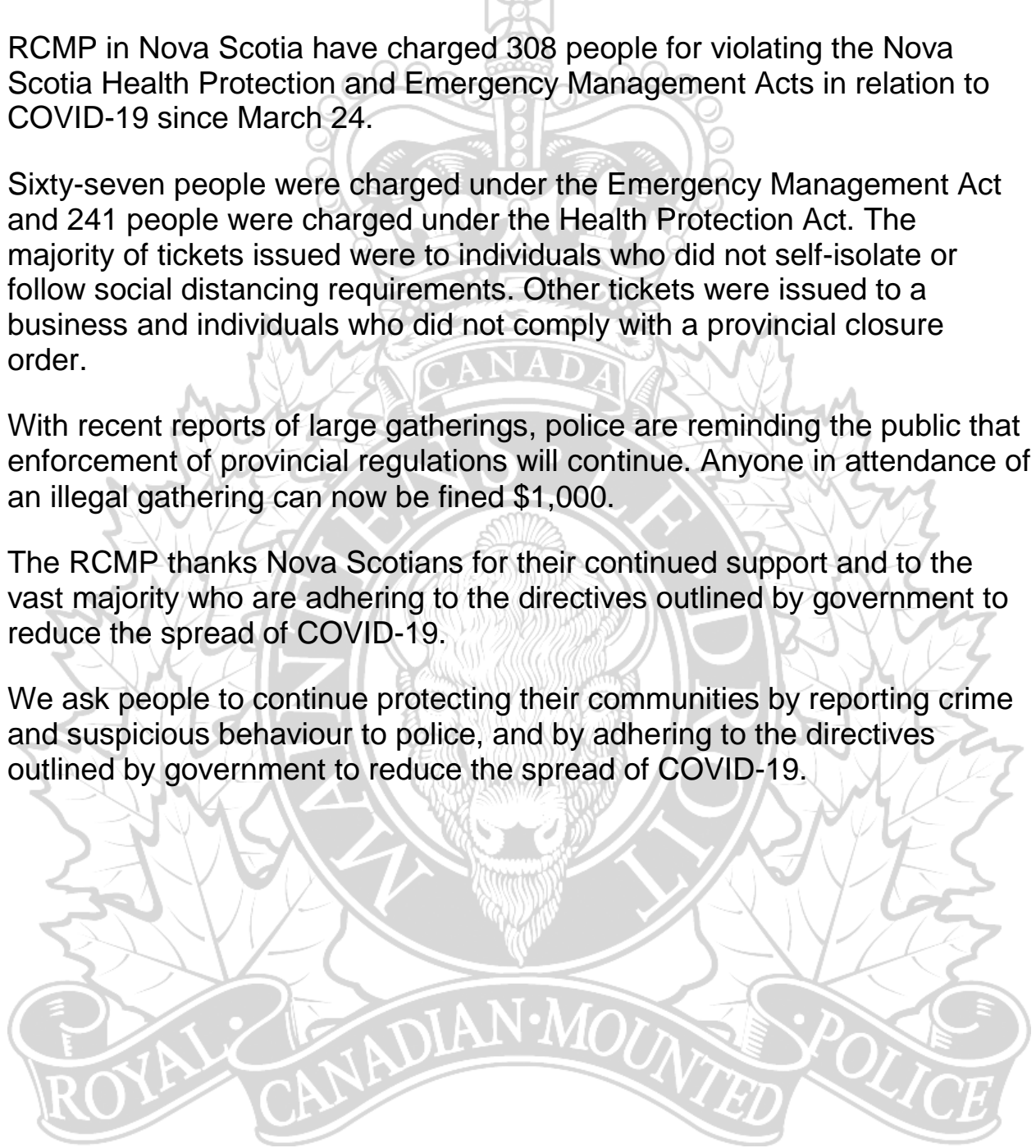
RCMP in Nova Scotia have charged 308 people for violating the Nova Scotia Health Protection and Emergency Management Acts in relation to COVID-19 since March 24.

Sixty-seven people were charged under the Emergency Management Act and 241 people were charged under the Health Protection Act. The majority of tickets issued were to individuals who did not self-isolate or follow social distancing requirements. Other tickets were issued to a business and individuals who did not comply with a provincial closure order.

With recent reports of large gatherings, police are reminding the public that enforcement of provincial regulations will continue. Anyone in attendance of an illegal gathering can now be fined \$1,000.

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

We ask people to continue protecting their communities by reporting crime and suspicious behaviour to police, and by adhering to the directives outlined by government to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



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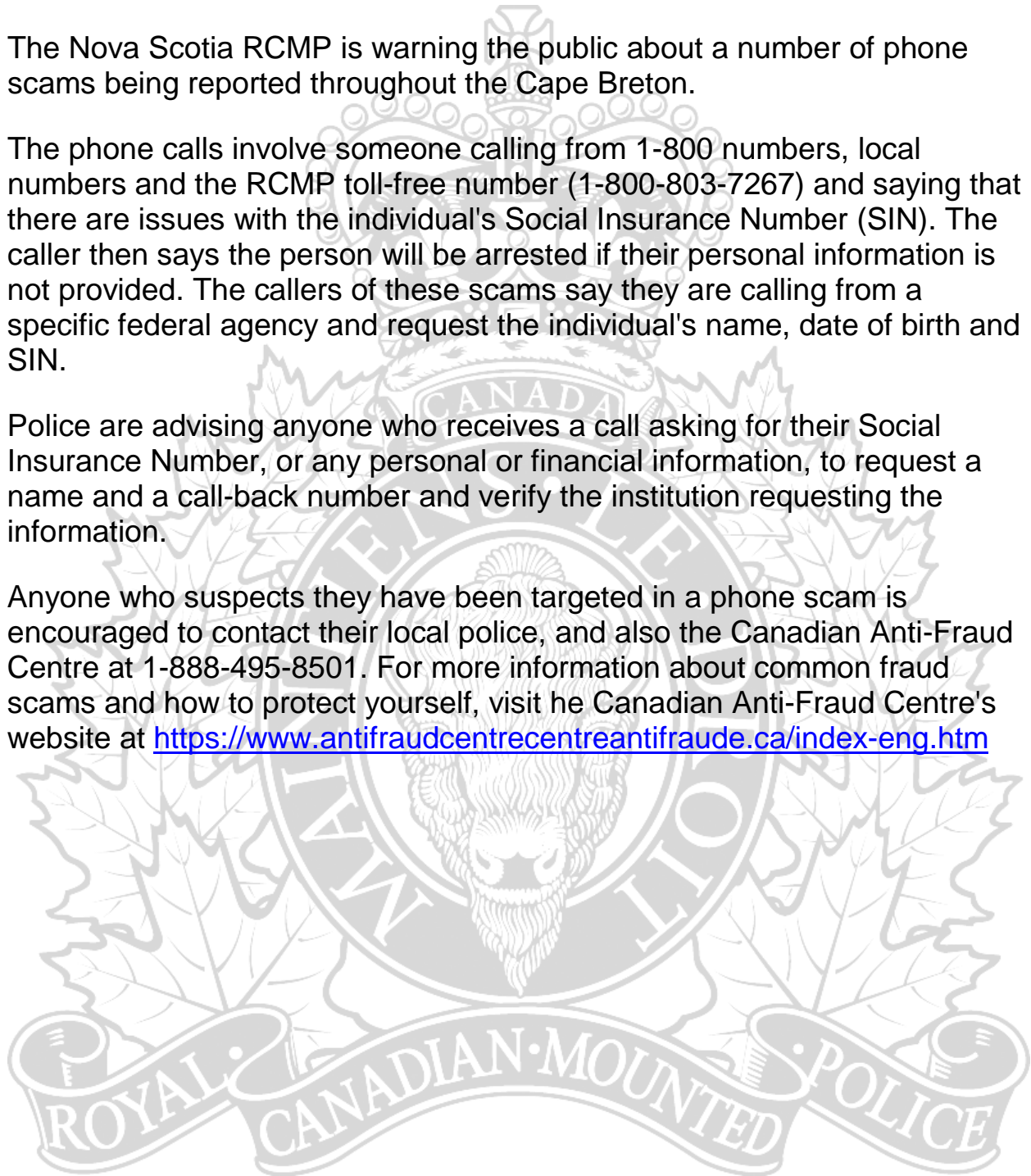
## **RCMP Warns Public About Phone Scam Requesting SIN**

The Nova Scotia RCMP is warning the public about a number of phone scams being reported throughout the Cape Breton.

The phone calls involve someone calling from 1-800 numbers, local numbers and the RCMP toll-free number (1-800-803-7267) and saying that there are issues with the individual's Social Insurance Number (SIN). The caller then says the person will be arrested if their personal information is not provided. The callers of these scams say they are calling from a specific federal agency and request the individual's name, date of birth and SIN.

Police are advising anyone who receives a call asking for their Social Insurance Number, or any personal or financial information, to request a name and a call-back number and verify the institution requesting the information.

Anyone who suspects they have been targeted in a phone scam is encouraged to contact their local police, and also the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. For more information about common fraud scams and how to protect yourself, visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's website at <https://www.antifraudcentrecentreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>



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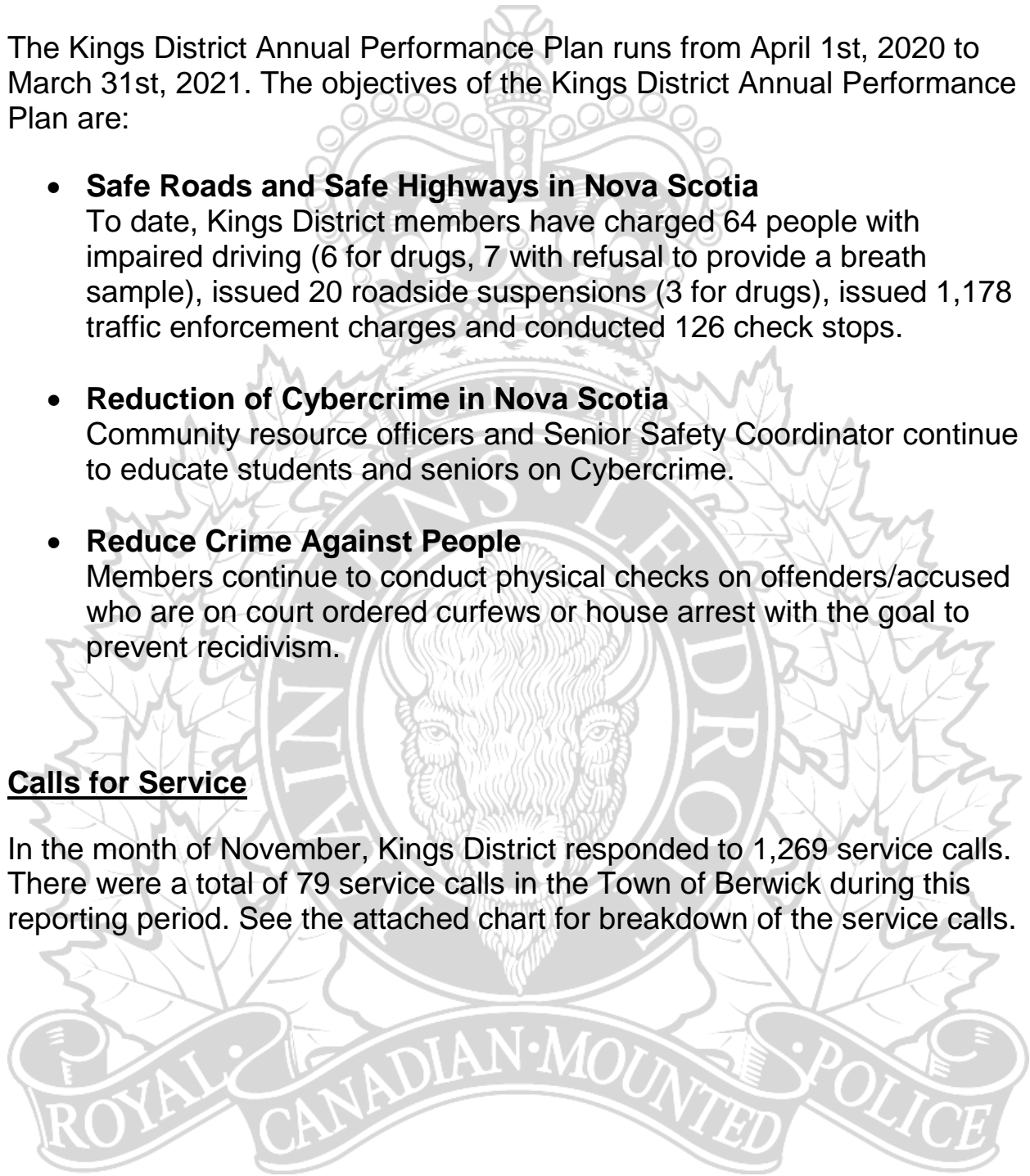
## Annual Performance Plan

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 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 64 people with impaired driving (6 for drugs, 7 with refusal to provide a breath sample), issued 20 roadside suspensions (3 for drugs), issued 1,178 traffic enforcement charges and conducted 126 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.

## Calls for Service

In the month of November, Kings District responded to 1,269 service calls. There were a total of 79 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	November Berwick	November Kings
	2020	2020
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>		
Offences Related to Death	0	1
Sexual Offences	0	8
Assault	0	38
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	2
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	2
Criminal Harassment	0	4
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	1	12
Uttering Threats	0	18
<b>Property Crime</b>		
Arson	0	1
Break and Enter	0	9
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	0
Theft Over	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	3
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	2	4
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	0	18
Shoplifting	1	12
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	6
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1
Fraud	2	36
Identity Theft	0	1
Mischief	5	45
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>		
Possession	0	0
Trafficking	0	2
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	2



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	November Berwick	November Kings
<b>Traffic</b>		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	4
Impaired by Alcohol	1	12
Impaired by Drug	1	1
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	0	4
Fail to Stop or Remain	0	6
Seatbelt Violation	1	1
Intersection Violation	1	7
Speeding Violation	15	117
Insurance Violation	0	19
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	3
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	9
Collision - Reportable	2	40
Collision - Non Reportable	0	16
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	1
Municipal By-laws	1	3
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	19	168
Other Traffic Related Duties	2	24
Checkstop	5	21
<b>Other</b>		
911 Call	2	35
Breach of Court Order	0	13
Liquor Act	1	6
Mental Health Act	2	69
Missing Person	0	28
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	4
Other	7	199
Suspicious P V P	2	42
Trespass At Night	0	1
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	15
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	1	10
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	1
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	3	62
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1,169</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,269</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.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Radar enforcement on Main St East, no infractions.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Radar enforcement on Main St East, no infractions. Checkpoint conducted on Commercial St resulting in one ticket and one warning.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Radar enforcement on Hwy 1 in Berwick.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Radar enforcement on Hwy 1 in Berwick, two warnings given.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Radar enforcement on Main St East, no violators.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Checkpoint conducted on Hwy 1 in Berwick. Approximately 80 vehicles checked- no violators. Radar conducted on Main St. East, no violators.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – Radar on Commercial St, no violators.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Radar on Commercial St, no violators.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Radar on Orchard St- no violators. Radar on Main St East- no violators. Stop Sign enforcement at Main & Commercial; Commercial and Cottage; Cottage and Hwy 1.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Two Radar operations on Main St in Berwick. No violators.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Two Radar operations on Commercial St. No violators.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Traffic enforcement around the Town of Berwick. Two tickets issued. Radar enforcement on Commercial St and Orchard St. 1 warning issued.

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**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Checkstop conducted on Commercial St in Berwick. 1 ticket issued. Speed enforcement conducted on Hwy 101 and 1 in Berwick, 2 tickets issued. Speed enforcement on Main St west, no violators.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Radar enforcement in Berwick, no violators.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Radar enforcement on Main St, Commercial St and Hwy 1 in Berwick. No violators. Traffic enforcement throughout Berwick, 1 liquor ticket issued.

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** – Radar enforcement on Commercial St., Orchard St and Main St. Three warnings given.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** – Two separate Radar enforcement on Main St east, two ticket issued. Radar enforcement on Hwy 1 in Berwick, one ticket issued. Radar enforcement on Orchard St, no violators. Radar enforcement on Commercial St, no violators.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Checkstop on Commercial St, no violators.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Radar enforcement on Main St west and Commercial St. No violators. Radar enforcement on Main St east, one ticket issued.

In addition to the above, 7 violation tickets were issued on Highway 101 near Berwick. There were also 2 violation tickets issued on Highway 1 in Berwick.



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## Proactive Police Patrols

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Two foot patrols of Rainforth Park and the ball diamonds.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Foot patrols of Rainforth Park and downtown Berwick.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Foot patrols of Rainforth Park and ball diamonds.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Two foot patrols of Rainforth Park.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Foot patrols conducted of various parks in Berwick.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Foot patrol of Rainforth park and ball diamonds.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Foot patrol of Rainforth Park and ball diamonds.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – Daytime foot patrol of Rainforth Park and downtown Berwick. Late night foot patrol of Rainforth Park.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Foot patrols conducted of downtown Berwick and parks.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Foot patrols of Berwick parks and Hockey arena. Foot patrols of Rainforth Park.

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** – Foot patrols of Berwick parks.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Foot patrols of Rainforth Park.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Two foot patrols of Commercial St and Parks.

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Foot patrol of Rainforth Park.



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## **Significant Investigations**

**2020-1611259:** On November 1<sup>st</sup> at approximately 8:40 a.m., Kings District RCMP responded to a report of a stabbing at a residence on North Ave. A preliminary investigation determined that an altercation took place between three individuals who are known to each other.

A 24-year-old man of North Kentville, stabbed a 61-year-old man and attempted to stab a 33-year-old woman before fleeing the home. The victim was transported to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Police located the male lying in a field near the home in an unknown state of medical distress. He was transported by EHS to hospital.

He remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on December 1<sup>st</sup> to face the following charges:

- Attempt to Commit Murder x2
- Failure to Comply with Court Order

The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of Kings District Integrated SCEU Unit, GIS, Southwest Nova Forensic Ident Unit and Kings District Members.

**2020-1628223:** Kings District RCMP has laid charges following a collision between a car and a pedestrian that occurred in Port Williams. At 3:30 p.m. on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, New Minas and Wolfville RCMP members responded to a collision on 358 Highway. A 53-year-old female was attempting to cross the street in a marked crosswalk when she was struck by a vehicle.

The driver of the car, a 43-year-old man from Kentville, was not injured while the pedestrian was taken to hospital by EHS with non-life threatening injuries. The pedestrian was later air lifted to Halifax for further medical treatment. Following a brief investigation, the driver was charged under the



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Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act for Failing to Yield to a Pedestrian in an Intersection.

**2020-1626469:** Kings District RCMP charged a 54-old man from East Dalhousie following a threats complaint yesterday. At 9:00 p.m. on November 4th, Kingston RCMP responded to a threats complaint in East Dalhousie. The investigation determined that a 54-year-old male had made threatening statements toward the community and a family member. The course of the investigation also revealed suspect left his home and fired a rifle in the immediate area of his home. No one was physically injured during the incident. A short time later police located the suspect at his home and arrested him without incident.

A search of the suspect's home located 5 long barreled firearms, ammunition and a quantity of cannabis.

Larry Glenwood Zink is charged with Careless Use of a Firearm, Uttering Threats, Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose, 5x Unauthorized Possession of Firearm, 5x Possession of a Firearm Knowing its Possession is Unauthorized. He was released on an Undertaking and will appear in Kentville Provincial Court January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> a member of the Kings District RCMP was on patrol and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a moving violation. The officer detected signs of impairment which eventually led to the driver being arrested and charged with impaired operation of a conveyance.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> Kings District RCMP responded to a report of a collision involving a vehicle and a power pole. Investigation led to the driver of the vehicle being charged with Impaired operation of a conveyance.

**2020-1732577:** On November 26<sup>th</sup> just before 11 p.m., Kings District RCMP received a call that a 76-year-old man was missing from a Kings County home near the New Minas area. RCMP officers, including the Police Dog

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Services (PDS) unit, reported to the home and began to search along with Valley and West Hants Ground Search and Rescue teams.

The PDS team tracked the missing man approximately 4 km through fields and wooded area and located him safe in the woods. The RCMP would like to thank Valley and West Hants Ground Search and Rescue for their help bringing this search to a successful conclusion.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> Kings District RCMP responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover which was also on fire. EHS transported the driver to hospital and he was later arrested and charged with impaired operation of a conveyance.

**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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