

TOWN OF BERWICK POLICE ADVISORY MEETING

May 22, 2019

Present: Chair Councillor Rod Reeves, Chair
 Mayor Don Clarke
 Deputy Mayor Jane Bustin
 Mike Payne, CAO
 Ella Redden, Bylaw Officer (to be)
 Sgt. Ryan Kelly
 Chris Goddard, Citizen Representative
 Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Absent with regrets: Fred McClintock, Citizen Representative
 Councillor Ashford-Morton
 Jane Perry, Neighbourhood Watch

Present: Pat Jodrie
 Karla Serino

1. Call to Order

The Police Advisory Meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The previous minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated with the following addition:

- a. Introduction of Ella Redden

At this time, Mike Payne introduced Ella Redden to the committee. Ella will be taking the position of Bylaw Officer on June 5th. As this is a new position, it will be a learning process for all staff. Ella will be taking a proactive role in the community and the Town looks forward to working with Ella and to see how this new position rolls out.

4. Reports:

- a. Sgt Ryan Kelly

Sgt. Ryan Kelly reviewed the Police Report for March-April. Sgt. Kelly highlighted that the four fraud charges in Berwick were mainly cybercrime.

Ms. Serino spoke to Sgt. Kelly and the committee and noted that she is a resident of West Main Street and she is infuriated with the high speed of motor vehicles on Main Street and she is requesting something is done immediately or someone is going to be badly injured, or worse. Ms. Serino lives very near the speed sign and watches the numbers climb to the 80's on numerous occasions.

Sgt. Kelly confirmed that he now has members trained on the hand held radar system and will be exercising this radar in the area as soon as possible. Mr. Payne noted to Sgt. Kelly that this issue is of definite concern, for the Town and the residents, and encouraged police visibility in this area.

5. Pertinent Updates

Sgt. Kelly noted that they have been looking for a missing 23 year old man, Peter Blanchard, and he has now been located safely.

6. Adjournment

After general discussion ensued, the Police Advisory Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.
Next Meeting: June 26, 2019 at 4:00pm.

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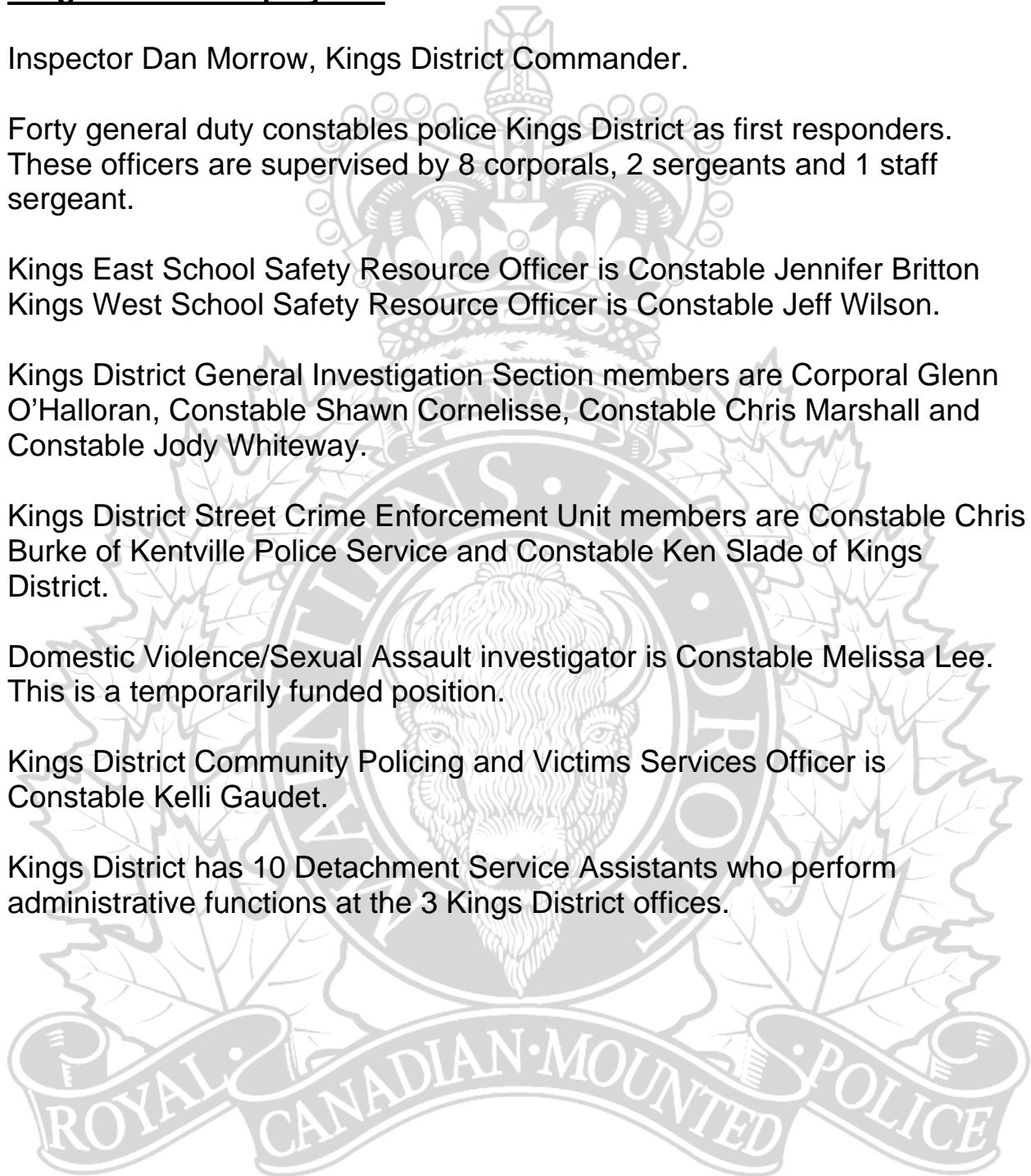
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Cst Wilson attended the Pine Ridge Middle School in Kingston and did two presentations on bike safety to the students.

Cst. Wilson conducted a lockdown drill at three of the schools he visits.

Gear up for a safe motorcycle season

With motorcycle season starting up, it's the perfect time for riders to make sure their bikes are in good shape and they have the protective clothing needed to ride safely.

There were 41 collisions involving motorcycles that resulted in serious injuries or fatalities in Nova Scotia RCMP territory in 2018. Motorcycles

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don't offer the same protection as other vehicles so having a good helmet and protective clothing is very important.

Helmets and protective clothing

Helmets can guard against serious injury and death so it's important to know that you're wearing a good quality model. By law, motorists and passengers must always wear headgear approved or certified by one or more of the following agencies:

- British Standards Institute (BSI)
- United States of America Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- Snell Memorial Foundation (Snell)

Riders who choose not to wear a helmet could be fined \$237.50 for a first offence.

If a rider is thrown from a motorcycle, they hit the ground and often skid long distances. Protective clothing can help shield riders by acting as a barrier between their body and the road. Wearing riding boots, a reflective riding jacket and pants can help a rider keep their skin intact during a collision.

Get your bike in shape for the season

Now is the perfect time to check your motorcycle's lights and tires. Lights can blow and tires can wear out so it's important to continue checking these throughout the season. Damaged and worn-out parts should be replaced immediately.

Drive safely

As is the case with any motor vehicle, operating your motorcycle safely can help protect you and other road users. Some tips to keep in mind are:

- Travel at a safe speed.
- Only ride when sober, focused and well-rested.

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- Check your blind spot before changing lanes.
 - Ensure left-turning motorists have stopped before entering an intersection.
 - Focus on where you need to go rather than looking at what you want to avoid (the motorcycle may go where you look).
 - Ride within your experience and skill level.
 - Go with an experienced rider the first time you explore a new area.

Tips for other drivers

All motorists can help reduce motorcycle collisions. Those who share the road with motorcycles should keep their eyes on the road, check their blind spots and mirrors before changing lanes and give motorcycles space just like any other vehicle.

Police will be patrolling by motorcycle again this year to help protect Nova Scotia roadways.

Share the road for a safe bicycle season

With the warmer weather approaching, the Nova Scotia RCMP wants to remind motorists and cyclists that we all have a responsibility to keep our roadways safe for everyone.

According to the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. When cyclists and motorists follow the same set of rules, the chance of bicycle collisions is greatly reduced. In Nova Scotia there is a one-metre rule that requires drivers to leave one metre of space between their vehicle and a cyclist when driving beside or passing a cyclist. Failure to do so could result in a hefty fine.

Cyclists, here are some helpful tips to keep you safe on the roads:

- Wear a properly fitted helmet. It's the law and it can reduce the risk of brain injury, the leading type of fatal or disabling injury to cyclists
- Wear a reflective vest or bright clothing so others can see you
- Have a bell or horn on your bike

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- Obey the traffic laws
 - Use proper hand signals when turning and stopping
 - Be predictable

Motorists, here are some tips to help prevent collisions:

- Be alert and make an effort to watch for cyclists, especially at intersections
- Make room for cyclists and share the road
- When parking or leaving a parking space, look for cyclists before opening your door or pulling out on to the road
- Be patient and keep in mind bicycles are much more vulnerable on the roads

Throughout the month of May, Nova Scotia RCMP will be sharing bicycle safety tips on social media to ensure all motorists and cyclists know how to keep our roads safe for everyone. Also, stay tuned for details on an upcoming bicycle safety art contest happening later this month.

Remember, respecting the rules of the road goes a long way towards keeping everyone safe.

Annual Performance Plan:

The Kings District Annual Performance Plan runs from April 1st, 2019 to March 31st, 2020. Objectives of Kings District Annual Performance Plan are:

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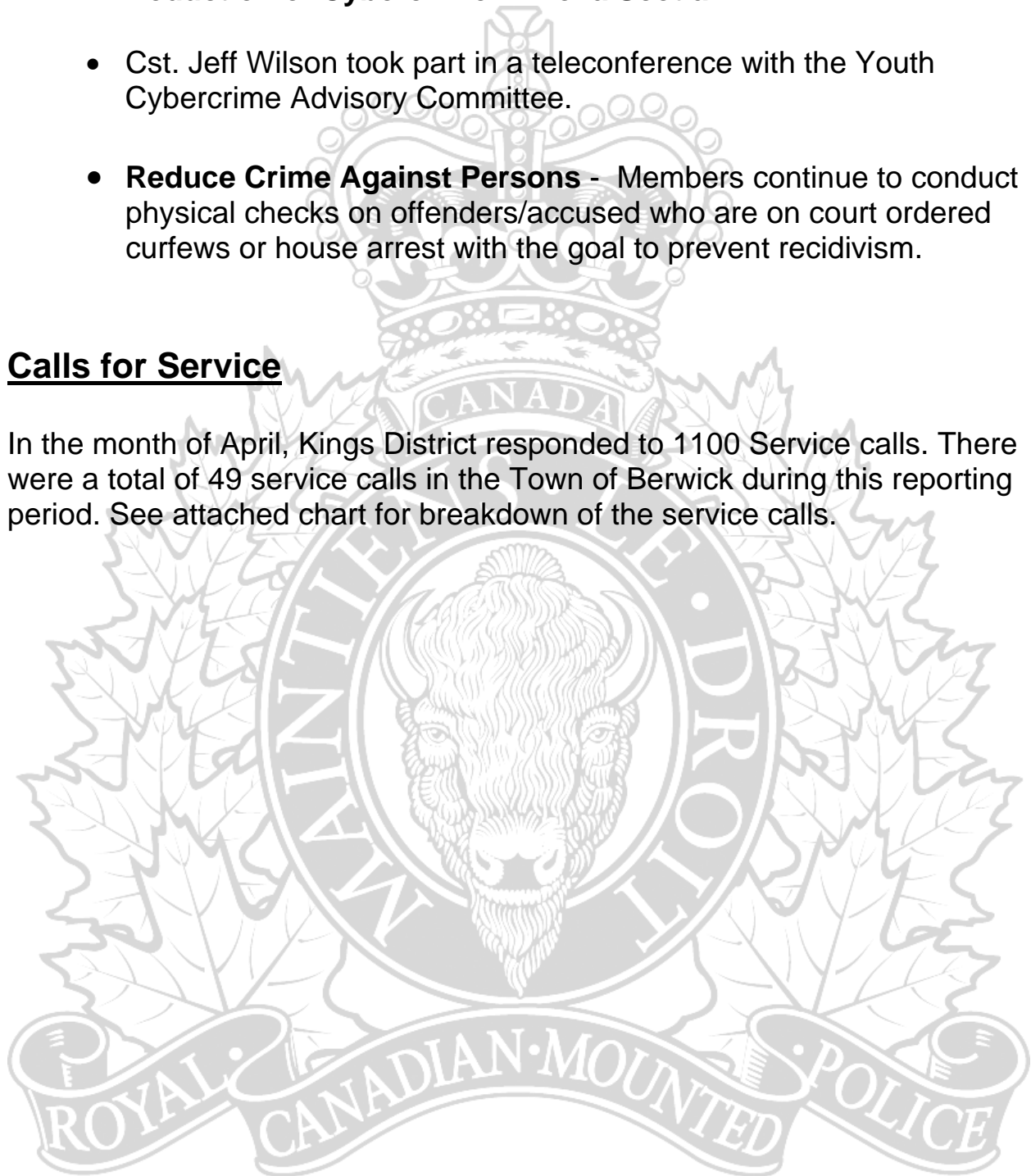


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- **Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia**
 - Cst. Jeff Wilson took part in a teleconference with the Youth Cybercrime Advisory Committee.
 - **Reduce Crime Against Persons** - Members continue to conduct physical checks on offenders/accused who are on court ordered curfews or house arrest with the goal to prevent recidivism.

Calls for Service

In the month of April, Kings District responded to 1100 Service calls. There were a total of 49 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. See attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

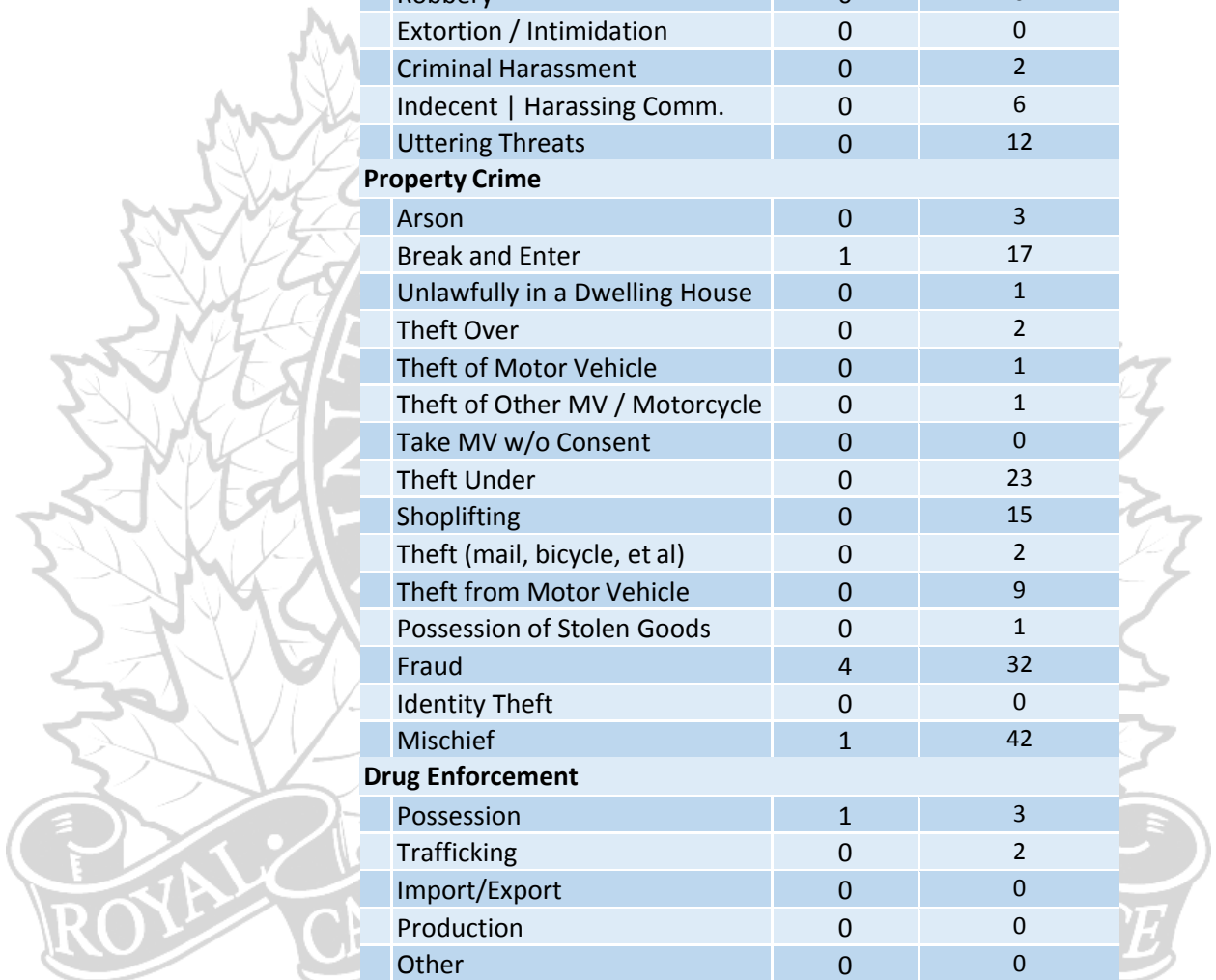


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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	April Berwick	April Kings
	2019	2019
Crimes Against Persons		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	5
Assault	0	33
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	2
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	6
Uttering Threats	0	12
Property Crime		
Arson	0	3
Break and Enter	1	17
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	1
Theft Over	0	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	1
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	1
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	0	23
Shoplifting	0	15
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	9
Possession of Stolen Goods	0	1
Fraud	4	32
Identity Theft	0	0
Mischief	1	42
Drug Enforcement		
Possession	1	3
Trafficking	0	2
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	0
Other	0	0



Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	April Berwick	April Kings
Traffic		
Dangerous Op of MV	0	1
Impaired by Alcohol	0	19
Impaired by Drug	0	5
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	1	7
Fail to Stop or Remain	1	13
Seatbelt Violation	0	2
Intersection Violation	0	7
Speeding Violation	3	49
Insurance Violation	1	7
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	4
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	8
Collision - Reportable	1	38
Collision - Non Reportable	0	15
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	1
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	12	128
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	1
Checkstop	3	25
Other		
911 Call	1	32
Breach of Court Order	1	23
Liquor Act	0	11
Mental Health Act	4	51
Missing Person	3	52
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	9
Other	6	245
Suspicious P V P	0	31
Trespass At Night	0	4
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	44	1000
Total Occurrences*	49	1,100



Proactive Police Patrols in Town of Berwick

- April 225

Other Events attended:

- Cst. Wilson attended a Senior Safety meeting.
- **April 6th** - Cst Savage attended the Berwick Lions Club pancake breakfast.
- **April 9th** – Cst Wilson attended Berwick in Red Serge for the unveiling of the war memorial.
- **April 8th** – Cst Wilson and Detachment Assistant Audrey Simms assisted MADD Canada with a presentation on the dangers of impairment by alcohol and drugs to school staff and students at École Rose-des-Vents in Greenwood.

The presentation consisted of an on-screen fictional re-enactment of the trauma that can result when someone makes the choice to take drugs or alcohol and get behind the wheel. The presentation also includes riveting interviews with people who have been injured and/or lost a loved one(s) as a result of impaired driving.



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- **April 20th** – Cst Wilson attended the Union Street Café and opened on guitar for Comedian Jay Malone. The event was a fundraiser for Berwick and District Nursey School. Over \$2600 was raised for the school.



Significant Investigations:

2019497004 – Three people suffered injuries after a vehicle collided with a Centreville home on April 13.

At approximately 7:34 a.m., New Minas RCMP responded to a call of a

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single vehicle collision on Sherman Belcher Rd., where a lone vehicle left the roadway, hit a tree, then collided with the north side of a home.

The driver, a 30-year-old man from Kentville, the lone passenger, a 37-year-old man from Aylesford, and an occupant of the home, a 76-year-old woman, were taken to hospital by EHS. Both men were treated for serious but non-life threatening injuries. The woman was treated for minor injuries.

An RCMP Collision Analyst was called to the scene and the investigation is ongoing.

2019502067 – During the early hours of April 14th, 2019, Cpl. Doyle of the Kingston RCMP conducted a traffic stop on Highway 101 near Berwick. As a result of the stop, cocaine and hash were located on one of the occupants. The 48-year-old was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on the 21st of May, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

2019485024, 2019551820, 2019545485 - Two South Alton men face charges in an April 22 break and enter at a business on Prospect Rd. in North Alton.

On April 22, Greenwich Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call of the business on fire. No one was in the business at the time. The fire was extinguished and deemed suspicious.

On April 23, items were reported missing from the business. These included a GE Profile dishwasher, seven Samsung air conditioners, a shower surround with plastic panels, four Firestone tires, multiple tools and other items.

On April 23, Kings District RCMP with the assistance of Kings District General Investigation Section, Kings District Street Crime Enforcement Unit, and the New Minas IDENT section conducted a search of a home in South Alton in regards to a separate break and enter investigation that occurred April 11, 2019. During the search, police recovered some of the

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missing items and arrested two men at the home without incident. They were the only people at the residence at the time.

A 52-year-old man and a 72-year-old man each face one charge of Break and Enter and one charge of Possession of Stolen Property. The 52-year-old man remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court. The 72-year-old was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on the 16th of July, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

The investigation is ongoing with the cause of the fire still under investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Kings District 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, or use the P3 Tips App.

2019577607 - On April 28th, just after midnight, Kings RCMP received a call of a two-vehicle collision. The driver of a red vehicle, 27-year-old man from North Alton was taken to hospital by LifeFlight. The driver of a white vehicle, a 26-year-old man from Wilmot, was transported to hospital with minor injuries. Both drivers were the only occupants in the vehicles.

Highway 101 between exit 14 and exit 15 was closed while an RCMP Traffic Analyst from Southeast Traffic Services was called to examine the scene. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of Kings District General Investigation Section and Street Crime Enforcement Unit.

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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Cst Wilson conducted a recruiting drive at West Kings School.

RCMP Kings District Office/New Minas Detachment set to open

The future RCMP Kings District Office/New Minas Detachment at 8833 Commercial St. is in its final stage of completion and will begin front counter service on April 1.

With most of the new furniture moved in and installed, contractors are testing and commissioning the structure to ensure all parts and systems are working as intended.

"Excitement continues to build as the finishing touches are completed on the new RCMP Kings District Office/New Minas Detachment," says Insp. Dan Morrow, Officer in Charge of Kings District RCMP. "The building will be a modern and efficient environment to provide top-quality policing services to our communities."

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Employees are set to move in between March 27 and 30 and they will begin serving residents out of the new building on Monday, April 1. Service will continue throughout this period and will not be interrupted.

The new building brings together administrative units for RCMP Kings District and operational units for 73 full-time employees. This includes the Southwest Nova District Policing Officer, New Minas Detachment members, Major Crimes Unit, Traffic Services, General Investigation Section, Forensic Identification Services and Police Dog Services. The units will come together under one roof for improved operations and more efficient collaboration. The building will replace the existing detachment at 18 Jones Rd.

Construction began in October 2017. Kings District RCMP will be holding a grand opening in June. Details to come at a later date.

Speeding and aggressive driving: not worth the risk

Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding motorists that speeding and aggressive driving are not worth the risk.

In 2018, Nova Scotia RCMP responded to 51 fatal and serious injury collisions that involved some form of aggressive driving (including speeding, stunting, unsafe passing and more). This painful reality is a reminder that life can change in a moment.

Speeding drastically reduces the amount of time drivers have to react to unexpected hazards, putting the drivers themselves and other road users at serious risk of being seriously injured or killed.

"People speed for many reasons, including running late and having a bad day," says Cpl. Jennifer Clarke of the Nova Scotia RCMP. "While these are certainly frustrating everyday situations, they're not worth the potentially life-changing consequences of speeding or driving aggressively."

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When it comes to the dangers of speeding, a complicating factor police often see is people not driving for the road conditions. Wet or icy roads can double your stopping distance, so it's important to adjust your driving for those factors.

The speeding fines for a first offence in Nova Scotia are:

- \$237.50 for exceeding the speed limit by one-15 km/h and two points on your license.
- \$295 for exceeding the speed limit by 16-30 km/h, three points on your license and a seven day roadside license suspension.
- \$410 for exceeding the speed limit by 31 km/h or more, four points on your license and a seven day roadside license suspension.

Stunting is \$2,422.50 for a first offence, six points on your license and an immediate seven day roadside license suspension.

Police will continue targeted enforcement to combat aggressive driving and protect road users.

If you see dangerous driving, report it to police when it is safe to do so. It is helpful to include the location of the vehicle, a description of the driver and vehicle (including license plate number, colour, make and model) as well as the vehicle's direction of travel.

Choosing to speed or drive aggressively is a potentially life-changing decision. Please make the right choice for you and other road users by driving safely.

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 - **Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia**
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Calls for Service

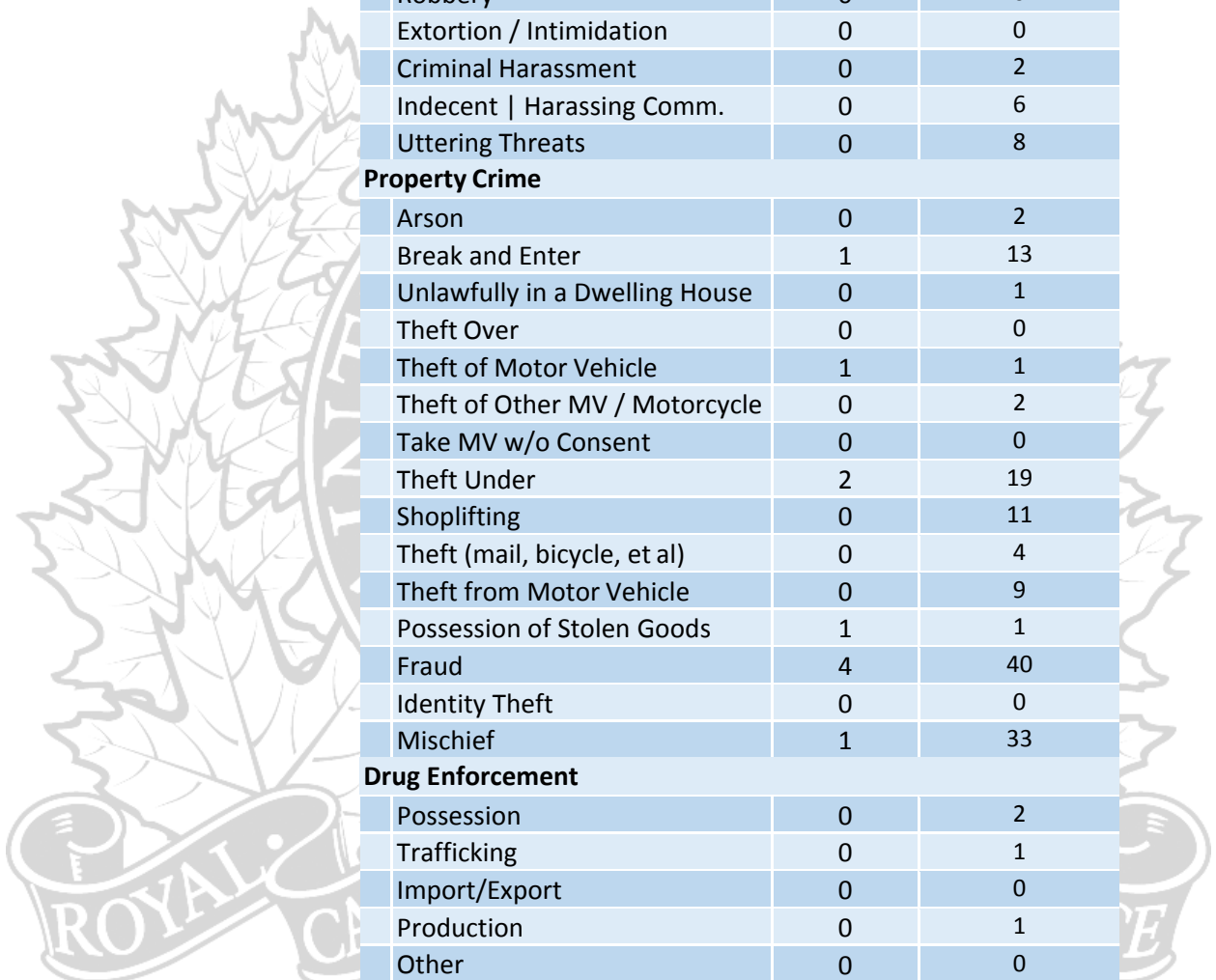
In the month of February, Kings District responded to 1002 Service calls. There were a total of 85 service calls in the Town of Berwick during this reporting period. See attached chart for breakdown of the service calls.

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Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	March Berwick	March Kings
	2019	2019
Crimes Against Persons		
Offences Related to Death	0	0
Sexual Offences	0	9
Assault	1	34
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	0	0
Criminal Harassment	0	2
Indecent Harassing Comm.	0	6
Uttering Threats	0	8
Property Crime		
Arson	0	2
Break and Enter	1	13
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	1
Theft Over	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	1
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	0	2
Take MV w/o Consent	0	0
Theft Under	2	19
Shoplifting	0	11
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	0	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	9
Possession of Stolen Goods	1	1
Fraud	4	40
Identity Theft	0	0
Mischief	1	33
Drug Enforcement		
Possession	0	2
Trafficking	0	1
Import/Export	0	0
Production	0	1
Other	0	0



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Dangerous Op of MV	0	3
Impaired by Alcohol	2	12
Impaired by Drug	0	6
Failure/Refusal	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	1	4
Fail to Stop or Remain	0	9
Seatbelt Violation	8	2
Intersection Violation	1	9
Speeding Violation	11	42
Insurance Violation	1	10
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	0	3
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	0	3
Collision - Reportable	1	24
Collision - Non Reportable	0	13
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	0	0
Municipal By-laws	0	0
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	12	139
Other Traffic Related Duties	0	1
Checkstop	7	29
Other		
911 Call	4	31
Breach of Court Order	1	19
Liquor Act	0	21
Mental Health Act	7	60
Missing Person	0	17
Municipal Bylaw - Other	0	16
Other	11	211
Suspicious P V P	1	29
Trespass At Night	0	7
Total Founded & SUI Occurrences	79	919
Total Occurrences*	85	1,002



Proactive Police Patrols in Town of Berwick

- March 227
- Cst. Kelli Gaudet worked an additional twelve days in Berwick in March.

Other Events attended:

- A checkpoint was held in Berwick to check snowmobilers. Over thirty snowmobiles went through the checkpoint.



- **March 6th:** Cst Heycock gave sixteen girl guides a tour of the Kingston RCMP detachment.
- **March 5th:** Cst Gaudet attended the Berwick afterschool program and spoke to students about crosswalk safety and also spoke about the

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role of police officers in the community. The students colored pictures and chose a name for the dog that began with the letter “m” for the RCMP name the puppy contest this year. All drawings will be forwarded to the police dog training centre in Alberta for the contest.



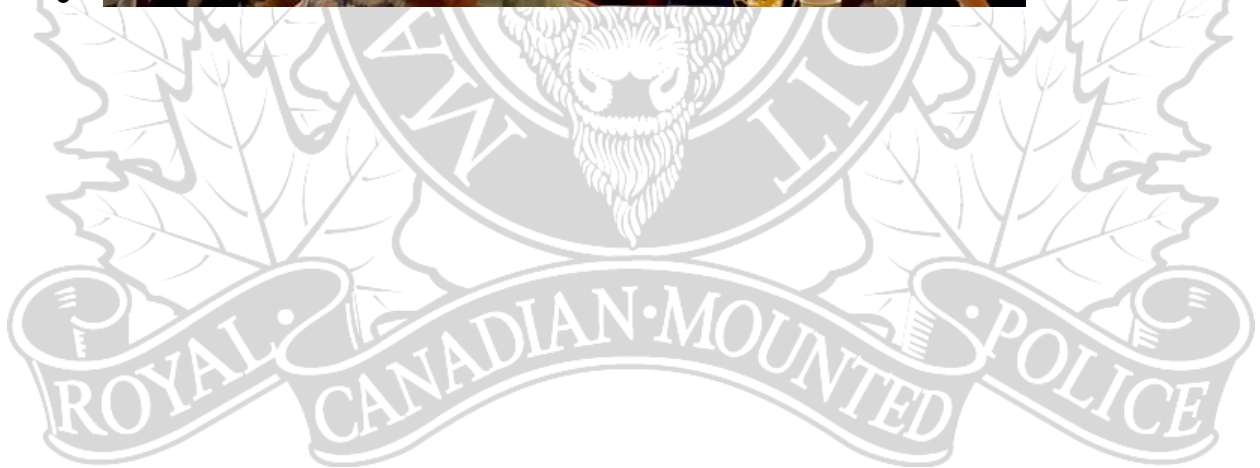
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- **March 14th:** March was Fraud awareness month. Cst. Gaudet and Senior Safety Coordinator, Michelle Parker, organized a Fraud

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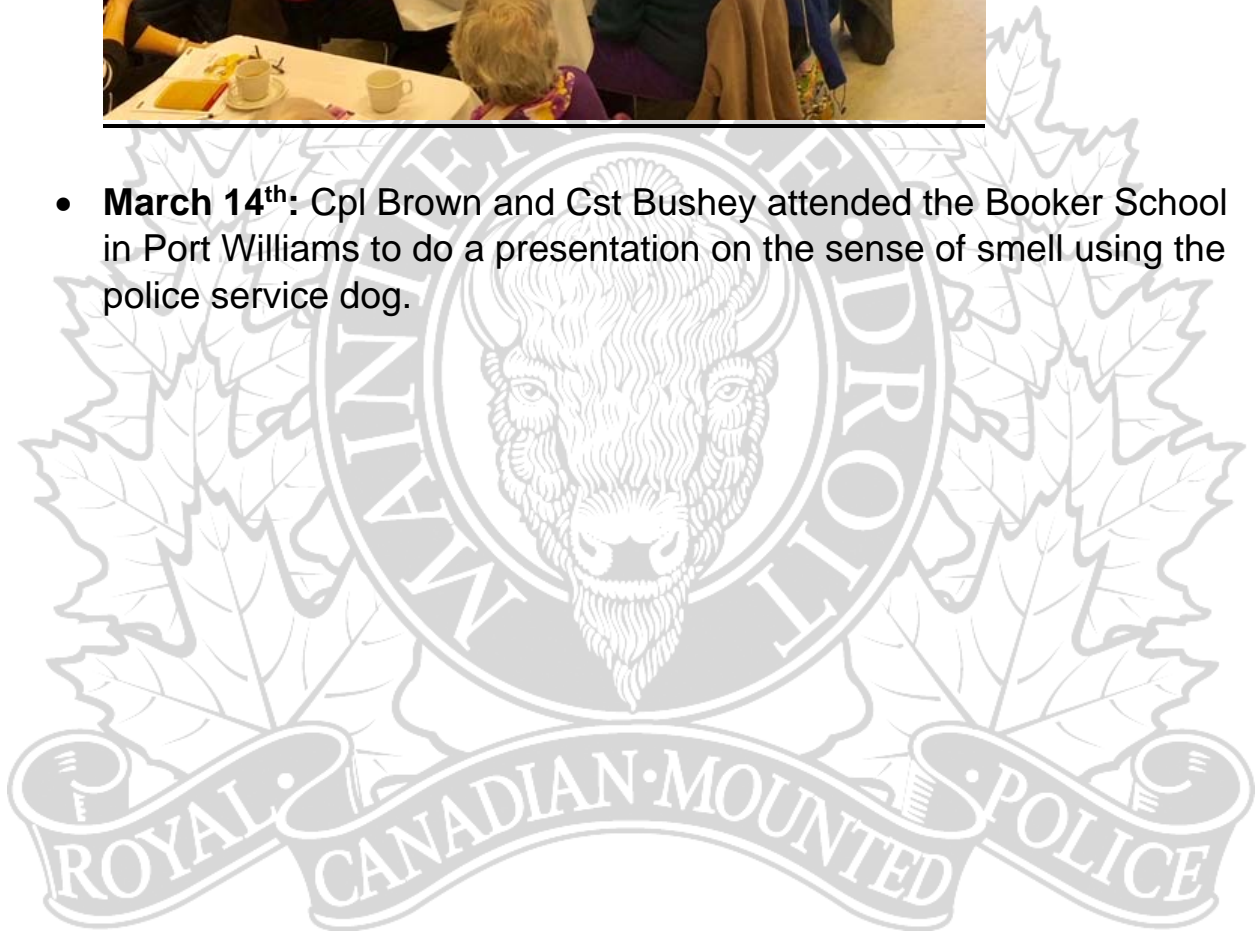
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event which focused on Frauds/Scams/CyberSafety. This event was held at the Berwick Lions Hall. Kings County Senior Safety provided sandwiches, sweets and tea and coffee for the event. Cst. Gaudet and Michelle Parker delivered an informative presentation on Frauds/Scams/Cyber Safety to approximately 100 people from the community. This event was very well received.





- **March 14th:** Cpl Brown and Cst Bushey attended the Booker School in Port Williams to do a presentation on the sense of smell using the police service dog.



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- **March 27th:** Cst Wilson did an evening presentation to youth on CyberCrime, bullying and cyberbullying at the Berwick Baptist Church.



- **March 28th:** A safe grad fundraiser was held at the Berwick Appledome. A hockey game was held between the Central Kings High School and the RCMP. Over one thousand dollars was raised.

Significant Investigations:

2019-302728 & 2019-303114 – On March 7th, 2019, the Kingston District RCMP were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on Central Avenue in Greenwood.

A vehicle had stopped suddenly on the roadway and the vehicle behind swerved to avoid a collision, colliding with a third vehicle. The drivers of the first two vehicles, who are known to each other, got into an altercation.

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People nearby separated the two men until police arrived. Both men were assessed and released at the scene by EHS.

The driver of the stopped vehicle, a 28-year-old man from Wilmot, is facing charges of Dangerous Driving and Assault. He was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court.

While attending this incident, members observed a male driver of a passing vehicle recording the scene with his cell phone. A Summary Offence Ticket was issued to the driver for using a cellphone while operating a motor vehicle on the highway. In Nova Scotia, the fine for using a cellphone while operating a motor vehicle is \$237.50. If convicted, four points are added to the driver's license.

2019-349714 - While on patrol on Hwy 101 near New Minas, Southwest Nova RCMP Traffic Services encountered a car driving eastbound erratically.

The RCMP member pulled the vehicle over and the lone occupant of the vehicle, a 32-year-old male from Auburn, displayed signs of impairment.

He was arrested and consented to providing breath samples that revealed readings four times the legal limit.

"Thankfully we do not often see impaired readings this high," says Cpl. Michael Carter, Southwest Nova Traffic Services. "Removing this driver from the road greatly enhanced public safety this past weekend."

The driver was later released from custody to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on charges of Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Impaired Operation over 80 mg.

2019311853 & 2019311872 – During the early hours of March 9, 2019, Cpl. BOUDREAU of the Kingston RCMP conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle with two occupants. The driver was a revoked driver in the Province and the vehicle was not registered, insured or inspected. The following

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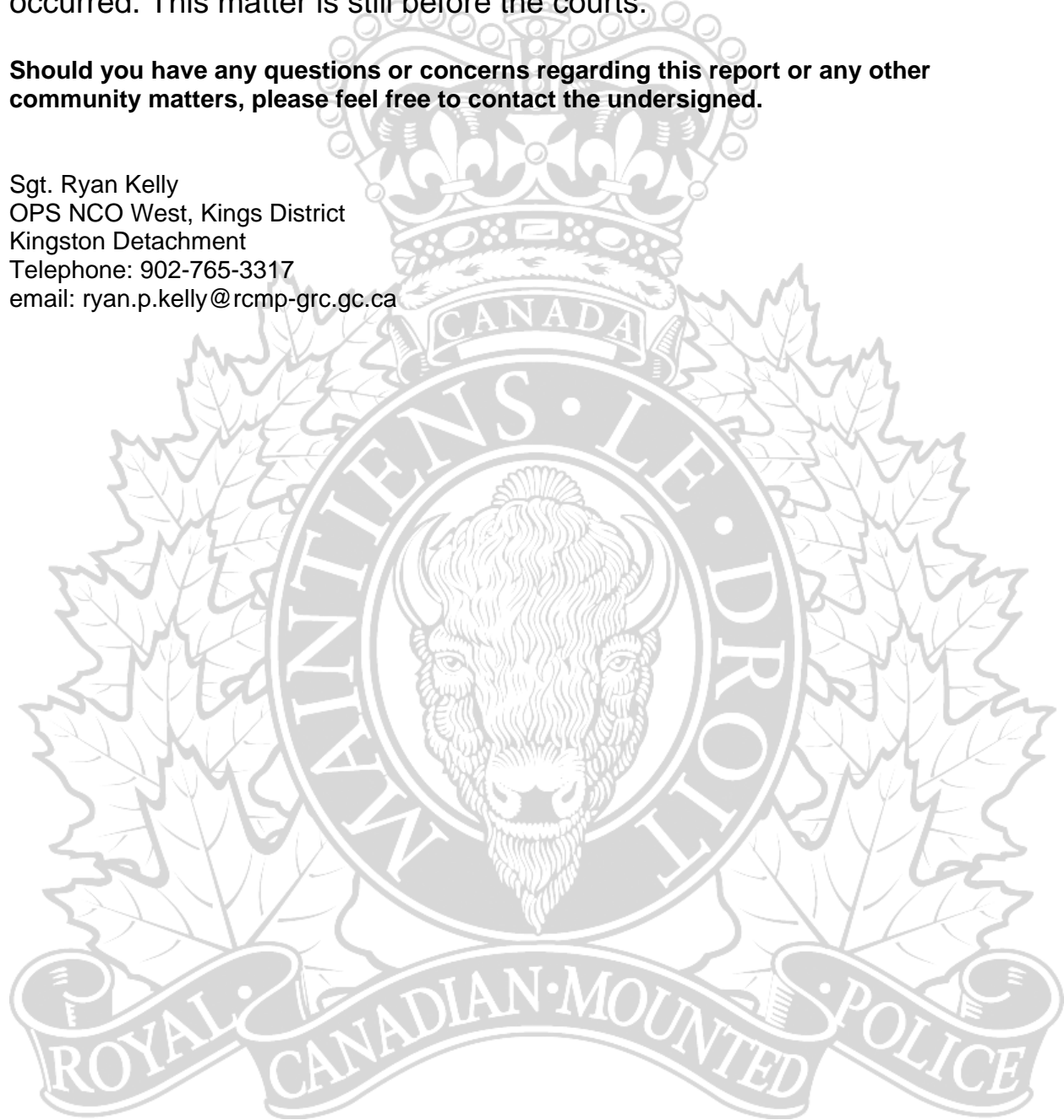


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items were also located in the vehicle Crowbars, masks, gloves, spare shoes, dark clothing and binoculars. Both males were arrested for possession of Break in tools and for a Break and Enter which had just occurred. This matter is still before the courts.

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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