



Quarterly Police Report  
Town of Mahone Bay  
July 2019  
2019/2020 Fiscal Year  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

## **1. LUNENBURG DISTRICT STAFF**

- 1 Staff Sergeant
- 2 Sergeants
- 7 Corporals
- 33 Constables
- 1 Reserve Constable
- 7 Administrative Staff
- Crime Analyst (Covers numerous areas including Lunenburg District)
- Senior Safety Coordinator (Jointly Managed with BPS)

## **2. SOUTHEAST TRAFFIC SERVICES**

- Six member Provincial Unit working out of Lunenburg District (Chester Office)
- Dedicated Traffic Enforcement throughout Lunenburg and Queens Counties.

## **3. LUNENBURG DISTRICT FLEET**

- (15) Patrol Cars
- (3) Patrol SUVs
- (5) Unmarked Police Vehicles
- (1) Police Boat
- (1) New 4 Seat UTV (Side x Side)
- (4) Patrol Bicycles

## **4. DISTRICT FACILITIES**

- Chester Detachment
- Lilydale Detachment
- Cookville Detachment
- New Germany Community Office
- Mahone Bay Community Office

## **5. GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION (Lunenburg County)**

During the last quarter, the GIS position was engaged in a number of complex investigations which included:

- In May GIS was assigned to investigate a significant Fraud/Theft committed by a Lunenburg District resident involving the Friends of Oak Island Society. Search Warrants were executed on the suspects residence. The 54 year old male suspect was arrested and released on conditions with his first appearance scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The investigation is ongoing.
- In June GIS assumed the role of File Co-ordinator for an incident where two people forced entry into two residences in Upper New Cornwall. A shotgun was discharged in each instance. One resident was seriously injured as a result. Persons of interest have been identified and the investigation is continuing. This is not believed to be a random incident.

## **6. SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICERS (Lunenburg County)**

Cst Tim Lynch continues to focus on youth at risk and clients suffering from mental illness. The objective of having this position work with identified individuals in a proactive manner in an effort to minimize their involvement with police continues to see positive results through the reduction in calls for service from these clients for non police matters. Cst Lynch is working with the School Board, Mental Health and Addictions, Senior Safety & Family Child Services, in addition to sitting on the Community Hub Committee which focuses on “at risk individuals.”

Cst. LYNCH has most recently also taken on the additional responsibility of Acting NCO I/C Lilydale Detachment/Community Policing in the absence of Cpl. Darren SLAUNWHITE.

Cst Ted Bailey continues to build and maintain relationships with staff and students within Lunenburg District. Cst. BAILEY and Cst. LYNCH have conducted 20 presentations related to “Intimate Images” as well as “Cyberbullying/Cyber Safety” throughout Lunenburg District. Cst. BAILEY continues to be the RCMP Liaison for the Gold River Eagle Feather Youth Program funded by the RCMP Foundation. Cst. BAILEY is well liked and respected within the schools and I have received positive feedback regarding his ability to connect with youth. Cst. BAILEY also deals with a significant number of incidents within the schools some of which are criminal

investigations and some of which are to minimize and manage conflicts before they escalate. With the end of the school year Cst. BAILEY was temporarily reassigned to general duties to supplement resources and focus on core policing duties through the busy summer months.

## **7. COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICER (Lunenburg County)**

Cst. Sonia UPSHAW (Chester Detachment) has moved into the Community Policing, Crime Reduction/Victim Services position during this quarter. Cst. UPSHAW has quickly established herself with multiple community partners and agencies within the District. Cst. UPSHAW has been assigned several initiatives related to public education and awareness in an effort to reduce victimization. Cst. UPSHAW is responsible for but not limited to the following:

- Crime Stoppers
- Lunenburg Victim Services Coordinator
- Crime Reduction Initiatives
- Evaluate and action various community requests on demand when applicable

## **8. CALLS FOR SERVICE**

Between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, Lunenburg District had a total of 2,745 occurrences which included Criminal Code, Controlled Drugs and Substance Act, and Provincial Act Investigations.

During the same quarter in 2018 Lunenburg District had a total of 2, 296 occurrences.

## **9. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY**

Some significant and noteworthy items this past quarter include the following:

- S/Sgt. Paul COUGHLIN has assumed the role of District Commander. S/Sgt. MACQUEEN was named as the International Liaison Officer for Canada based out of Los Angeles, California and has since relocated to Los Angeles.
- The District resource situation continues to be well managed with any vacancies as a result of outgoing and incoming transfers being minimized.
- Sgt. Mark MACPHERSON has been temporarily reassigned to another District.
- Senior Safety Coordinator role continues to have an impact on lowering calls to police related to Seniors due to pro-active work.

- District Members along with SCEU and GIS responded to an incident in Upper New Cornwall where two people forced entry into two residences. A shotgun was discharged in each instance. One resident was seriously injured as a result. Persons of interest have been identified and the investigation is continuing. This is not believed to be a random incident.
- Southwest Nova Major Crime Unit assumed the lead investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of a female in New Canada. This investigation is ongoing and a final determination related to cause and manner of death will be forthcoming.
- Southwest Nova Major Crime is also providing oversight for an ongoing investigation where a male had been deceased in a residence for several months. The cause and manner of death are not believed to be suspicious however the investigation is ongoing.
- The number of reported thefts from motor vehicles remained low during this quarter since the suspects were identified arrested and charged for several of these thefts and/or other unrelated matters.
- 8 break & enters were reported during this quarter. This is a significant reduction over the same period last year when there were 42 reported.
- 10 sexual offences were reported this quarter including 2 that have resulted in charges, 4 that are still under investigation, 1 where the investigation revealed that no offence was committed, and 3 where an offence could not be substantiated.
- Members investigated 2 incidents of an individual distributing intimate photographs without consent and one involving the making and distribution of child pornography. Charges were laid in relation to one incident and police have worked with Restorative Justice to deal with youth another youth involved matter outside of court.
- Members responded to 133 traffic related collisions this quarter which includes two Off Road Vehicle collisions. There were two collision related fatalities this quarter.
- Members investigated 18 sudden deaths. There were two suicides this quarter.
- Members responded to 62 calls regarding individuals in crisis due to mental health issues.
- Police responded to 63 incidents of possible impaired driving during the quarter. Of the calls, 7 individuals were charged with impaired driving, one of these being impaired by Drug.
- 1 alcohol related roadside suspensions was also issued in addition to those individuals charged with impaired driving.
- In addition to the work of the South Shore Traffic Services Unit (noted in a

separate section below) Lunenburg District members issued 316 Summary Offence Tickets and 901 Written Warnings during vehicle stops this quarter.

- RCMP members conducted 124 check points throughout the quarter in various locations throughout the county.

## **10. STREET CRIME ENFORCEMENT UNIT & OTHER DRUG ACTIVITIES**

Throughout the quarter,

SCEU assisted GIS on numerous larger investigations throughout the county.

SCEU's stats for the quarter are:

- **1** Criminal Code Warrant Executed
- **4** Drug Warrants/Search Executed
- **4** Individuals Charged
- **8** Criminal Code charges Laid
- **3** Drug charges Laid
- **\$1200.00** Value Of Property Seized
- **\$300.00** Value of Drugs Seized

## **11. DEDICATED TRAFFIC SERVICES STATS**

These below statistics are in addition to the "Road Safety" work conducted by Lunenburg County District members.

- **562** SOTS
- **127** Warnings
- **35** Checkpoints
- **1** Roadside Suspensions

## 12. TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

- During the months of April through June there were ten occurrences of Thefts from Motor Vehicles in Mahone Bay. This number is down from 24 occurrences during the same period last year.
- The number of checkstops increased by six over the same period last year. There was a decrease of 18 for traffic offence occurrences.
- One individual was issued a SOT under the Cannabis Control Act for Illegally Transporting Cannabis in a motor vehicle.
- The RCMP investigated one sudden death of in Mahone Bay
- There were no calls for service involving individuals in mental health crisis during this reporting period.
- Multiple member response to what was determined to be a “swatting call” where an allegation was made that someone had been murdered on Edgewater Street. Call determined to be a hoax.
- The decrease in overall occurrences is mostly attributed to the decrease in occurrences related to traffic offences.
- Cst. BAILEY’s and LYNCH (SSRO’s) conducted multiple presentations to various classes at Bayview Academy related to Intimate Images/Cyber Safety.
- Reservist RICHARD has spent multiple hours conducting bicycle patrols in Mahone Bay during this reporting period.

Respectfully submitted,

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