



Quarterly Police Report
Town Of Mahone Bay
October 2018

1. LUNENBURG DISTRICT STAFF

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

2. LUNENBURG & QUEENS 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 reassigned to patrol duties as a result of shortages due to sick leave, parental leave, vacations, etc.

6. SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICERS (Lunenburg County)

Cst Tim Lynch is working in one of the two SSRO positions with a focus on youth at risk and clients suffering from mental illness. The objective will be to have this position work with identified individuals in a proactive manner in an effort to minimize their involvement with police. Cst Lynch is working with the School Board, Mental Health and Addictions, Family Child Services, in addition to sitting on the Community Hub Committee which focuses on “at risk individuals.”

Cst Rod Francis has left the RCMP for a job with the South Shore School Board. A replacement for Cst Francis has been selected and is in the process of selling his residence in Cape Breton as part of his relocation to Lunenburg County.

7. COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICER (Lunenburg County)

Cst Angela MacEachern will be retiring from the RCMP in January 2019. The District Commander is actively looking for a replacement for this position. During what has been an extended absence for Cst MacEachern, Cpl Darren Slaunwhite who oversees the CPO position, has been responsible to ensure the following CPO activities are being actioned:

- Crime Stoppers
- Lunenburg Victim Services Coordinator
- Lunenburg County Community Alcohol Partnership
- Evaluate and action various community requests on demand when applicable

8. CALLS FOR SERVICE

Between July 1st 2018 and September 30th 2018, Lunenburg District had a total of 2,934 occurrences which included Criminal Code, Controlled Drugs and Substance Act, and Provincial Act Investigations.

9. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY

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

- During the last quarter, the District’s officers were depleted due to a variety of reasons such as PAT leave, MAT Leave, Sick Leave, Light Duties, Retirements, and Transfers. The District was short 11 positions or 26% over the summer months and currently remains at that level. Patrol Shifts are being maintained through reassignments, overtime, and members coming in from Districts throughout South West Nova.

- Two new Public Servants were hired during the quarter. Allison Smith will work from the Chester Detachment and Kristina Howe will work from the Cookville Office.
- Senior Safety Coordinator role is having a very good impact on lowering calls to police related to Seniors due to pro-active work.
- Members provided extra policing resources this quarter at events and festivals throughout the entire County. Examples were Chester Race Week, Riverfest, Lunenburg's Folk Festival, New Ross Days, Canada Day, Heartland Tour, Ride for Cancer etc,
- Police stopped a vehicle in Mahone Bay involved in a domestic dispute situation. After initially stopping, the driver fled the traffic stop at high speed in his vehicle. Prior to the pursuit being called off due to the public safety issues posed by the way the suspect was driving, he narrowly missed a head on collision with a responding officer. The suspect was later arrested at his residence in Martin's Point and has been charged with numerous offences.
- Brian Langille of Blockhouse was arrested and charged with possession of child pornography material as part of an ongoing investigation into Langille's inappropriate (criminal) relationships with youth in the area.
- Officers have been called to a number of "Swatting" calls. In these cases, police have responded to calls of sexual assaults, reported shootings, and murder, only to find that the call was a prank originating from the United States.
- 11 sexual assaults were reported this quarter including 3 that have resulted in charges, 6 that are still under investigation, and 2 where the investigation revealed that no offence was committed.
- Members investigated 5 incidents of individuals distributing intimate photographs without consent.
- Members responded to 74 calls of assaults this quarter including 12 calls of assault with a weapon. Charges have been laid in 26 of these matters and 7 are still under investigation.
- Members responded to 178 traffic related collisions this quarter. Two of these collisions were fatalities.
- Members investigated 28 sudden deaths including 4 suicides this quarter.
- Members responded to 100 calls regarding individuals in crisis due to mental health issues.
- Police responded to 120 incidents of possible impaired driving during the quarter. Of the calls, 21 individuals were charged with impaired driving and 9 were given 7 day suspensions.
- District members conducted bike patrols in Lunenburg Town and Mahone Bay.
- Police continued with boat patrols throughout the quarter ensuring boaters had the required safety equipment and to deter those operating boats while impaired.

- In addition to the work of the South Shore Traffic Services Unit (noted in a separate section below) Lunenburg District members issued either a ticket or a written warning in 624 vehicle stops this quarter.
- Officers charged 12 individuals with driving while prohibited/suspended.
- RCMP members conducted 93 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 investigations throughout the county.

SCEU's stats for the quarter are:

- **4** Criminal Code Warrant Executed
- **2** Drug Warrants Executed
- **5** Individuals Charged
- **7** Criminal Code charges Laid
- **5** Drug charges Laid
- **60,400.00** Value Of Property & Drugs Seized

11. DEDICATED TRAFFIC SERVICES STATS

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

- **673** SOTS
- **215** Warnings
- **99** Checkpoints
- **3** Roadside Suspensions

12. TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

- Throughout the Summer months additional resources were dedicated specifically to the Town of Mahone Bay to ensure an adequate level of service during events such as the Heritage Boatyard Festival and most recently the scarecrow festival. This included boat patrols of Mahone Bay and surrounding area. As a result of the significant attendance for the scarecrow festival this year the RCMP has committed to working with the town to mitigate public safety concerns for future events.
- The RCMP increased covert and overt patrols in the town of Mahone Bay following the most recent Business break and enters at Plovers/Lahave Bakery & The Pearl Shop. A suspect has been identified through the investigation and efforts made by General Duty members as well as the Street Crime Enforcement Unit to apprehend him. The suspect has relocated to Halifax making it difficult to locate him however a Warrant for Arrest has been issued.
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- The Speed Signs continue to provide valuable information to the RCMP regarding the frequency of speeding offences and the peak time of day. This allows the RCMP to strategically target offenders.

Occurrences for Mahone Bay:

- **105 Total**
- **9 SOT's**
- **14 Written Warnings**
- **10 Checkstops**

Respectfully submitted,

David FERGUSON, Sgt
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