



Quarterly Police Report
Town of Mahone Bay
January 2019

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 engaged in a number of complex investigations which included:

- An infant was airlifted to hospital suffering significant life threatening injuries. Our GIS member worked with a significant number of specialists (doctors, family child services) to complete the investigation which was ultimately ruled accidental and non-criminal in nature.
- GIS and Southwest Nova Major Crime Unit investigated the death of a three week old infant. Through an intensive investigation it was determined that the death was non-criminal in nature.
- GIS and SCEU worked on an individual who is believed to have committed over 100 break and enters and thefts during 2018. The individual is believed to have stolen over half a million dollars in property during that timeframe. A joint task force lead by Lunenburg County RCMP was put together including RCMP officers from Halifax County, Kings County, Windsor, and East Hants. The investigation resulted in the arrest of three individuals, one of which was charged with over 50 offences. Police recovered a large amount of stolen property which has been returned to it's rightful owners. This investigation consumed the majority of both the GIS and SCEU member's time during the past quarter.

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 Ted Bailey recently sold his residence in Cape Breton and will be joining our District in February. Cst Bailey is replacing Cst Rod Francis who resigned from the RCMP in August 2018. Cst Bailey's focus will be providing service to the 19 schools throughout 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 October 1st 2018 and December 31st 2018, Lunenburg District had a total of 3,120 occurrences which included Criminal Code, Controlled Drugs and Substance Act, and Provincial Act Investigations.

During 2018, Lunenburg County District responded to 11,095 occurrences of service. This is a significant increase when compared to the years of 2014 and 2015 which had totals of 9,062 and 9,260 respectively.

9. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY

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

- I am pleased to report that the District resource situation has improved significantly since the summer months. Currently, the District is short four positions. Three of those positions have individuals identified who are attempting to sell their houses in their current posts to relocate to this area.
- Senior Safety Coordinator role is having a very good impact on lowering calls to police related to Seniors due to pro-active work.
- Members participated in various community events this quarter including Legion Breakfasts, Fire Hall dinners, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, and Christmas Parades.
- There have been 51 thefts from motor vehicle in various locations throughout the county.
- 9 sexual assaults were reported this quarter including 2 that have resulted in charges, 4 that are still under investigation, 2 where the investigation revealed that no offence was committed, and one where an offence could not be substantiated.
- Members investigated 1 incident of an individual distributing intimate photographs without consent.
- Members responded to 66 calls of assaults this quarter including 7 calls of assault with a weapon. Charges have been laid in 24 of these matters and 3 are still under investigation.
- Members responded to 177 traffic related collisions this quarter. There were no collision related fatalities this quarter.
- Members investigated 11 sudden deaths. There were no suicides this quarter.
- Members responded to 55 calls regarding individuals in crisis due to mental health

issues.

- Police responded to 99 incidents of possible impaired driving during the quarter. Of the calls, 11 individuals were charged with impaired driving and 7 were given 7 day suspensions.
- 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 550 vehicle stops this quarter.
- Officers charged 16 individuals with driving while prohibited/suspended.
- RCMP members conducted 153 check points throughout the quarter in various locations throughout the county.

10. TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

- Complaint of an unruly outh assaulting staff member at Bayview School. Members attended. Matter investigated. Restorative Justice Referral completed.
- A male driver known to police apprehended for driving while disqualified.
- Two calls for service regarding a resident burning wood in a closed fire pit on private property. Fire Dept. also contacted by the complainant. No contraventions of any regulations noted.
- 30 year old male arrested and charged with Impaired Operation by alcohol after vehicle driven into river.
- 54 year old female charged under the Liquor Control Act after being apprehended at a checkpoint with open liquor in the vehicle.
- 2 Complaints of suspicious persons were investigated and determined to be non criminal.
- Charges laid against a male for Uttering Threats toward ex partner. The accused was placed on no contact conditions with the victim.
- Report of a stolen vehicle. Investigation revealed the vehicle was taken by a family member and hidden. Family member responsible was uncooperative with police however the vehicle was recovered and returned. Complainant declined charges.
- Scarecrow Festival – Additional Resources were allocated to Mahone Bay during this years festival weekends. Large crowd resulted in some parking/congestion issues that were managed by members in town. Additional pre-planning to occur next year with REMO being consulted.
- Ride for the Cure & Rum Runners Relay – Additional Resources were allocated to Mahone Bay during these events which ran simultaneous to Scarecrow Festival.
- Father Christmas Festival – Additional resources were allocated to Mahone Bay during the Tree Lighting ceremony and the Reindeer Run. Cpl. SLAUNWHITE and Sgt. FERGUSON assisted with the safety planning for these events.

11. 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:

- **5** Criminal Code Warrant Executed
- **0** Drug Warrants Executed
- **3** Individuals Charged
- **48** Criminal Code charges Laid
- **0** Drug charges Laid
- **\$15,000.00** Value Of Property Seized

12. DEDICATED TRAFFIC SERVICES STATS

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

- **802** SOTS
- **109** Warnings
- **137** Checkpoints
- **4** Roadside Suspensions

Respectfully submitted,

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