



Quarterly Police Report
Town of Mahone Bay
April 2017

1. LUNENBURG DISTRICT STAFF

- 1 Staff Sergeant
- 2 Sergeants
- 7 Corporals
- 33 Constables
- 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

- Five member Provincial Unit working out of Lunenburg District (Cookville)
- Dedicated Traffic Enforcement throughout Lunenburg and Queens Counties.

3. LUNENBURG DISTRICT FLEET

- (15) Patrol Cars
- (3) Patrol SUVs
- (5) Unmarked Police Vehicles
- (2) Police Boats
- (2) ATVs
- (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)

Highlights of GIS files over the last quarter include:

- Cst Laura Adams is on restricted leave due to pregnancy. She has been removed from patrol duties and is working in GIS with Cst Swain for the time being.

- GIS was instrumental in discovering and dismantling a large scale theft operation in the New Germany area. Police seized equipment valued at approximately 300,000.00 dollars that had been stolen from locations throughout Nova Scotia. One male has been charged and all property has been returned to the rightful owners.
- GIS assisted SCEU with numerous drug investigations throughout the quarter.
- GIS investigated a report of a home invasion in Blockhouse and determined that the incident did not occur as reported. Charges of public mischief are being considered along with a charge of theft. A number of search warrants were executed for this occurrence.
- GIS conducted a child pornography investigation in Hebb's Cross.
- Cst Swain travelled to Ottawa and attended the Canadian Police College obtaining the latest training regarding Human Trafficking investigations.

6. SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICER (Lunenburg County)

During this quarter Cst Rod Francis completed the following duties:

- Works with school administration on a daily basis to improve student/staff safety.
- Conducted 41 "Cyber Crime and Bullying" presentations to school staff, parents, and students.
- Attended 9 "Hub" meetings.
- Conducted numerous interviews with children involved in sexual assault and/or child abuse files.
- Works with Family Child Services on a weekly basis regarding suspected abuse/neglect cases.
- Continues to work on a number of child autism cases where police have been involved.

7. COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICER (Lunenburg County)

Cst Angela MacEachern who is the only CPO member for Lunenburg District has been off duty since the end of August. As a result, District Managers met together, including Cst MacEachern to determine the list of priorities to be covered off in her absence. All of the CPO duties, activities, and committees that Angela had been working on was discussed and ranked according to their impact on policing operations. The most notable concern was that our CPO position was involved in many activities that did not make the position effective or efficient. The CPO was involved in more than 40 committees or activities, with many of them having minimum or no impact on policing. Through this exercise, we identified that the CPO position was in dire need to be refocused.

A list of CPO responsibilities was developed starting with the mandatories that this position is required to carry out, to those with the least impact on our operations. Cpl Slaunwhite was assigned to cover off the most pressing commitments. S/Sgt MacQueen has replaced Cst MacEachern on some of the mandatory committees including Senior Safety, Hybrid Hub Tier 1, and Health and Safety. When Cst MacEachern returns to work, we will carefully manage this position to ensure that activities that are added meet the program mandate and are an efficient use of the resource. In the meantime, the following activities will be actioned:

- Weekly Hybrid Hub
- Crime Stoppers
- Auxiliary Constable Coordinator
- Lunenburg Victim Services Coordinator
- Lunenburg County Community Alcohol Partnership
- Comstat
- Assisting our Senior Safety Coordinator
- Evaluate and action various community requests on demand when applicable

We have notified other groups/committees that due to our current resource situation, for the time being, we are unable to participate in all activities.

8. CALLS FOR SERVICE

Between January 1st 2017 and March 31st 2017, Lunenburg District had a total of **1967** occurrences which included Criminal Code Investigations, Provincial Act Investigations and Assistance Investigations. For the fiscal year (April 2016 – April 2017) members responded to **9,368** calls for service.

- There was a **decrease** in crimes against persons of 6 % this year.
- There was a **decrease** in property crime of 12 % this year.
- There was an **increase** in self-generated traffic stats of 17 % this year.

9. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY

Some significant files throughout the District this past quarter are noted below:

- January 18th: Clearland resident called to report a man was walking around late morning with long gun. Area residents were concerned for their safety. One caller reported SOC had blood all over him. 7 members responded. Located SOC

in residence. Misunderstanding and he had been out hunting crows. No charges laid, but excellent response to initial complaint.

- Lunenburg District members responded to a call where three individuals forced their way into a Lunenburg Town apartment on New Year's Day and physically assaulted the two residents. Arrests have been made in this matter and charges are before the courts.
- Lunenburg District members responded to a call of a male with a loaded rifle holding hostages and threatening to kill them at a residence in Hubbards. The suspect also threatened to kill police upon their arrival. An off duty RCMP officer (neighbor to where the incident was occurring) was notified of the incident, attended, and disarmed the male without injury to anyone. Charges have been laid in this matter.
- Lunenburg District members attended the Cookville Walmart due to a 911 call of a male armed with knives and a gun. Members attended and observed the male with the weapons. Police were able to get into a position to disarm the suspect without injury to store staff or customers. Police seized two replica handguns, one of which was located in the suspect's lower back waist band, along with two large knives. Charges have been laid in this matter
- Lunenburg District members responded to a call of gun shots being fired in the area of Gold River. Police stopped a car that matched the description of a car in the area of the shots being fired. The driver was arrested for an impaired driving investigation. During the search of the car, police seized a .22 handgun and ammunition. A male has been charged in this matter.
- A Lunenburg District member attempted to stop a vehicle that was driving in excess of 160 km/hr on Hwy 103 near Chester. The vehicle failed to stop for police and subsequently drove across the highway and over an embankment. The driver survived the crash however the investigation determined that the male was suicidal and attempted to end his life by driving off the road.
- In January, SCEU commenced investigating a local drug trafficker who was introducing Fentanyl to drug users in Lunenburg County. Within a short timeframe, police responded to four Fentanyl overdoses. In three of these cases, the patient was revived after being administered Naloxone by first responders. The fourth individual did not survive. On March 5th 2017, the drug investigation culminated in a targeted vehicle stop on Hwy 103 in Chester where the trafficker was arrested. Six ounces of powder cocaine, twenty grams of crack cocaine and fourteen Fentanyl pills were seized. The individual was held for Court where he pled guilty on first appearance and was sentenced to 36 months custody.
- On March 3rd 2017, SCEU members conducted a targeted vehicle stop in Cookville on two known Halifax based drug traffickers. The individuals were arrested and marihuana was seized. Information from the traffic stop was passed

on to the Integrated Guns and Gangs Unit in Halifax who on the same date executed a search warrant on the arrested parties' residence seizing additional drugs. Charges are pending in this matter.

- During this past quarter, patrol members responded to 102 mental health distress calls.
- Members investigated 22 sudden deaths including 8 suicides this quarter.
- Five individuals were charged with impaired driving by alcohol, one person was charged with impaired by drugs, and seven drivers were issued seven day suspensions for alcohol.
- In addition to the work of the South Shore Traffic Services Unit on our roadways, Lunenburg District members issued 187 Motor Vehicle Act tickets, 499 Warnings, and 16 Defect Notices.
- In addition to the a/n tickets, police charged 14 individuals with driving while prohibited/suspended.
- RCMP members conducted 86 check points throughout the quarter in various locations throughout the county.
- The Mobile Speed Trailer was not deployed this quarter due to the salt/weather conditions which affect the electronics.
- Traffic enforcement operations (Distracted Driving, Move Over Legislation, Stop Signs, Crosswalks, Seatbelts) were set up throughout the quarter in various locations throughout the District including all zones, MODL, MODC, Mahone Bay, and Lunenburg Town.
- Members are continuing with our "Crime Reduction Strategy" which specifically targets the small group of identified individuals committing a large amount of the property crime in the area.
- Officers are using COMSTAT intelligence provided by our Crime Analyst to patrol areas that have been identified as "at risk" for offence occurrence.

10. TOWN OF MAHONE BAY

During this quarter, Mahone Bay had a total of 52 occurrences which included Criminal Code and Provincial Act investigations.

- February 20th: On February 20th 2017, police conducted a targeted traffic stop on a vehicle in Mahone Bay. SCEU members with assistance from patrol members arrested the three occupants. Police seized powder cocaine, crack cocaine, marihuana and marihuana edibles. One female was arrested and charged. She subsequently plead guilty and was sentenced to 60 days incarceration.
- GIS and SCEU members stopped a vehicle and arrested the lone male occupant; a quantity of fentanyl, cocaine and crack was seized. He subsequently plead guilty

- and was sentenced to over two years incarceration in a Federal institution.
- Police responded to a complaint of domestic assault at the Community Center; one female has been charged and is due to appear in court in April.
 - Members responded to a complaint of a suspended driver; one female has been charged and is before the courts.
 - Members responded to an attempt B&E at Rebecca's restaurant; no entry gained and minor damage.
 - During this quarter there were 8 Checkstops in Mahone Bay. The following are some examples of the enforcement involved: January 31st - "B" Watch targeted phone & seatbelt violators. Tim Horton's parking lot area. 3 members spent a few hours on the road doing traffic enforcement. Members spent about 1.5 hours in town using the unmarked looking for seatbelt, intersection and distracted driving offences. February 9th - 3 officers took the opportunity to conduct some distracted driving enforcement in Mahone Bay this afternoon. Approx 2 hours in Mahone Bay and caught 1 cell phone and multiple seatbelt violations. February 21st - Watch Commander patrolled town and no violators observed.
 - In response to requests from council and residents, members have increased visibility through numerous foot patrols.
 - February 3rd: Memorial service for Mosque shooting victims (6) in Quebec. Imam of the Blockhouse Mosque, Sam Saied, hosted the Memorial Service and invited everyone to come to the service to meet with members of the Islamic community. Cst Hamidi & Cst Kane attended @ 1400 hrs.
 - Retired Staff Sergeant Jean-Guy Richard will be returning as a Reservist for the months of May through October. This comes at no additional cost to the Towns. He will work out of the Mahone Bay office and be dedicated to policing Mahone Bay and Lunenburg towns, various festivals throughout the County, along with water based patrols.
 - S/Sgt MacQueen assigned Reservist - Don Gray, who is doing work for RCMP recruiting (background checks/interviews) to work from the Mahone Bay office.

11. STREET CRIME ENFORCEMENT UNIT & OTHER DRUG ACTIVITIES

SCEU's stats for the quarter are:

- 1 Drug Search Warrants executed
- 4 Criminal Code Warrant executed

- **5** Individuals Charged
- **22** Criminal Code charges laid
- **10** Drug charges laid
- Property Value Seized (Recovered): **302,625.00**
- Estimated street value of drugs seized: **19,460.00**
- Cash seized: **260.00**
- Firearms Seized: **0**

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by,

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