



**EAST HANTS DISTRICT RCMP - Enfield and Rawdon Detachments**

**QUARTERLY POLICING REPORT  
FOR  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST HANTS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

This is the first quarterly report for fiscal year 2017/2018, for the period April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017.

I am pleased to advise that East Hants RCMP will again focus on the provincial and detachment priorities of road safety, crime prevention and reduction, and First Nations. We encourage the Municipality to come forward with any other public safety priorities they would like to see implemented.

- ❖ **Road Safety** – Our efforts in road safety has contributed to safer roadways in Nova Scotia. Due to our success in this area, we will again follow a monthly Road Safety calendar with targeted enforcement and check stops with the aim of reducing fatalities and serious collisions. More lives are lost on Nova Scotia highways than homicides and serious assaults and workplace accidents combined.
  - We will also focus on educating motorists each month in a particular traffic area. The monthly calendar is as follows: January – Intersection Safety; February – Distracted Driving; March – Occupant Restraints; April – Speeding/Aggressive Driving; May – Motorcycle Safety; June – Distracted Driving; July – Construction Zone Driving; August – Impaired Driving; September – Back to School; October – Intersection Safety; November – Winter Road Safety, and in December – Impaired Driving.
  - In addition, we have committed to increase overall road safety enforcement by all of our officers, including an increase in check points.
- ❖ **Crime Prevention and Reduction** – Over the past several years, we have spent considerable time focusing our efforts on expanding crime reduction initiatives to reduce crimes against persons and property. We will continue to do this by:
  - Engaging crime analysts and other government stakeholders for identification of prolific offenders, crime hot spots, and other factors to focus police resources where they will best reduce crime.
  - Completing nightly breach checks of our high risk offenders who are at large in the community to make sure they are abiding by court sanctioned conditions.
  - Delivering senior safety and anti-fraud education in the community.
  - Delivering anti-bullying seminars in our schools.
  - Identifying youth at risk– Our School Resource officer and other members will continue to work closely with schools, community groups, and other stakeholders to reduce the involvement of our youth in criminal activity by identifying risk factors that are often indicators of future criminal behavior. By identifying these risk factors and intervening holistically with other partner agencies and schools we can reduce the likelihood of these high risk youth from becoming involved in criminal activity.
  - Cybercrime – “The RCMP interprets cybercrime to be any crime where the Internet and information technologies, such as computers, tablets, personal digital assistants or mobile devices – has a substantial role in the commission of a criminal offence.” This includes criminal offences such as fraud, identify theft, organized crime, child sexual exploitation, etc. This past year we have had

significant success with our Internet Child Exploitation Unit in identifying and laying charges related to online predators, Child Pornography, Luring, and Sexual Assault. Members will continue to receive training in enhanced investigation skills and will continue to partner with our Integrated Child Exploitation Team where and when necessary.

#### **QUARTER - SIGNIFICANT POLICE OCCURRENCES (April 1 – June 30, 2017):**

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- In March 2017, the Integrated Internet Child Exploitation Unit and RCMP East Hants executed a search warrant and made an arrest at a home in Zone 6R. A 45 year old male was charged with Making Available Child Pornography, Accessing Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography. The matter is now before the court.

*“In Nova Scotia, it is mandatory for citizens to report suspected child pornography. This means that anyone who encounters child pornography material or recordings must report it to the police. Failing to report suspicious activity and materials could result in penalties similar to failure to report child abuse set out in the Child and Family Service Act. The RCMP encourages citizens to be a voice for children who are victims of sexual exploitation by reporting any suspected offences to your local police or by using Canada’s National Tip line for reporting online sexual exploitation of children at [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca).”*  
<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/ns/home>.

- On April 2, 2017, paramedics and fire personnel were called to assist with a medical call at a residence in Zone 6. A 63 year old male made threats to burn the house down and told responders that he had a gun, and he later threatened police. Fire and paramedics left the residence and called the RCMP. Members from East Hants, Millbrook and Indian Brook detachments responded. The scene was contained and residents of nearby homes were asked to evacuate or stay in their basements until the situation was resolved. The RCMP Emergency Response Team, assisted by a Crisis Negotiator and RCMP Police Dog Services and an HRP K9 Unit, were also called to assist. Contact was established with the male and he was arrested without incident. The man was held in custody and is facing a number of other criminal charges. The matter is now before the court.
- On April 3, 2017, the East Hants RCMP was called to investigate a fatal structure fire which resulted in the death of a 27 year old woman in Zone 3. A fire occurred in a garage which was detached from an adjacent home. Two young children were rescued from the home. A lengthy and significant investigation revealed that the fire was intentionally set and that the death was a homicide. On July 26, 2017, a 27 year old male was arrested without incident in Halifax, taken into custody, and charged with second degree murder. The charge was the direct result of a significant amount of time and resources dedicated to finding the person responsible for this tragic and untimely death. The matter is now before the court. East Hants detachment received assistance from investigators from all over the province, in addition to the RCMP Major Crime Unit.

- For the last quarter, there has been a moderate spike in theft of vehicles in Zones 12, 6R, and 14. Investigations are ongoing. Residents are strongly reminded to lock their vehicles and premises as many of these thefts are preventable crimes. Rural areas are susceptible to crime, just as our more urban communities are.

## **COMMUNITY POLICING:**

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- Pro-active patrols in our business parks– between April and June, 2017, there were approximately:
  - 83 patrols - Mount Uniacke Business Park.
  - 100 patrols – Elmsdale Business Park.
- Our School Liaison Officer has been extremely active this past three months with our high school students who were graduating. A proactive educational approach to underage drinking/drugs/impaired driving/road safety prior to prom nights was taken resulting in a positive graduation experience for most of our students. Cst. Ponee also attended the various graduations in red serge and actively participated in walking graduates and presenting awards.
- On Canada Day, we had seven members march in red serge in the Canada Day parade in torrential rain. Ten members also attended in red serge aboard the USS Dwight Eisenhower. (See attached photos).
- Summer fairs, parades, mud running and jam festivals in East Hants have been keeping RCMP Enfield and Rawdon busy.
- The Community Policing officer has also attended various senior card games, Earthkeepers Youth Night, Fellowship Café, and has made presentations on break and enters and home security.
- Volunteer Appreciation night was held at the Enfield Detachment. Various members of MADD, Citizens on Patrol (COP), Crime Prevention and Ground Search and Rescue attended and received certificates.
- Police week was May 15 -20, 2017. On May 20, 2017, Enfield RCMP hosted the event at Nova Centre in Elmsdale from from 10 am to 1pm. Numerous police vehicles were on display. The Emergency Response Team, Traffic (police motorcycle), explosive unit, canine unit (drug and search dogs) MADD, Crime Prevention, and Senior Safety, also attended with displays. There was also a Rawdon police event held displaying police vehicles and senior safety initiatives.
- On May 29, 2017, the federal commercial crime unit, Sgt. Scott Stafford and Cst. Wayne Ross, gave a presentation to the Mount Uniacke Royal Canadian Legion on fraud and scams.
- On June 7, 2017, a COP meeting was held in Ardoise.
- On June 15, 2017, Cst. Bretzer and MacDonald attended the Tot’s Academy in Elmsdale to show the children the police vehicles. Police stickers and tattoos were handed out.
- “Crime Stoppers promotes the reduction of crime through community based effort to provide appropriate authorities with the information needed to lay charges against those responsible. Crime Stoppers endeavors to encourage the community to assist

local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime by overcoming two key elements that inhibit community involvement: Fear and Apathy. Crime Stoppers goal is to make our communities a safer place to live and conduct business. A person can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (T.I.P.S.) or via the web (Submit Secure Web Tip) and relays their information anonymously. During the call, the tipster is given a confidential number which is what they will use whenever they call to update the police coordinator's office. The onus is on the tipster to re-contact Crime Stoppers. If the case is solved by the tipster's tip, and an arrest is made and charges are laid, the tipster qualifies for a cash reward. The amount of the award is determined by Crime Stoppers volunteers". For further information regarding the program please visit: <http://crimestoppers.ns.ca/online-tips/>.

- To date, there have been 93 tips reported this year for East Hants. It cannot be confirmed that tips originated in our area, but rather it is a tip about crime(s) in our particular district.
- **Fraud** – Citizens are reminded to continue to be vigilant in protecting themselves against scams. In this age of instant technology, online scammers and fraudsters are rampant. Outlined below are examples of scams.
  - On line dating/romance/friendship scams are on the rise. Professional scammers and fraudsters have no conscious or remorse and they are relentless. They will take the time to establish a fake relationship with unsuspecting parties over the course of weeks and months in an effort to solicit personal information, obtain banking information and funds, and commit identify theft. Do not send funds to a person you have never personally met and be aware of information and stories which you cannot verify. Always verify the source of your online relationship, and be suspicious of requests for money and personal information. Scammers have the ability to mimic other phone lines and photos. Do not be embarrassed or ashamed if you do become a victim of these crimes. Please report it to your local police.
  - The Canadian Revenue Agency scam calls continue to escalate. Be aware of digitized voices calling from the "Criminal Investigation Department of the CRA" making threats and telling you to call 1-800 numbers. Professional scammers have access to numerous automated computer systems which automatically dial random phone numbers until they get a 'hit'. If you do have an outstanding balance with the Canada Revenue Agency, and have any other concerns with regard to taxes, please contact your local Canada Revenue Agency and verify the information.
  - Do not listen to abusive and/or threatening calls. HANG UP. If the calls persist, contact your local telephone provider and have the number blocked. Most cell phones today have the ability to block calls. If you are unsure on how to do this, contact your cell provider for instructions.
  - Service scams, eg. antivirus software, credit card rate reduction, home repair and loan scams.
    - Don't provide your personal, credit card, or online banking details over the phone or send through an email.

- Look for well-established companies and check it out with the Better Business bureau.
  - Be aware of fraudsters impersonating financial institutions requesting you act now and pay. Be aware of fraudsters offering overnight makeovers for an amazing price; ads that promise loans even if you have bad or no credit, and unsolicited or junk emails.
- Merchandise scams include products purchased through ads, over the Internet, Kijiji, catalogue orders, or by mail order.
  - Only buy from a reputable seller or from an official retailer.
  - Be aware of buyers and renters from overseas, or of requests to send funds to a third party shipping company.
  - Be aware of requests to send funds through money service businesses like Western Union or MoneyGram.
  - Be leery of products that are listed below the normal retail price. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.
  - Beware unsolicited emails from individuals asking you to verify your account information, and often requesting that it be verified on an urgent basis.
  - Be aware of clicking on attachments, as they can contain viruses and spyware. Invest in anti-virus software. If an online scammer locks up your computer, shut the computer down.
  - If purchasing locally from Kijiji, bring someone with you when purchasing an item.
  - Never accept a payment via cheque for more than your selling price from an unverified source.
  - Never agree to wire back funds to a buyer.
- Prize Scams – Fraudsters use legitimate companies to lure in victims. Publishers Clearing House is one example.
  - Please be aware of bait letters. . . “You won! Please call 1-800-xxx-xxx to claim your prize”.
  - Legitimate lotteries do not require you to pay an administrative fee or tax to collect winnings.
  - The odds of winning a lottery you did not enter.... are zero.
- Job scams – employment offers requesting an advance fee to secure the job or to obtain the materials to perform the job.
  - Mystery Shopper Scams – The employer sends a letter and/or email with mystery shopping tasks to be completed and a cheque to help the victim fulfill his or her mystery shopping tasks. **DO NOT DEPOSIT THE CHEQUE.**
  - Decal/logo identification scams - You are told that you can earn up to \$\$\$ per week for simply identifying decals, logos, etc. to publicize a company’s name and logo as you go about your daily activities.
  - Never respond to an unsolicited job offer you receive through email.
  - Research the company you are dealing with.
  - Never pay money up front in order to work.

- Emergency Scams – phone calls or emails from someone claiming to be a friend or family member stating to be in some kind of trouble and needing money.
  - Verify the person’s identity before you take any steps to help.
  - Ask the person questions that only your loved one would be able to answer.
  - Ask yourself, “Does the caller’s story make sense?”
  - NOTE: The RCMP does not solicit monies for anything.
- Other tips:
  - Criminals are sophisticated and are able to exploit data mining and sources to build information used to tailor scams to specific vulnerable demographics, such as seniors and our youth.
  - Do not post your personal information on Facebook and other social media sites.
  - Ensure your security settings are set properly on all social media sites.
  - Do not tell people on social media that you are going on vacation, your house is for sale, etc. and thereby implying your home may be empty.
  - Be aware of birthday wishes on Facebook and other social media sites. . . . . “Happy 50<sup>th</sup>!”. By doing this, you have provided criminals with your date of birth and you may have placed yourself at risk for identity theft.
- If you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time, please ensure that you have a trusted person and/or security agency to regularly check your house and to give the appearance that the house is occupied. You can also contact your local Citizens on Patrol who may be able to assist with occasional patrols in your area. Suspicious activity should always be reported. RCMP East Hants is always on patrol but unfortunately we cannot be everywhere all the time.
- If you are the recipient of a scam call and/or email. . . . .
  - Do not engage the caller.
  - HANG UP.
  - Be aware that fraudsters can mimic caller display information to reflect another phone number, and regularly ping phone numbers from other countries that appear to be Canadian phone numbers.
  - Do not open unsolicited emails. Delete them.
  - If you are not sure, call the police.
  - If you have not provided personal information, an offence has not occurred and does not need to be reported to the police.
- **WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM:**
  - Report it to your local police if you have sent money, and/or provided your personal information over the phone and/or via email.
  - Contact your financial institution and credit card companies to make a report.
  - Contact Equifax and/or TransUnion – the national credit bureaus.

- Contact your local Better Business Bureau to make a report.
- You can also report it to the Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.
- Verify the phone number, company, etc. you are reporting information to.
- Please note that personal information includes: your date of birth, S.I.N., banking information, etc. Your name, address and phone number is public information.

## OTHER INFORMATION:

### DETACHMENT ZONE OVERVIEW – REPORTED OCCURRENCES BY ZONE:

Zone	Area	January 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017	April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017
3	Everything within Elmsdale	175	284
4	Lantz	109	97
5	Enfield	163	274
6	Milford	127	150
7	Shubenacadie	88	117
12	Lower Nine Mile River, Horne Settlement, Belnan, Hardwoodlands, Renfrew	90	78
13	Admiral Rock, Rawdon, Urbania, Barr Settlement, Rines Creek, West Indian Road, North Salem, Cheese Factory Corner, East Gore, Georgefield	58	112
14	Maitland, 236 South Maitland, Noel Shore, Kennetcook, Upper Kennetcook, Highway 215 & 354, Selma, Latties Brook, Northfield, Lake Road, White Settlement, Millers Corner, Maple Grove.	65	86
2R	East Walton, Walton, Tennecape, Moose Brook, Minasville, Burntcoat, Pinnacle Hill.	24	39
3R	Stanley, Clarksville, Riverside Corner, Gore, West Gore, Rawdon Gold Mines, Centre Rawdon, Greenfield, South Rawdon	55	103
6R	Hillsvale, East Uniacke, Lakelands, South Uniacke, Mount Uniacke.	105	184
10R	101 Highway section – (Exit 3DM 289 – 278)	34	29
No zone	Other – Assistance calls to other police agencies	-	91
All	Enfield and Rawdon Detachments – Criminal Record Checks, Vulnerable Sector Checks, Civil Fingerprints for employment, pardons, VISA for entry to US, etc.	255	497



