



EAST HANTS DISTRICT RCMP - Enfield and Rawdon Detachments

**QUARTERLY POLICING REPORT
FOR
THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST HANTS
July 1 - September 30, 2017**

This is the second quarterly report for fiscal year 2017/2018, for the period July 1 – September 30, 2017.

Since our last quarterly report dated June 30, 2017, there has been a change in command for East Hants District RCMP. S/Sgt. G.R. Marando decided to retire and NCO Sgt. D.K. Kelly has been promoted and assigned to another detachment. S/Sgt. Steve Ettinger will assume command of East Hants District RCMP in mid-November. Sgt. Brigdit Leger assumed NCO Operations on October 5, 2017, and will continue to focus on operations and the provincial and detachment priorities of road safety, crime prevention and crime reduction. Details of our priorities were provided in the last quarterly.

During the next quarter, October – December 31, 2017, our road safety priorities will shift to Intersection Safety, winter Road Safety and Impaired Driving. Increased check points and patrols will continue, particularly in our business parks and other areas of interest. East Hants RCMP will also continue to educate motorists on the *Motor Vehicle Act* while conducting enforcement initiatives.

2nd QUARTER - SIGNIFICANT POLICE OCCURRENCES (July 1 – September 30, 2017)

- On August 14, 2017, East Hants RCMP sought the public's assistance in locating a missing South Rawdon man, Martin McLearn. The 89 year old man was last seen at home around noon on August 13, 2017. After exhausting all efforts, RCMP East Hants and Ground Search & Rescue volunteers officially concluded their search efforts at midnight on August 17, 2017. The press release stated: "The decision to end any search is extremely difficult and we'd like to extend heartfelt sympathy towards the McLearn family, and a sincere thanks to all the volunteers who came out to assist us in this search. The dedication, support and determination put in by all the searchers and members was overwhelming and commendable. We'd also like to thank the family and friends of Mr. McLearn for their support and contribution of food and water to the search teams". Unfortunately, at this time, Mr. McLearn remains missing. East Hants RCMP is requesting the public to continue to contact us if they have any further information to assist with this ongoing investigation.
- On August 15, 2017, RCMP East Hants and Indian Brook responded to reports of an impaired driver wearing no shirt and doing donuts in a gravel pit in Zone 12. A twenty-two year old male passenger was also in the pickup. In response to the complaint, several police cruisers responded to the call. One cruiser pulled over and tried to block the truck to stop. The pickup driver then accelerated and hit the cruiser's side door, before pulling away and hitting the front of a second police cruiser. The truck then fled and other police in the area tried to follow it in a very short pursuit on Highway 14. Members arrested two suspects after the truck drove into a gravel pit and got stuck trying to drive over a large pile of dirt. The 52 year old male driving the vehicle is facing seven charges including impaired operation of a motor vehicle, assaulting a peace officer with a weapon and driving while prohibited. A second man was also charged with assault with a weapon. RCMP officers were not injured. The matter is now before the court.

- On August 16, 2017, an unlocked truck was stolen from a residential driveway by two males in their 20's and an 18 year old female. The keys were in the vehicle. The suspects were taken into custody a short time later and multiple charges have been laid. The matter is now before the court.
- On August 17, 2017, East Hants RCMP responded to several public complaints regarding unlicensed drivers and vehicles, including off road vehicles and stock car style cars, on Highway 2 in Enfield. Members responded and observed numerous ATVs and stock cars on a side street forming part of a funeral procession that was headed towards the highway. East Hants RCMP agreed to facilitate the safe movement of the funeral procession from a side road onto the highway, on the understanding that unregistered or unlicensed vehicles would not participate. However, we did suggest that those vehicles could still be part of the procession while adhering to the *Motor Vehicle Act* and *Off Highway Vehicle Act* by securing ATVs/stock cars in the back of a pickup truck or on flat beds. Unfortunately, several other vehicles on Highway 2 began doing burnouts and squealing tires on the pavement on Highway 2. The resulting thick smoke created zero visibility for motorists and flying rocks and debris from the roadway was extremely dangerous for the numerous pedestrians in the area, many of whom had nothing to do with the procession. As a result, three men were charged with stunting, which can include a variety of different offences. We appreciate that our community asked questions about how police respond to matters like this and understand the emotional nature of this situation. Our focus has been and continues to be on the safety of East Hants citizens and our roadways. We have a responsibility to act when we see motorists, pedestrians and our police officers in potential danger.
- On August 26, 2017, a motor vehicle backed into a residence causing extensive damage in Zone 5. A criminal investigation is ongoing.
- On September 28, 2017, East Hants RCMP requested assistance from the public in locating missing 15 year old female, MacKenzie Eagles. MacKenzie was last seen on September 23, 2017. Her bicycle had been located on the side of Highway 102 between exits 6 and 7 south bound. An extensive investigation was spearheaded by East Hants RCMP Street Crime Unit (SCEU), Halifax District RCMP, Halifax Regional Police, "H" Division Special I and Divisional Criminal Analytical Services (DCAS). Through means of social media and with the engagement of media, MacKenzie was safely located on October 8, 2017.

COMMUNITY POLICING:

- Our School Liaison Officer has been extremely active since the new school year. Numerous presentations on Cyber bullying, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Internet Safety, Cell Phones, and Healthy Living have been delivered to all our students. In addition, many Code Blue drills (hiding in classrooms) and Code Black drills (complete evacuation) have been completed for all schools in East Hants. Cst. Ponee continues to be an active resource for students both during and after school functions.
- Our community involvement continues to grow and it is important to us that we are visible and integrated into the community. During the last quarter, 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. Many summer and fall events have also been attended at our legions, community halls, fairs, schools, etc. The Community Policing Officer continues her efforts at increasing: membership for our Citizens on Patrol Committee, contact with MADD, attendance at Crime Prevention Association meetings, and initiating contact with other community groups. Efforts at educating our citizens in various public safety areas, including fraud, home security and theft, senior safety, etc. will continue in the coming months. Our members will also continue to take the opportunity during road safety initiatives to provide information in these areas as well.

- “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/>.
 - As of September 30, 2017, East Hants has received 116 tips for 2017. It cannot be confirmed that tips originated in our area, but rather it is a tip about crime(s) in our particular district. All of these tips are followed up by East Hants RCMP and no charges have been laid and/or warranted as a result of these tips.

OTHER INFORMATION:**DETACHMENT ZONE OVERVIEW – REPORTED OCCURRENCES BY ZONE:**

Zone	Area	April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017	July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017
3	Everything within Elmsdale	284	266
4	Lantz	97	98
5	Enfield	274	225
6	Milford	150	93
7	Shubenacadie	117	123
12	Lower Nine Mile River, Horne Settlement, Belnan, Hardwoodlands, Renfrew	78	98
13	Admiral Rock, Rawdon, Urbania, Barr Settlement, Rines Creek, West Indian Road, North Salem, Cheese Factory Corner, East Gore, Georgefield	112	111
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.	86	85
2R	East Walton, Walton, Tennecape, Moose Brook, Minasville, Burntcoat, Pinnacle Hill.	39	44
3R	Stanley, Clarksville, Riverside Corner, Gore, West Gore, Rawdon Gold Mines, Centre Rawdon, Greenfield, South Rawdon	103	95
6R	Hillsvale, East Uniacke, Lakelands, South Uniacke, Mount Uniacke.	184	155
10R	101 Highway section – (Exit 3DM 289 – 278)	29	42
No zone	Other – Assistance calls to other police agencies	91	73
All	Enfield and Rawdon Detachments – Criminal Record Checks, Vulnerable Sector Checks, Civil Fingerprints for employment, pardons, VISA for entry to US, etc.	497	365