



Board of Police Commissioners

Agenda

Monday, December 11th, 2023

10:00 a.m.

2nd Floor Council Chambers

**City Hall
320 Esplanade
Sydney, N S.**

Commission Members:

Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, Chair

Commissioner Ken Tracey

Commissioner Lorne Green

Citizen Appointee – Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert, Vice Chair

Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Helen Luedee

Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Tom Vickers

Provincial Appointee – Commissioner Noelle Gouthro

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Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. **Approval of Agenda** (motion required)
2. **Approval of Minutes:** (previously distributed)
 - **September 11, 2023**
3. **Business Arising:**
 - 3.1 **Police Commission – September 11, 2023:** Robert Walsh, Chief of Police
 - a) **Quantity of Missing Persons**
 - b) **Recommendations of Traffic Calming Devices for Consideration**
 - c) **Past Collisions at the Intersection of Church Street and Lingan Road**
 - d) **Work with Engineering and Public Works for Accident Prevention Solutions at Victoria Road and East Broadway**
4. **Response to Vandalism:** Robert Walsh, Chief of Police
5. **Divisional Reports:** Staff Sergeant Erin Donovan and Staff Sergeant Joe Farrell (See page 3)

Adjournment



**Divisional Report
September 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023**

Calls responded to by the CBRPS:

September 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022

Area	Calls for Service
North	2736
Central	7799
East	3433
Other	6822
Total	20,790

September 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023

Area	Calls for Service
North	2588
Central	6766
East	3529
Other	6803
Total	19,686

***Other** category contains calls with no specific address unable to be categorized to a division, abandoned 9-1-1 calls, license plate checks, information requests, etc.*

HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES

- Five new Constables were sworn in to service as a result of an ongoing recruitment campaign to fill existing vacancies and maintain our compliment of front line officers keeping our communities safe.
- Participated in Operation Impact 2023, a national campaign to promote safe driving behaviors. Through checkpoints police checked over 550 vehicles and issued 52 tickets for various traffic violations including speeding, stunting, driving while operating a handheld communication device, driving unlicensed, and operating a motor vehicle not equipped with a muffler in good working order.
- Participated in a national campaign with the Retail Council of Canada Taskforce and Loss Prevention who are working with retail organizations and police agencies to address concerns about shoplifting. During the 10-day blitz, officers dealt with approximately 50 incidents, intercepted 12 thefts, laid 11 charges, recovered approximately \$2500 in stolen merchandise, and issued Protection of Property Act notices to 9 individuals to prevent them from returning to stores where they were caught.
- Participated in the annual Nova Scotia Fallen Peace Officers' Memorial where 9 of our members joined colleagues and family members to pay tribute to officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. CBRPS members laid a wreath and served as Flag Bearer.

- The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia came to Sydney to present the Exemplary Service Medal to several of our officers in honour of their years of service in law enforcement and exceptional commitment to public safety. The Minister of Justice presented the Nova Scotia Police Long Service Award in Halifax to recognize the commitment and dedication of officers who serviced public safety in the province for 15 years and 25 years.
- Assigned a member to Downtown Sydney to support the safety and wellbeing of our community by working with merchants and residents to enhance security, address concerns and connect people with the resources they need. The member has responded to numerous calls for service and has made several arrests resulting in charges. The response from the public and the downtown business community has been incredibly positive and supportive.

Training:

- Digital Technologies for Investigators, Ottawa (1)
- Human Trafficking Investigators Course, Ottawa (1)
- Polygraph Examiners Course, Ottawa (1)
- Human Source Management Course, Dartmouth (2)
- Incident Command Course, PEI (2)
- Basic Bloodstain Pattern Recognition Course, Ottawa (1)
- Major Crime Investigative Techniques, Ottawa (1)
- Drug Investigative Course, Ottawa (1)
- Serial Number Restoration Course, Sydney (2)
- Less Lethal Instructors Course, St. John's Newfoundland (2)
- C-8 Training, Sydney (20) – Ongoing
- First Aid / CPR, Sydney (60) - Ongoing

Patrols:

- Attended calls relating to incidents of Assault, Assault with a weapon, Suspicious Fires, Theft, Vandalism, Deceased Persons, Missing Persons, attempted suicide/suicide, Break and Enter, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Domestic Violence, Mental Health assistance, and impaired driving complaints
- Addressed citizen complaints regarding speeding, off road vehicles and loud mufflers
- Checks are conducted on a daily basis in relation to high risk offenders on conditional sentence orders and release orders through the courts
- Assisted investigative units with vehicle stops
- Monitored and enforced compliance through patrol and property checks

Lock-up:

September	October	November
102	114	102

Lock-up Total: 318**Membertou:**

- Responded to over 1000 calls for service and laid 49 charges
- Attended various meetings with Chief & Council, Interagency, Neighborhood Watch, and various other meetings
- Carried out foot patrols and property checks on all businesses
- Held information sessions on Robbery Prevention
- Provided School Bus safety talks for students attending Membertou Elementary School
- Participated in the Terry Fox Run with Membertou Elementary and the Drug Awareness Walk

K-9 Unit:

- Responded to 99 calls for K-9 service including, Alarms, Arrest Warrants, Assault with a weapon, Break and Enter, IPTA, Domestic Assault/Threat, Missing Persons, Motor Vehicle Collisions, Public Relations, Robbery, Weapons complaints, assist patrol members, Street Crime Unit, Major Crime Unit and ERT.
 - Located / arrested 7 persons, located 14 articles
- Assisted patrols with 115 calls for service and 40 alarms

School Liaison Officers:

- Worked closely with school administration to address potential issues and ensure school safety
- Participated in training sessions on fire drills, lock downs and lock and secure procedures
- Investigated criminal matters that occurred during school hours
- Assist Patrol Officers with files connected to students at schools

- Dealt with incidents including: bullying, assaults, threats, working with school administration and parents to address issues internally through suspensions and restitution or through further police investigation and the Court system where warranted
- Facilitated a presentation to students at Malcolm Munroe Jr. High in regard to posting videos and photos of fights without consent or permission
- Attended various after school activities and events

Community Officer:

- Carried out information and training sessions with the Sydney Downtown Business Association with discussions on de-escalation and communication, police response and education, observation and identification, and personal care after a traumatic event such as robbery.
- Conducted safety sessions for seniors in Sydney, Marion Bridge and Membertou
- Held orientation sessions at NSCC, CBU, Student Immigration Centre and Riverview High School for International Students
- Conducted Safety Sessions with CBRM Fire Services for International Students
- Attended Breton Ability Center for an information session with staff and clients
- Met with Mayflower Mall Management in regard to shoplifting concerns with the upcoming Christmas season
- Held cyber bullying sessions at several schools in CBRM
- Attended numerous community events throughout CBRM including local Fall Fair events, Terry Fox Run, The Great Pumpkin Trail at Open Hearth Park, Trick or Trunk, Membertou Daycare, Charlotte Street Trick or Treat Event, and the Christmas Light Up and parades in Glace Bay and Sydney Mines

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Responded and/or assisted in over 465 occurrences
 - Enforced over 120 *Motor Vehicle Act* charges
- Traffic Safety Unit assisted with several complaints throughout CBRM in regard to stop signs, speeding, and loud mufflers
- Responded to and investigated several Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Provided traffic support for events throughout CBRM such as Fiddlers Run Marathon, Cape Breton Free Wheeling Motorcycle Toy Run, Remembrance Day Parades

- Traffic Safety Unit continues to address public complaints concerning traffic related issues

Street Crime/Drug Unit:

- Officers Executed 9 search warrants and conducted 4 vehicle stops resulting in 75 charges and seized approximately \$25,000 in cash
- Assisted other sections of CBRPS with executing search warrants, conducting surveillance and assisting Patrols

Community Safety Enforcement Unit:

- Assigned 5 new files and laid 48 charges including, Theft, Mischief, Property Damage, Domestic Assault, and various breaches
- Assisted patrols, Investigative sections, Safer Communities, and other outside agencies with ongoing investigations providing surveillance and information gathering in response to complaints of increased criminal activity
- Assisted Street Crime Unit in the execution of warrants resulting in several charges

Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) – (NS Department of Justice Public Safety Investigation Section)

- Received 7 SCAN referrals resulting in 5 Notices, 3 arrests, and 1 Community Safety Order granted by Supreme Court
- Provided assistance with 8 Maintenance Enforcement Files
- Assist Police, Sheriff's Department, and Housing with 9 requests
- Conducted 1 Presentations to other agencies

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

- Assigned 23 new investigations and laid 19 criminal code charges, including, Sexual Assaults, Robbery, Major Assaults, Domestic Violence, Criminal Harassment, Uttering Threats, Break and Enters, Fraud, Weapon Violations, Breach Violations, and charges under the Youth Criminal Justice Act
 - Currently managing 52 active investigations
- Executed 10 search warrants and production orders along with sealing orders
- Prepared Court documentation for upcoming trials
- Received 150 domestic-related files, resulting in 272 Criminal charges

General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator

- Assigned 38 new files for investigation, including sexual offences, Arson, assaults, as well as breaches of court orders. A total of 37 files have been concluded by way of charges laid, pending information or closed
- Currently managing 64 active investigations
- Prepared and executed judicial authorizations related to their assigned investigations
- Assisted other units with criminal code investigations

Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) / Computer Forensic Unit:

- Worked on 70 active investigations including child luring, child pornography, and sexual assault.
- Forensically analyzed more 8 devices and completed 11 drone operations.
- Operation support provided for ongoing investigations into Homicides, Robberies, Drug related offences, assaults, and domestics where cell phone warrants are executed by the unit

Forensic Identification Unit:

- Responded to 102 calls for service including: Arson, Deceased Persons, Break & Enter, Mischief Complaints, Sex Assault, Stabbing, Armed Robbery, Weapons Complaint, Assist Other Agency requests, Assault, Motor Vehicle Accidents, DNA Orders, Disturbance, Recover Stolen Vehicle, Fingerprint Identifications, and Search Warrants
- Maintained exhibit control for all evidence seized by the police service, and managed all photographic evidence
- Conducted lab work associated with file exhibits submitted by Major Crime, General Investigation Unit, Arson Investigation Unit and Patrols for processing
- Liaise with outside agencies such as Deputy Fire Marshall's office, Sexual Assault Program, Sheriff and Correction Services, Nova Scotia Firearms Officer and RCMP Forensic Lab
- Maintain SOCO (Scenes of Crime Officer) files

Solid Waste:

- Investigated numerous complaints associated with heavy garbage and illegal dumping, resulting in 4 charges being laid and over 25 warnings issued. Currently managing 34 active

files

- Several interviews with suspects and/or witnesses were carried out
- Assisted Patrols with calls for service

Mental Health Liaison Officer:

- Acts as a liaison between the NSHA and the CBRPS to help address systemic issues and resolve particular situations involving individuals with mental health disorders
- Assisted officers with cases involving emotionally disturbed persons and incidents involving patients within the Cape Breton Regional Hospital

Polygraph

- Conducted several Polygraph examinations, Assist Major Crime Unit, General Investigative Section, Arson Investigator and Patrols with several investigations, conducting interviews, and advising on interview strategy and technique
- Registered individuals for the National Sex Offender Registry
- Conducted pre-employment polygraph examinations for CBRM during the current reporting period

