



Board of Police Commissioners

Agenda

Monday, June 19, 2023

1:30 p.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)
➤ **March 29, 2023**

3. **Divisional Reports:** Inspector Ken O'Neill and Inspector Bill Turner
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4. **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - **Monday, September 11, 2023**
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
 - **Monday, December 11, 2023**
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

Adjournment



**Divisional Report
March 16, 2023 – June 9, 2023**

Calls responded to by the CBRPS:

March 16, 2022 to March 09, 2022

Area	Calls for Service
North	2183
Central	7921
East	2947
Other	4412
Total	17,463

March 16, 2023 to June 09, 2023

Area	Calls for Service
North	2444
Central	7494
East	2798
Other	6542
Total	19,278

***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

- Hosted information sessions in North Sydney, Glace Bay and Membertou as part of our ongoing recruitment efforts to fill existing vacancies and maintain our compliment of front line officers.
- Charged a Millville man with numerous weapons offences and Possession of Police Articles in violation of the *Police Identity Management Act*, after seizing multiple firearms, components and rounds of ammunition, as well as several articles of police clothing believed to be authentic to the RCMP and OPP. This is the first charge under the *Police Identity Management Act* in Nova Scotia.
- As part of Canada Road Safety Week, Traffic Safety Officers invited media to the scene of a mock impaired driving collision for an inside look at the specialized services Cape Breton Regional Police use to investigate – including forensic evidence, alcohol and drug recognition, and analysis and reconstruction technology. The exercise also demonstrated the potential consequences of impaired driving and the importance of choosing safe driving behaviours to save lives and reduce injuries on roadways. In addition, through targeted enforcement, Traffic Safety Officers issued 80 charges during Canada Road Safety Week. Charges included Speeding, driving without valid and required paperwork, and driving while revoked.
- Dedicated an increased police presence – including foot patrol – in the downtown Sydney core in response to numerous complaints of criminal activity. To date there

have been 8 arrests for various breaches, public intoxication, outstanding arrest warrants, and 2 Summary Offence tickets issued.

- Welcomed 5 Atlantic Police Academy Cadets who will be with us for 12 weeks of on-the-job training, each assigned to a CBRPS Coach Officer for mentoring. The APA Cadets provide service to the CBRM Community conducting foot patrols and general duties in our communities.
- Celebrated National Police Week by visiting all CBRM High Schools providing students with a first-hand look at our services and talking to them about a future career in policing.
- Through the Cops Against Cancer Committee and Police Boys and Girls Club, hosted a Floor Hockey Tournament in honour of Constables Mark Royal and Tara Morgan.

Training:

- Tactical Analyst Training, Ottawa (1)
- Technical Collision Course, Orillia (2)
- Forensic Interview Course, PEI (2)
- Incident Command Course, Halifax (2)
- Major Case Management Team Commander (1)
- Sexual Assault Investigator Course, Ottawa (2)
- Basic Tactical Orientation, Toronto (2)
- First Aid & CPR, Sydney – ongoing
- C8 Training, Sydney (60)
- Pistol Qualification, Sydney (118)
- Use of Force / Block Training, Sydney (136)

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 and off road vehicles
- 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:

March	April	May	June 1st-9th
125	118	114	30

Lock-up Total: 387

Membertou:

- Responded to over 1000 calls for service and laid more than 38 charges
- Attended various meetings with Chief & Council, Interagency, Neighborhood Watch, and various other meetings
- Carried out foot patrols and property checks on all businesses
- Provided traffic support during the Wally Bernard Hockey Tournament
- Provided safety presentations to elementary school students
- Provided a Robbery Prevention presentation at the Membertou Education Center

K-9 Unit:

- Responded to 72 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 1 person, located 8 articles
- Assisted patrols with 101 calls for service and 21 alarms
- Took part in Police Week Presentations at 4 Local High Schools

School Liaison Officers:

- Participated in coaching and mentoring students
- 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
- Attended various after school activities and events

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Responded and/or assisted in over 1287 occurrences
 - Enforced over 550 *Motor Vehicle Act* charges
- Traffic Safety Unit assisted with several complaints throughout CBRM in regard to stop signs and speeding
- Assisted Major Crime Unit and Forensic Identification Unit with major files
- Responded to and investigated several Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Provided traffic support for events throughout CBRM such as Teal to Heal, Fiddlers Run Youth Run, and MADD Walk.
- Traffic Safety Unit continues to address public complaints concerning traffic related issues

Street Crime/Drug Unit:

- Members Executed 18 search warrants and conducted 9 vehicle stops, seized over \$195,000 worth of illegal drugs, \$35,000 in property, and \$33,000 in cash, resulting in 87 charges
- Assisted other sections of CBRPS in executing search warrants, conducting surveillance and making arrests

Community Safety Enforcement Unit:

- Assigned 9 new files and laid 52 charges
- Assisted patrols, Investigative sections, and Safer Communities 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
- Assisted other agencies to obtain statements

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

- Received 11 SCAN referrals resulting in 6 Notice to Vacate-Eviction, 3 arrests, 1 warning
- Provided assistance with 10 Maintenance Enforcement Files
- Assist Police, Sheriff's Department, and Housing with 9 files
- Conducted 3 Divisional Presentations to other agencies

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

- Assigned 21 new investigations and laid 32 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 34 active investigations
- Executed 14 search warrants and production orders along with sealing orders
- Prepared Court documentation for upcoming trials
- Reviewed 154 domestic-related files, resulting in 304 Criminal charges

General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator

- Assigned 39 new files for investigation, including sexual offences, weapon offences, assaults, possession of a firearm, extortion, as well as breaches of court orders. A total of 32 files have been concluded by way of charges laid, pending information or closed
- Currently managing 51 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 115 active investigations including child luring, child pornography, sexual assault, sexual interference and laid 6 charges. There were 8 new files added during this time period
- There were 15 judicial authorizations obtained (production order, search warrants, etc.) and forensically analyzed more than 12 devices
- Assisted other units with processing of electronic devices through digital forensics

- 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 81 calls for service including: Arson, Armed Robbery, Deceased Persons, Photo array requests, Break & Enter, Mischief Complaints, Sex Assault, Assist Other Agency requests, Assault, Motor Vehicle Accidents, DNA Orders, Weapons Complaint, Process recovered stolen vehicles, Dispute, 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 of illegal dumping, resulting in several charges and warnings. Currently managing 33 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 8 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 22 individuals for the National Sex Offender Registry
- Conducted pre-employment polygraph examinations for CBRM during the current reporting period

