



Board of Police Commissioners

Agenda

Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Via Video Conference

Commission Members:

Commissioner Steve Gillespie

Commissioner Eldon MacDonald

Commissioner James Edwards

Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Lloyd Bailey

Citizen Appointee – Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert

Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Helen Luedee

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1. **Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Minutes:** (previously distributed)
 - **March 29, 2020**

3. **Approval of Agenda** (motion required)

4. **Divisional Reports:** Staff Sergeant Jodie Wilson and Staff Sergeant Bill Turner (See page 3)

Adjournment



**Divisional Report
April 1, 2021 – June 15, 2021**

Calls responded to by the CBRPS:

April 1, 2020 to June 15, 2020

Area	Calls for Service
North	1930
Central	4570
East	3509
Other	4215
Total	14,224

April 1, 2021 to June 15, 2021

Area	Calls for Service
North	2371
Central	6380
East	3195
Other	5066
Total	17,012

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

- Responded to 342 Covid-19 related calls for service during the provincial circuit-breaker shutdown, and issued 14 tickets for violations of public health orders for failing to self-isolate(2), failing to social distance(9), not wearing a mask(1), non-essential travel outside an individual's own municipality(1) and entering Nova Scotia without authorization(1).
- Issued 458 tickets through targeted traffic enforcement during Project Safe Spring (357) and Canada Road Safety Week (111), on patrol of ATV trails and surrounding neighbourhood streets, in addition to roadside checkpoints and vehicle stops across the CBRM. Traffic Safety and Patrol officers checked a total of 57 off-road vehicles and 320 motor vehicles, dealt with traffic safety violations under the Off-Highway Vehicles Act (20) and Motor Vehicle Act, and caught 26 impaired drivers.
- Celebrated our role as a proud public safety partner in the CBRM during National Police Week 2021, highlighting our work with the Cape Breton-Victoria Center for Education, ALLY Centre of Cape Breton, Membertou First Nation, and Nova Scotia Health Authority, Mental Health & Addictions.
- Recognized contributions of our employees during Corrections Officers Week, Asian Heritage Month and National Indigenous History Month.

- Hired 10 new Constables to maintain a full complement of front line officers keeping our communities safe, and welcomed 5 cadets from the Atlantic Police Academy for on-the-job training with a Coach officer.
- Signed another 2-year contract with Public Safety Canada, Nova Scotia Justice and the Membertou Band & Council to continue providing police service to the Membertou First Nation.

Training:

- Human Rights Training, Virtual (56) (ongoing)
- Active Attacker Training, Sydney (136) (ongoing)
- Drug Stigma Training, Virtual (1)
- Vehicle Theft Deterrent & Recovery, Virtual (1)
- Crisis Intervention & De-escalation, Virtual (4)
- Information Technologies & Crowd Control, Virtual (1)
- First Responder PTSD Seminar, Virtual (33)
- Firearms Recertification (114) Ongoing
- Onboard Training including Cultural Sensitivity Training for newly hired officers (8)
- Drug Stigma Training, online training (1)
- Vehicle Theft Deterrent & Recovery Training, online training (1)
- Crisis Intervention & De-Escalation Training, online training (4)

Patrols:

- Attended calls relating to incidents of Assault, Suspicious Fires, Theft, Vandalism, Deceased Persons, Missing Persons, Break and Enter, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Domestic, Mental Health assistance, and impaired driving complaints.
- Addressed citizen complaints regarding speeding, dirt bikes and ATVs', and mischief.
- Several checks being 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 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Lock-up:

April	May	June (June 1 – June 15)
108	118	73

Lock-up Total:

Membertou:

- Responded to over 2203 calls for service and laid 29 charges.
- Attended various meetings with Chief & Council, EMO, Interagency and various other meetings. Due to Covid restrictions, the majority of meetings are held via video conference.
- Carried out foot patrols and property checks on all businesses to ensure compliance with Covid-19 Public Health measures.
- Membertou businesses and offices shut down on April 26th as per Nova Scotia Health Restrictions.

K-9 Unit:

- Responded to 95 calls for K-9 service including, Alarms, Arrest Warrants, Arson, Assault/Threat, Break and Enter, Flight from Police, IPTA, Domestic Assault/Threat, Missing Persons, Motor Vehicle Collisions, Robbery, Weapons complaint, assist patrol members, Street Crime Unit, Major Crime Unit and ERT.
 - Located / arrested 3 persons, located 20 articles
- Assisted patrols with 137 calls for service and 32 alarms

School Liaison Officers:

- Participated in coaching and mentoring students
- Worked closely with school administration to address potential issues and ensure school safety
- While schools were closed as a result of Covid restrictions, School Liaison Officers were assigned to patrols.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Enforced 488 *Motor Vehicle Act* charges
- Conducted targeted enforcement and directed patrols throughout CBRM after receiving numerous complaints of ATV's and dirt bikes causing property damage. Police continue to proactively address this issue through awareness through media awareness and public education.

- Assisted Major Crime Unit and Ident with major files
- Traffic Safety Unit took part in Canada Road Safety Week issuing several summary offence tickets for speeding, vehicles not registered, and no insurance
- Responded to and investigated several Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Traffic Safety Unit continues to address public complaints concerning traffic related issues.

Street Crime/Drug Unit:

- Executed 5 warrants, laid 53 charges, seized over \$225,000 worth of illegal drugs and \$25,000 in cash.
- Assisted other sections of CBRPS in executing search warrants, conducting surveillance and making arrests.

Community Safety Enforcement Unit:

- Community Safety Enforcement Unit worked on 41 files and laid 67 charges
- Conducted numerous compliance checks property checks address checks and executed 6 outstanding warrants, arresting individuals breaching conditions.
- Assisted patrols and investigative sections with surveillance and information gathering in response to complaints, concerns areas of increased criminal activity (break and enter, drug activity, vehicle entries), high-risk offenders and ongoing investigations.
- Assisted Street Crime Unit in the execution of warrants resulting in several charges.
- Continued to monitor the downtown area in an effort to prevent illegal activity.
- Assisted other units with compliance checks and conducting surveillance on several files.

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

- Assigned 31 new investigations and laid 49 criminal code charges, including Murder, Attempted Murder, Forcible Entry, 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 56 active investigations.
- Laid charges in an ongoing homicide investigation
- Executed 9 search warrants and production orders along with sealing orders.

- Prepared Court documentation for upcoming trials.
- Reviewed 175 domestic-related files, resulting in 256 Criminal charges.

General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator

- Assigned 27 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 17 charges were laid.
- Currently managing 115 active investigations.
- Prepared and executed judicial authorizations related to their assigned investigations.
- Assisted other units with criminal code investigations.
- Mi'kmaw Family & Children Services liaison
- Police Liaison with Adult Restorative Justice Group.

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

- Worked on 79 active investigations including child pornography, sexual assault and sexual interference.
- Assigned 10 new files for investigation
- Assisted other units with processing of electronic devices through digital forensics.
- Assisted other units with investigations – Homicide, robbery, drug related offences, assault, domestic violence.

Forensic Identification Unit:

- Responded to 38 calls for service including: Arson, Armed Robbery, Fire Fatalities, Deceased Persons, Photo array requests, Break & Enter, Assist Other Agency requests, Assault, Motor Vehicle Accidents, DNA Orders, Weapons Complaint, Process recovered stolen vehicles, 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.
- Downloaded images to IDENT Database

Solid Waste:

- Investigated 46 complaints of illegal dumping, numerous warnings were issued and 7 charges laid.
- Several interviews with suspects and/or witnesses were carried out.

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

- Assist Major Crime Unit, General Investigative Section, Arson Investigator and Patrols with several investigations, conducting Polygraph tests, taking statements, conducting interviews and advising on interview strategy and technique.
- Registered 60 individuals on the National Sex Offender Registry
- Facilitated a 2-week course at the Atlantic Police Academy teaching in-service members how to prepare for and conduct a proper suspect interview

