



Board of Police Commissioners

Agenda

Thursday, June 27, 2024

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 circulated)
 - **March 4, 2024**

3. **Impaired Driving Enforcement Recognition Awards:** Robert Walsh, Chief of Police

4. **Divisional Reports:** Staff Sergeant Keith Power and Staff Sergeant Erin Donovan (See page 3)

Adjournment



**Divisional Report
February 15, 2024 – June 15, 2024**

Calls responded to by the CBRPS:

February 16, 2023 – June 15, 2023

Area	Calls for Service
North	3916
Central	9479
East	4132
Other	11,300
Online Reporting	0
Total	28,827

February 16, 2024 – June 15, 2024

Area	Calls for Service
North	4199
Central	9839
East	6848
Other	7370
Online Reporting	94
Total	28,350

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.

Online Reporting not implemented until March 2024

HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES

- During Aggressive Driving Awareness Month in April, Cape Breton Regional Police caught 185 drivers speeding on CBRM roads. Two drivers were also charged for stunting, traveling at speeds nearing 140 km/hr in a 70 km/hr zone which carries a fine of \$2,442.50. Officers issued another 121 Summary Offence Tickets for other driving violations, including failing to stop; driving with a revoked license, and driving without valid insurance, registration, inspection or license. Two drivers were ticketed for failing to stop for a stopped school bus exhibiting flashing red lights.
- Welcomed 8 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 with a Flag Raising and Proclamation at City Hall followed by Grand Opening Celebrations of the CBRPS Downtown Community Office which included a BBQ and live entertainment. Celebrations were also held at the Mayflower Mall where members of the community could meet officers and view some of the vehicles and equipment used on a daily basis.

- As part of Canada Road Safety Week, a national campaign to encourage safe driving behaviours, the Cape Breton Regional Police issued 99 charges to drivers through targeted traffic enforcement. Officers issued tickets for a variety of driving infractions, including speeding, failing to stop at a stop sign, no seatbelt, driving while using a hand-held device, operating a vehicle not equipped with a proper muffler, and for driving without valid license, insurance, registration or inspection. Police also caught 6 impaired drivers and charged 1 person with Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Flight from Police.
- 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, raising over \$500 for the Kids Cancer Camp.

Training:

- Drug Recognition Expert, Jacksonville, Florida (1)
- Domestic Violence Training, Halifax & Kentville (3)
- Critical Incident Command, Ottawa (1)
- Forensic Interviewing, PEI (5)
- Danger Assessment Training, Pt. Hawkesbury (1)
- Human Trafficking Training, B.C. (1)
- Stop the Bleed, Sydney (112)
- Crime Scene Investigation, Sydney (12)
- Taser Recertification, Sydney (7)
- Block Training (annual), Sydney (108)
- Carbine Qualification (annual), Sydney (65)
- Pistol Qualification (annual), Sydney (119)
- Violence Threat Risk Assessment Training with CBVRCE, Sydney (3)

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

Prisoner Care Facility:

February (Feb 16-29)	March	April	May	June (June 1-15)
62	117	101	94	69

Prisoner Care Facility Total: 443

Membertou:

- Sergeant Barry Gordon officially retired in his 50th year of dedicated service to the CBRPS. Sergeant Kalolin Francis was promoted and assumed duties in Membertou to fill the opening created by the retirement of Sgt. Gordon. We are pleased to see highly qualified candidates continue to pursue the next steps in their careers with our Police Service and it is a particularly proud moment that with this promotion, Sergeant Francis became the first Indigenous Sergeant at the CBRPS. This promotion also supports our ongoing commitment in the policing contract with Membertou to have service provided to the community by indigenous officers.
- Responded to over 780 calls for service and laid 36 charges
- Attended various meetings with Chief & Council, Interagency, Neighborhood Watch, Pride Parade organizers and various other meetings
- Carried out foot patrols and property checks on businesses
- Participated in events such as Flag Presentation, Food Drives, and Club 55 planting day,

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 14 persons, located 11 articles
- Assisted patrols with 75 calls for service and 27 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
- Attended various school events, Safe Grad and Prom

Community Officer:

- Carried out information sessions for Downtown Businesses focussing on Crime Prevention
- Conducted Senior Safety Sessions in North Sydney, Sydney Mines and for the CWL Group in Sydney
- Conducted Safety Sessions for Brownies and Sparks in Glace Bay, North Sydney Air Cadets, Basketball Sydney Mines and the French School in Sydney
- Cyber Bullying internet safety sessions completed at Sydney Academy, Whitney Pier Memorial, Cusack Elementary, John Bernard Croak and Brookland School
- Attended Recruitment Sessions in Inverness and Port Hawkesbury
- Attended several meetings such as Safe Grad, Downtown Business Watch, Town House Backpack Program, Adult Restorative Justice and Police Week planning
- Attended numerous events throughout CBRM including a fishing derby in Mira, McHappy Day, Police Week Celebrations and the annual Cops against Cancer Ball Hockey Tournament in Glace Bay

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Responded and/or assisted in over 700 occurrences
 - Enforced over 495 *Motor Vehicle Act* charges
- Addressed several complaints throughout CBRM in regard to parking, stop signs, speeding, and other traffic related issues
- Responded to and investigated 11 Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Provided traffic support for events throughout CBRM such as parades, motorcycle runs, and road relays

Street Crime/Drug Unit:

- Officers Executed 10 search warrants and conducted 3 vehicle stops, seized over \$100,000 worth of illegal drugs and approximately \$12,000 in cash resulting in 33 charges
- Assisted other sections of CBRPS with executing search warrants, conducting surveillance and assisting Patrols

Community Safety Enforcement Unit:

- Assigned 10 new files and laid 30 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 23 SCAN referrals resulting in 15 Notice to Vacate and 2 arrests
- Provided assistance with 16 Maintenance Enforcement Files
- Assist Police, Sheriff's Department, and Housing with 13 requests
- Conducted 3 presentations to outside agencies

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

- Assigned 170 new investigations and laid 42 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 41 active investigations
- Executed search warrants and production orders along with sealing orders
- Prepared Court documentation for upcoming trials
- Received 184 domestic-related files, resulting in 313 Criminal charges

General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator

- Assigned 52 new files for investigation, including sexual offences, Arson, assaults, and breaches of court orders. A total of 46 files have been concluded by way of charges laid, pending information or closed
- Currently managing 2 Arson 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 over 80 active investigations including child luring, child pornography, and sexual assault.
- Forensically analyzed more 35 devices and completed 12 drone operations.
- Supported 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 131 calls for service including: Arson, Domestic Assault, Deceased Persons, Break & Enter, Mischief Complaints, Home Invasion, Assault, Armed Robbery, Weapons Complaint, Assist Other Agency requests, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Recovered Stolen Vehicle, DNA Orders, Disturbance, 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, RCMP Forensic Lab, and Alcohol & Gaming
- Maintain SOCO (Scenes of Crime Officer) files

Solid Waste:

- Investigated over 55 complaints associated with illegal dumping, resulting in 3 charges being laid and several warnings issued. Currently managing 12 active investigations.
- 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 35 Pre-employment Polygraph examinations. Assist Major Crime Unit, General Investigative Section, Arson Investigator and Patrols with several investigations, conducting interviews, analysis of statements and advising on interview strategy and technique.
- Audited 9 files that were suitable for Polygraph and prepared the necessary documents
- Registered 43 individuals for the National Sex Offender Registry

