



Board of Police Commissioners

Agenda

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022

10:00 a.m.

2nd Floor Council Chambers

**City Hall
320 Esplanade
Sydney, NS**

Commission Members:

Commissioner Eldon MacDonald

Commissioner Ken Tracey

Commissioner Lorne Green

Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Lloyd Bailey

Citizen Appointee – Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert

Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Helen Luedee

Provincial Appointee – Commissioner Noelle Gouthro

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1. **Call to Order:** Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
2. **Administration of the Oaths of Office for New Commissioners:** Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
3. **Election/Selection of Chair:** Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
4. **Land Acknowledgement**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Selection of Vice-Chair**
7. **Approval of Agenda** (motion required)
8. **Approval of Minutes:** (previously distributed)
 - **June 20, 2022**
9. **Divisional Reports:** Inspector Bill Turner and Inspector Paul Muisse (See page 3)
10. **Strategic Plan:** Desiree Magnus, Communications / PR Advisor
- to be circulated prior to the meeting
11. **Presentation of Long Service Medals:** Police Chief Robert Walsh (See page 10)

Adjournment



**Divisional Report
June 1, 2022 – November 15, 2022**

Calls responded to by the CBRPS:

June 1 2021 to November 15 2021

Area	Calls for Service
North	4673
Central	14,696
East	6726
Other	11,095
Total	37,190

June 1, 2022 to November 15, 2022

Area	Calls for Service
North	5223
Central	14,064
East	6550
Other	12,216
Total	38,053

***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.
- Seven officers were promoted within the police service to fill positions of Sergeant and Staff Sergeant.
- Police Service Dog “Chip” began service in June 2022 following the retirement of PSD Dakota who joined CBRPS in 2012. Chip will serve alongside his partner, K9 Dog Handler, Cst. Dale McLean. The K9 Unit is a crucial part of police operations, helping to locate lost persons, track lost or stolen items and suspects, detect illegal drugs, firearms and ammunition and also to assist officers on patrol, in drug enforcement and emergency response.
- Participated in the 11th annual Special Olympics Truck Convoy in Dartmouth. Special Olympics is the international charity of choice of the Law Enforcement Community and this is the largest fundraising event for Special Olympics in Nova Scotia. This year there were 217 vehicles participating, helping to raise over \$136,000 for Special Olympics. Our Police Service worked collaboratively with all other police services in the province to provide traffic support for this very worthwhile event.

- Participated in Operation Impact 2022, a national campaign to raise awareness about risky driving behaviours including speed, seatbelt use, impaired driving and distracted driving. Through checkpoints police checked over 5000 vehicles and issued 130 tickets.
- Through a Memorandum of Agreement with Parks Canada, CBRPS provided an officer to patrol Parks Canada properties to ensure visitor safety, enforce applicable laws and liaise with the community, beginning in June and continuing through September.

Training:

- DRE Training, Jacksonville Florida (1)
- Use of Force Training, PEI (2)
- CPR Train the Trainer, Halifax (2)
- Peer to Peer, Ottawa (1)
- Search Warrant Drafting Course, Dartmouth (2)
- Human Source Management Course, Dartmouth (1)
- BTOC ERT Training (1)
- R2MR Training, Halifax (2)
- Major Crime Investigative Techniques, PEI (2)
- DRE Training, Dartmouth (1)
- PSU Tactical Trainer, Toronto (2)
- Board Level Repair Course, Connecticut (1)
- File Review Training, Sydney (15)
- Traffic Safety Training, Ottawa (1)
- Front Line Supervisor Training, Sydney (23)
- ICS 200, Sydney (16)

Patrols:

- Attended calls relating to incidents of Assault, Assault with a weapon, Suspicious Fires, Theft, Vandalism, Deceased Persons, Missing Persons, Break and Enter, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Domestic violence, Mental Health assistance, and impaired driving complaints.
- Addressed citizen complaints regarding speeding, off road vehicle, 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

- Marine Unit conducted searches of a vehicle in the water as well as an area of an MVA for investigative purposes
- Marine Unit conducted patrols of the Bras d'Or lakes and Mira, carrying out several routine vessel checks

Lock-up:

June	July	August	September	October	November
102	122	116	131	99	105

Lock-up Total: 675

Membertou:

- Responded to over 1000 calls for service and laid more than 67 charges.
- Attended various meetings with Chief & Council, Interagency, Neighborhood Watch, and various other meetings.
- Carried out foot patrols and property checks on all businesses
- Took part in the Walk for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with Membertou Elementary students and staff
- Provided safety presentations to Grades 4 through 8
- Provided assistance with the Because You Care Road Hockey Tournament held in Membertou
- Took part in Remembrance Day events at Membertou Elementary School

K-9 Unit:

- Responded to 213 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 12 articles
- Assisted patrols with 257 calls for service and 45 alarms

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 which include Safe Grad, Prom, and Remembrance Day ceremonies.
- During the summer months when schools are closed, School Liaison Officers were assigned to patrols

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Responded and/or assisted in over 857 occurrences
 - Enforced over 330 *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 several road races throughout CBRM
- Traffic Safety Unit continues to address public complaints concerning traffic related issues

Street Crime/Drug Unit:

- Members Executed 29 search warrants and conducted 18 vehicle stops, seized over \$100,000 worth of illegal drugs and \$161,000 in cash, resulting in 172 charges.
- Assisted other sections of CBRPS in executing search warrants, conducting surveillance and making arrests.

Community Safety Enforcement Unit:

- Assigned 11 new files and laid 70 charges
- Assisted patrols, Safer Communities and investigative sections with surveillance and information gathering in response to complaints of increased criminal activity (break and enter, drug activity, prostitution, major disturbances, vehicle entries), high-risk offenders and ongoing investigations.

- 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 25 SCAN referrals resulting in 20 Notice to Vacate-Eviction, 6 arrests
- Provided assistance with 19 Maintenance Enforcement Files
- Assist Police, Sheriff's Department, and Housing with 13 files
- Conducted 3 Divisional Presentations to other agencies

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

- Assigned 29 new investigations and laid 55 criminal code charges, including, Murder, Firearm offences, Sexual Assaults, 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 59 active investigations.
- Executed 19 search warrants and production orders along with sealing orders.
- Prepared Court documentation for upcoming trials.
- Reviewed 312 domestic-related files, resulting in 426 Criminal charges.

General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator

- Assigned 73 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 76 charges were laid.
- 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 139 active investigations including child luring, child pornography, sexual assault and sexual interference. There were 35 new files added during this time period.

- There were 18 judicial authorizations obtained (production order, search warrants, etc.) and forensically analyzed more than 10 devices.
- Assisted other units with processing of electronic devices through digital forensics.
- Assisted other units with investigations – Robbery, drug related offences, assault, domestic violence.

Forensic Identification Unit:

- Responded to 157 calls for service including: Arson, Armed Robbery, Deceased Persons, Photo array requests, Break & Enter, Home Invasion, Property Damage, Industrial Accident, Mischief Complaints, Sex Assault, 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.
- Liaise with outside agencies such as Deputy Fire Marshall's office, Sexual Assault Program, Alcohol & Gaming, Sheriff and Correction Services, Nova Scotia Firearms Officer and RCMP Forensic Lab
- Downloaded images to IDENT Database

Solid Waste:

- Investigated numerous complaints of illegal dumping, resulting in several charges and warnings
- 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 individuals on the National Sex Offender Registry
- Conducted several pre-employment polygraph examinations for CBRM during the current reporting period

The Nova Scotia Police Long Service Award was initiated in 2007 and first awarded in 2008. It is presented on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General to Police Officers for their dedicated police service and commitment to public safety in the Province of Nova Scotia. It recognizes officers who have worked in the Province for 15 and 25 consecutive years.

The presentations made during this session of Police Commission will recognize the achievement of officers who were previously unable to receive their award due to Covid restrictions that limited our ability to gather for ceremonies over the past 2 years.

