

**WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**  
**Police Advisory Board Meeting Agenda**  
**October 23/23 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS**  
**(also Facebook livestreamed)**

Agenda is subject to change due to additions that may not be able to be reflected until after the meeting.

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1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Announcements
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest
6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2023
7. Presentations - None
8. Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business
  - (a) Possess Group which will be discussed in New Business
9. Reports
  - (a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Reports
10. New Business (all verbal discussion)
  - (a) Chair Morton to have discussion with regards to the Posse Group
  - (b) October 25th Mobile Post demonstration at Irishman's Road
11. Correspondence - None
12. Next Meeting Date
- ~~13.~~

1. **Call to Order** at 6pm by Chair Paul Morton

2. **Attendance**

Board Members

Deputy Mayor (Chair) Paul Morton

Guide Furlani

Jane Davis

Councillor Rupert Jannasch

Mandy Singleton

Staff/Presenters

Dave Ferguson S/Sgt RCMP

Mark Phillips, CAO

Gallery - None

3. **Announcements**

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY DAVIS/FURLANI THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** – None.

6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2023**

**MOVED BY DAVIS/SINGLETON THAT THE APRIL 24, 2023 POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **Presentations – None**

8. **Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business**

(a) **RCMP Vacancies – S/Sgt. Ferguson**

Members asked about the numbers of vacancies presently with the RCMP. S/Sgt. Ferguson stated on vacancy had been filled. Two Constables are off for medical reasons, and One Corporal is off as well for medical reasons and not date for returning is available at this time.

9. **Reports**

**West Hants Quarterly Report** - S/Sgt Ferguson reviewed the report.

Discussion Points:

- Perhaps Bicycle Rodeo's could be made available to include the areas of Brooklyn and Hantsport

- Questions about the cost of repairs and insurance of the police cars were brought forward for S/Sgt. Ferguson. S/Sgt. Ferguson stated that Government of Canada Vehicles do not carry insurance, due to the fact that it is easier to manage the fleet of vehicles with no policy, therefore all repairs to Police Vehicles come directly from the budget.
- Member Furlani questioned S/Sgt. Ferguson re missing person files and wondered if an individual could have more than one file. S/Sgt. Ferguson stated every time an individual is reported missing a file is created, if the RCMP has 21 missing person files there is potential that 10 of these files could be for the same person and that the investigation would be the same for every occurrence.

## 10. New Business

### Hate Crimes in West Hants

- Councillor Jannasch spoke on two incidents where hateful graffiti was present on road ways which has affected two individuals in our area and wondered if there is anything the RCMP do about this. S/Sgt. Ferguson stated the West Hants members have the experience to determine if such incidents are in fact a hate crime, and if determined to be such that that the SCU (Street Crime Unit) would assist. Often times what people perceive to be a Hate Crime is actually not a crime. S/Sgt. Ferguson stated that graffiti removal is not the responsibility of the RCMP. However, the public should call the RCMP if concerned about such acts, and a member will attend location to determine as such.

**11. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment** (Quarterly: Jan-Apr-Jul-Oct, and typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday however due to availability or RCMP reports will be moved to 4<sup>th</sup> Monday) next meeting October 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm West Hants Council Chambers.

**MOVED BY JANNASCH/FURLANI THAT 7:35 PM, THE MEETING ADJOURN.  
MOTION CARRIED**

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Chair

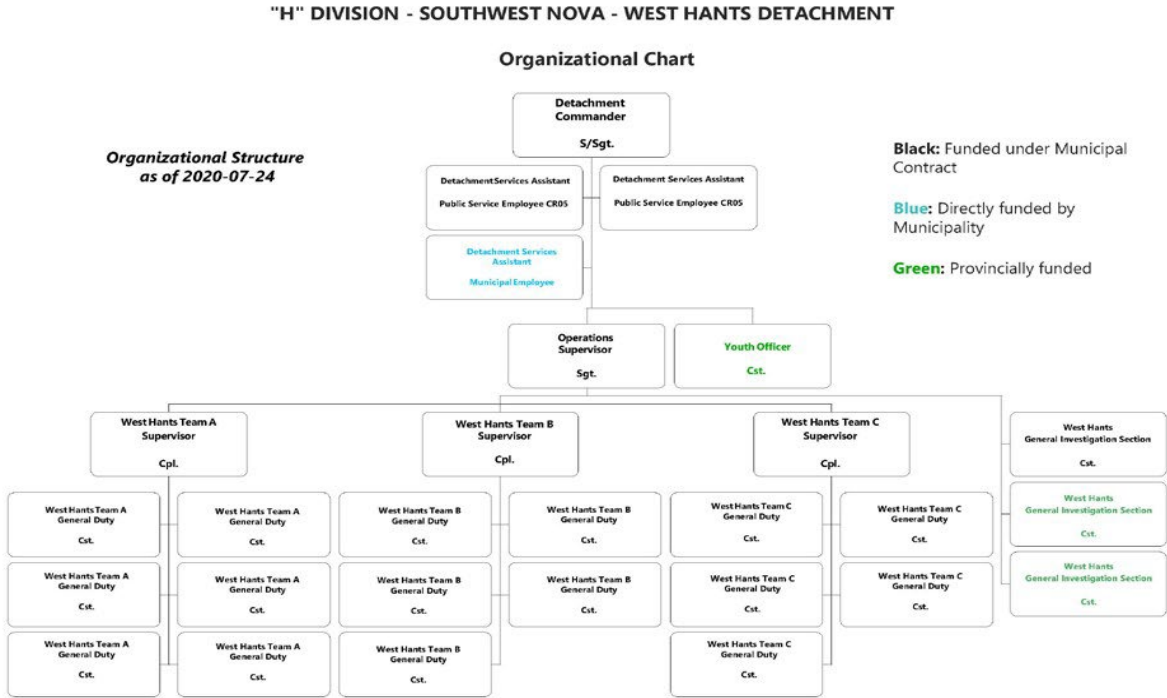
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Recorder



**Quarterly Police Report  
Municipality of West Hants  
October 2023  
2023/2024 Fiscal Year  
Second Quarter  
July – September 2023**

1. WEST HANTS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



- 1 Staff Sergeant (District Commander)
- 1 Sergeant (Operations Manager)
- 3 Corporals (Shift Supervisors)
- 16 Constables (Investigators)
- 1 Constable (General Investigations Section Investigator)
- 2 Constables (Street Crime Enforcement Unit) – Provincial
- 1 Constable (School Safety Resource/Youth Liaison) – Provincial
- 2 Public Service Employees
- 1 Municipal Employee

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### 1.3 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT UTILIZATION FOR ESTABLISHED POSITIONS

Pay Class	Established	FTE Utilization	Hard Vacancy	Soft Vacancy
S/SGT-01	1	1.00	0	0
SGT-01	1	1.00	0	0
CPL-01	3	2.29	0	0
CST-01	17	13.19	0	0
CR-5	2	1.99	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19.46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

*Note: Data as of September 18th, 2023*

- **Constable** – (Restricted Duties) Constable who was off duty since 2021-03-30 (30 days+ Medical) has returned to full operational duties effective August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Constable** – Constable off duty since March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (30 days+ Medical) completed a gradual return to work and is working full hours effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 however restricted to administrative duties.
- **Constable** – Constable off duty for medical reasons since September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Constable** – Constable off duty for medical reasons since August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Constable** – Constable off duty for medical reasons since July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (30 days+ Medical)
- **Corporal** – Corporal off duty for medical reasons since May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (30 days+ Medical)

*\*\*Positions funded by Province through Additional Officer Program and position not reflected in FTE establishment*

### 2. WEST HANTS DISTRICT FLEET

- (7) Patrol Cars (6 Municipal, 1 Provincial)
- (4) Patrol SUVs
- (3) Unmarked Police Vehicles (2 Municipal, 1 Provincial)
- (2) All Terrain Vehicles
- (2) Patrol Bicycles

*\*\*Three vehicles (Cars) scheduled to be replaced prior the end of this fiscal year which is one less than forecasted.*

3. WINDSOR/WEST HANTS DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT 2022/2023

P3 Report (Report Prepared by RCMP Senior Financial Analyst Kyla DOW)

RESOURCE_TYPE	Commitment Item - Description	21-22 YTD		22-23 YTD		22-23	23-24	23-24 YTD	Commitments & POs	Proposed P06	YTD / Budget	YTD / Forecast
		Exp	21-22 Final	Exp	Final	Final	Budget	Exp	Forecast	Forecast		
<b>PAY</b>	011 - Overtime - PS	277	277	0	207		0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
	031 - Extra Duty Pay - Mem	71,442	334,875	57,721	175,211		195,000	111,927	0	195,000	57.40%	57.40%
<b>PAY Total</b>		<b>71,718</b>	<b>335,152</b>	<b>57,721</b>	<b>175,418</b>		<b>195,000</b>	<b>111,927</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>195,000</b>	<b>57.40%</b>	<b>57.40%</b>
<b>NON-PAY</b>	050 - Travel	1,070	1,551	457	1,420		1,500	3,027	230	1,500	217.14%	217.14%
	053 - Training Travel UCA	37	113	97	626		500	162	278	500	88.04%	88.04%
	070 - Freight/Post/Exp/Car	951	2,006	1,385	2,727		2,750	956	0	2,750	34.75%	34.75%
	130 - Publication Services	0	160	154	681		500	613	0	500	122.63%	122.63%
	191 - Training & Sem - UCA	0	272	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
	213 - Corps of Commission	17,733	39,378	22,997	48,038		45,000	14,792	17,466	45,000	71.68%	71.68%
	219 - Professional Svcs	7,162	19,091	9,495	21,367		21,000	4,710	0	21,000	22.43%	22.43%
	220 - Other Services	1,348	2,560	1,659	3,342		3,500	2,003	0	3,500	57.23%	57.23%
	290 - Rentals - Other	303	1,369	319	792		1,400	585	0	1,400	41.76%	41.76%
	370 - Repair of Vehicles	11,974	34,576	17,394	35,121		30,000	45,809	20,395	30,000	220.68%	220.68%
	390 - Repair Misc Equip	2,844	4,024	2,862	4,496		4,500	3,346	0	4,500	74.35%	74.35%
	430 - Fuel	32,339	83,581	58,625	106,852		100,000	38,741	0	100,000	38.74%	38.74%
	440 - Transport Supp/Acc	2,741	6,819	3,536	7,497		7,000	8,443	0	7,000	120.62%	120.62%
	480 - Firearms/Annun/Weap	0	10	833	4,736		35,000	2	0	35,000	0.01%	0.01%
	500 - Stationary	3,984	10,799	3,307	6,338		7,500	5,925	0	7,500	78.99%	78.99%
	510 - Clothing & Kit	4,110	10,664	3,209	11,782		3,000	15,186	605	14,000	526.38%	112.79%
	540 - Supp & Sundry Equip	2,742	4,337	2,262	7,437		7,500	3,443	0	7,500	45.91%	45.91%
	570 - Prisoners' Expenses	228	362	733	1,408		750	69	0	750	9.19%	9.19%
	580 - Other Expenditures	2,400	2,500	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
	590 - Misc Expenditures	556	556	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
	810 - Laboratory Equipment	383	383	0	187		400	110	0	400	27.50%	27.50%
	830 - Furniture & Fixtures	0	1,227	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
	860 - Investigational Aids	0	0	0	0		6,500	0	0	6,500	0.00%	0.00%
	900 - Other Equipment	3,445	3,445	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
	910 - Ofc Machines/Equip	126	126	170	170		200	135	0	200	67.61%	67.61%
<b>NON-PAY Total</b>		<b>96,475</b>	<b>229,908</b>	<b>129,495</b>	<b>265,017</b>		<b>278,500</b>	<b>148,057</b>	<b>38,974</b>	<b>289,500</b>	<b>67.16%</b>	<b>64.60%</b>
		<b>168,193</b>	<b>565,060</b>	<b>187,216</b>	<b>440,435</b>		<b>473,500</b>	<b>259,984</b>	<b>38,974</b>	<b>484,500</b>	<b>63.14%</b>	<b>61.70%</b>

**4. CALLS FOR SERVICE**

Calls for Service Include unfounded and unsubstantiated Criminal Code, Federal & Provincial Statutes as well as Assistance to other agencies and by-law enforcement within West Hants District. Calls for service also includes those investigations managed by the Street Crime Enforcement Unit funded by the province through the Additional Officer Program.

2022/2023 FYTD	2023/2024 FYTD	2nd Quarter 2022/2023	2nd Quarter 2023/2024
3,124	2,817	1,565	1,479

**5. WEST HANTS DISTRICT CRIME STATISTICS**

**Caveat for the following Data Table:**

*All data are working data and are subject to change through ongoing investigations and data quality measures.*

*Statistics represent first line scoring, consistent with Stats Can. Files marked unfounded and unsubstantiated have been removed. Files marked insufficient evidence to proceed are **included**.*

*Detachment information is parsed from the "Notes" field in the PROS data. If the location was not properly entered in this field, the stat will not be included in the dashboards.*

*Traffic stats and stats coded to Traffic Units have been removed.*



**West Hants**  
**July to September Statistics**

Protected "A"

*(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)*

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2023	2022	Amount of Change
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>			
Offences Related to Death	1	0	1
Sexual Offences	3	11	-8
Assault	38	38	0
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Extortion / Intimidation	3	2	1
Criminal Harassment	10	6	4
Indecent   Harassing Comm.	8	2	6
Uttering Threats	19	16	3
<b>Property Crime</b>			
Arson	1	3	-2
Break and Enter	15	8	7
Unlawfully in a Dwelling House	0	1	-1
Theft Over	2	0	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	7	3	4
Theft of Other MV / Motorcycle	5	2	3
Take MV w/o Consent	1	1	0
Theft Under	23	42	-19
Shoplifting	12	16	-4
Theft (mail, bicycle, et al)	4	4	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	3	2
Possession of Stolen Goods	2	4	-2
Fraud	28	17	11
Identity Theft	1	2	-1
Mischief	50	57	-7
<b>Drug Enforcement</b>			
Possession	1	1	0
Trafficking	2	7	-5
Import/Export	0	0	0
Production	0	0	0
Other	2	0	2



**West Hants**  
**July to September Statistics**

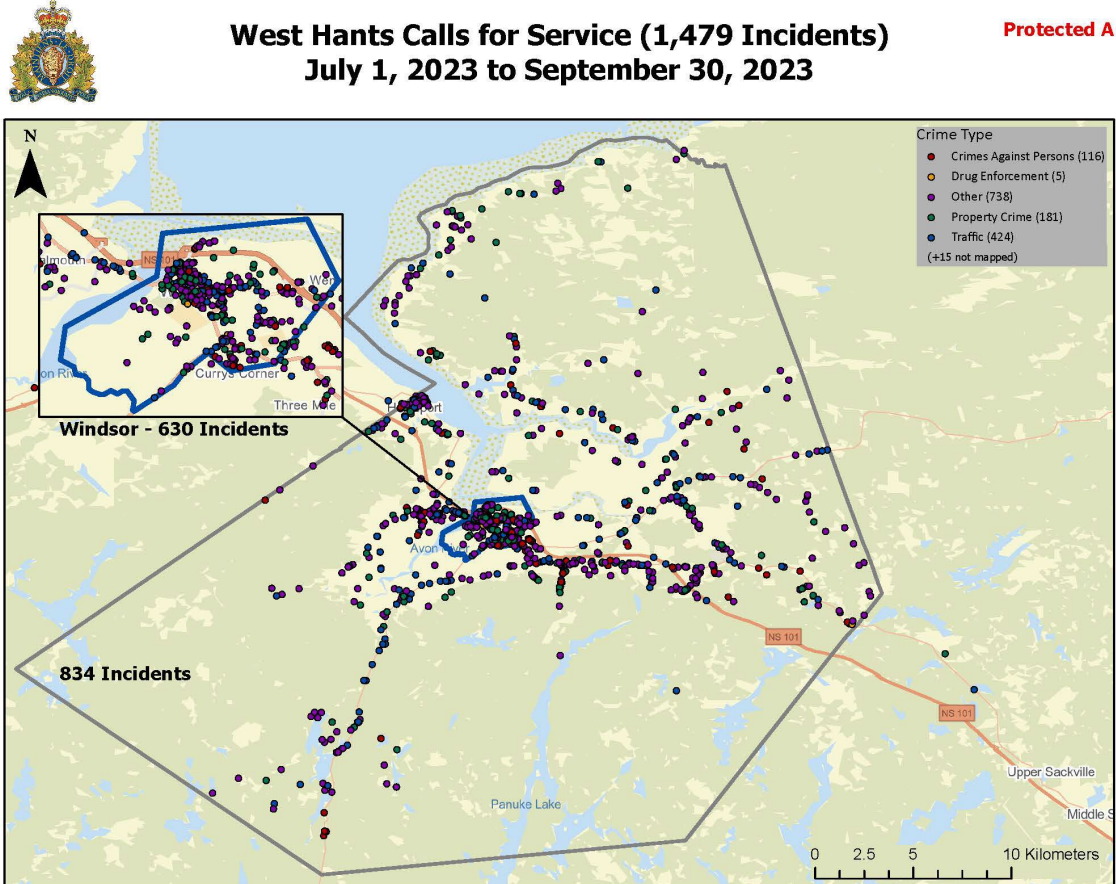
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*(Includes Traffic Services and Occurrences taken by Call Back Unit)*

Type of Crime & Occurrence Type	2023	2022	Amount of Change
<b>Traffic</b>			
Dangerous Op of MV	1	3	-2
Impaired by Alcohol	11	20	-9
Impaired by Drug	2	1	1
Failure/Refusal	0	0	0
Driving while Disqualified	5	9	-4
Fail to Stop or Remain	7	8	-1
Seatbelt Violation	5	28	-23
Intersection Violation	8	10	-2
Speeding Violation	71	177	-106
Insurance Violation	4	9	-5
Road Side Suspension (Alcohol)	2	1	1
Road Side Suspension (Drug)	0	0	0
Collision - Fatal	0	0	0
Collision - Non - Fatal Injury	10	5	5
Collision - Reportable	53	29	24
Collision - Non Reportable	33	14	19
Off-Road Vehicle Collision	3	4	-1
Municipal By-laws	1	3	-2
Other Traffic Offence/Violation	143	200	-57
Other Traffic Related Duties	24	1	23
Checkstop	36	69	-33
<b>Other</b>			
911 Call	41	28	13
Breach of Court Order	28	30	-2
Liquor Act	22	10	12
Mental Health Act	91	69	22
Missing Person	20	21	-1
Municipal Bylaw - Other	7	16	-9
Other	448	424	24
Suspicious P V P	62	14	48
Trespass At Night	0	3	-3
HPA (COVID-19) - Offences only	0	0	0
HPA (COVID-19) - Other activities	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Offences Only	0	0	0
QUA (COVID-19) - Other Activities	0	0	0
<b>Total Founded &amp; SUI Occurrences</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>-73</b>
<b>Total Occurrences*</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>-86</b>

*\*Includes Unfounded and Unsubstantiated*

## 6. CALLS FOR SERVICE MAP (WEST HANTS)



## 7. ROAD SAFETY REPORT

West Hants Road Safety Report (Report Prepared by RCMP Traffic Services Data Analyst Michelle FISHER)

*Purpose:*

*This report is intended to give an overview of collisions and enforcement in Nova Scotia by District/Unit to guide intelligence led policing regarding Road Safety. If you require specific details not contained within this report, please contact the author.*

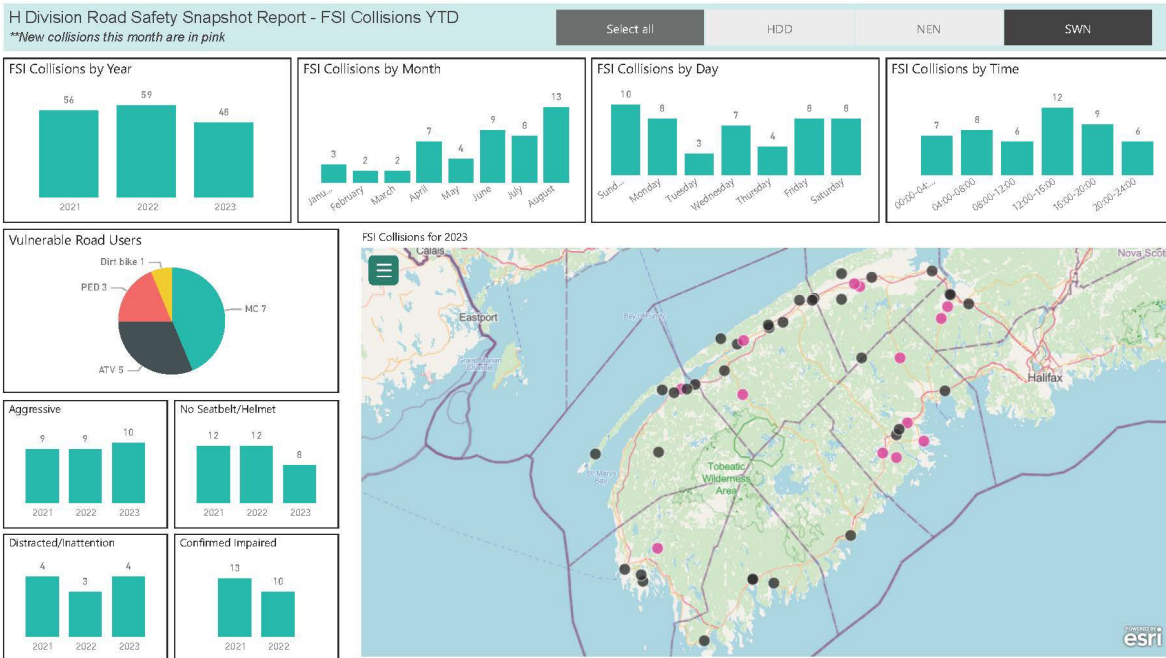
*Limitations:*

*\*Raw data is obtained from PROS, Versadex and PAT as well as submissions from Southwest Nova District (SWN), Northeast Nova District (NEN) and Halifax District (HDD)*

*\*\*Fatal and Serious Injury collision causal factor information is collected from PROS and Versadex as well as Medical Examiner's Reports and CARS reports.*

*\*\*\*All causal factors in this report are based on preliminary findings. Impaired results are waiting for toxicology for confirmation.*

Municipality of West Hants  
 Quarterly Police Report  
 July – September 2023



H Division Road Safety Snapshot Report - Road Safety Initiatives

Month/initiative	Type/When
<b>January</b>	
Intersection Safety	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>February</b>	
Distracted Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>March</b>	
Occupant Restraints	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>April</b>	
Speeding/Aggressive Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>May</b>	
Canada Road Safety Week	3rd week - stats collected
Motorcycle Safety	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>June</b>	
Distracted Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>July</b>	
Construction Zone Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>August</b>	
Impaired Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>September</b>	
Back to School	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>October</b>	
Intersection Safety	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
National Teen Driver Safety Week	3rd week
Operation Impact	Thanksgiving Weekend - stats collected
<b>November</b>	
National Day of Road Crash Victims	3rd Wednesday
Winter Road Safety	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
<b>December</b>	
Impaired Driving	Road Safety Calendar Monthly Initiative
National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day	1st Saturday - stats collected

← Note: September is Back to School month on the Road Safety Calendar.

- West Hants RCMP Members conducted thirty-six check stops at various locations throughout West Hants during this quarter.
- West Hants RCMP Members issued seventy-six summary offence tickets and ninety nine written warnings during this quarter.
- West Hants RCMP has implemented a Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program initiative that has seen a documented enforcement effort in specific areas identified as a concern. Enforcement efforts were focused on Payzant Drive and Highway 1, Ellershouse & Ardoise.

## 8. GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

- In July, 2023 West Hants GIS assumed the lead of a significant financial fraud involving crypto-currency. H Division Cybercrime Unit has been engaged and assisting with the investigation which is ongoing.
- GIS assisted with completing a time sensitive warrant to search a residence for a shotgun as part of an intimate partner violence investigation. GIS also assisted general duty members with executing the search warrant at the residence.
- GIS was tasked to assist and be the file coordinator for the West Hants flood event that occurred in July. The GIS investigator was assigned as a family liaison with families of the missing individuals as well as multiple additional aspects of the following investigation.

- GIS conducted an investigation into allegations that a local business was supplying illegal nicotine/vape products and THC products to youth in the community. A search warrant was executed at the location in August resulting in the seizure of illicit nicotine/vape products, THC/cannabis products, cash and a prohibited weapon. An adult male was charged with offences under the Criminal Code, the Cannabis Act, the Revenue Act and the Tobacco Access Control Act.
- GIS was tasked with investigating allegations that an international exchange student may have been assaulted while attending school in Canada. West Hants GIS is liaising with Interpol to locate the alleged victim to obtain further details. The investigation is ongoing.
- West Hants GIS has identified a suspect involving the exploitation of a youth from West Hants via a social media platform following an investigation that has spanned several months. West Hants GIS is currently working with the police agency of jurisdiction where the suspect resides to bring the investigation to a successful conclusion.
- GIS was tasked to assist with an impaired driving investigation by completing time sensitive warrants to obtain evidence and documents that will allow a forensic analysis to be completed offering evidence to the offence.

## **9. SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICER**

Cst. Richard COLLINS has remained very active within West Hants Schools throughout this reporting period.

- Cst. COLLINS was reassigned to General Duties throughout the summer to assist with allowing members adequate time off during the summer months.
- With the return to School in September Cst. COLLINS once again led the road safety initiative within school zones and completed an education/enforcement blitz during the first week of school.
- Cst. COLLINS continues to maintain a positive presence within West Hants schools and is responsible for dealing with the majority of occurrences that originate within the schools.
- Cst. COLLINS continues to focus on School Zone Safety and has conducted eighteen check stops or enforcement initiatives in various school zones throughout West Hants.
- The S.A.F.E. Plans for every school in West Hants have been updated by Cst. COLLINS and he has already observed multiple exercises at West Hants schools.

## 10. STREET CRIME ENFORCEMENT UNIT (SCEU) (PROVINCIAL)

- One Street Crime Enforcement Unit Investigator position has been vacant since March 31<sup>st</sup>. A replacement has been identified from within West Hants Detachment and occupied the position as of September 25<sup>th</sup> following the arrival of the member replacing her in General Duty.
- In July SCEU assisted General Duty members with an arrest and execution of a search warrant in Windsor.
- SCEU was tasked to assist with the West Hants flood event that occurred in July. The SCEU investigator was assigned as a family liaison with families of the missing individuals as well as multiple additional aspects of the following investigation.
- One SCEU investigator continues to assist with intelligence related to fisheries dispute matters within Southwest Nova District.
- SCEU assisted GIS with the investigation into allegations that a local business was supplying illegal nicotine/vape products and THC products to youth in the community which resulted in the seizure of evidence, currency, weapons and numerous charges being laid against an adult under multiple acts.

## 11. SIGNIFICANT / NOTEWORTHY

Some significant and noteworthy items this past quarter include the following:

- There were twenty reported break & enters during this quarter. One resulted in charges being laid, three resulted in the victim declining to proceed with charges. Five were unfounded, ten resulted in insufficient evidence and one remains under investigation.
- West Hants Detachment investigated twenty one incidents of individuals reported missing during this quarter all of whom have been located.
- Three sexual offences were reported during this quarter. One was determined to have occurred in another jurisdiction and was reassigned. The remaining two resulted in insufficient evidence to proceed or the victim not wanting to proceed.
- Members responded to ninety nine motor vehicle collisions during this quarter which includes three off road vehicle collisions. Two individuals died as a result of one of these collisions and the remaining were property damage.
- Members conducted eight human death investigations during this quarter.
- Members responded to ninety-one calls for service related to individuals experiencing mental health crisis. It should be noted that one individual can be

responsible for multiple calls for service. In one instance, one individual was responsible for no less than twenty of the ninety-one occurrences. West Hants RCMP has committed to working with The Peer Outreach Support Services and Education in relation to additional mental health supports and a potential alternate service delivery model for mental health services in West Hants.

- Police dealt with fifteen incidents of possible impaired driving during this quarter. Charges were laid in four instances. Two occurrences were investigated and determined impairment was not a factor. Seven occurrences had insufficient evidence to proceed and two remain under investigation.
- West Hants RCMP responded to two high risk incidents involving individuals in possession of firearms. In one instance a female reported she had been shot. General Duty members quickly established containment and were able to take the person into custody without incident. The female was treated for non-life threatening injuries and applicable charges were laid.
- Additional resources were allocated in response to public safety planning for the Hantsport Music Festival, Canada Day activities and the Hants County Exhibition which occurred during this quarter.
- In July 2023 West Hants Detachment Members, supported by members from multiple RCMP detachments responded to an unprecedented number of emergency calls for service as a result of a severe weather event. I am extremely proud of the efforts of the response from RCMP employees and all first responders. RCMP, Fire and Ground, Search and Rescue members worked tirelessly during the search and recovery portion of the response to bring home each of our four missing residents.
- West Hants RCMP has investigated two complaints of what is believed to be hate motivated occurrences. One occurrence remains under investigation and the other was determined that it did not meet the elements of the relevant hate related criminal offences. West Hants RCMP has committed to working with the West Hants Municipality and other community stakeholders on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
- Sgt. FRIZZELL continues to meet periodically with the local Chamber of Commerce to discuss and address issues that impact the business community and the downtown core.

Respectfully Submitted,

Staff Sergeant David FERGUSON  
District Commander  
West Hants RCMP