

FROM THE CRUISER

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY DISTRICT RCMP-GRC

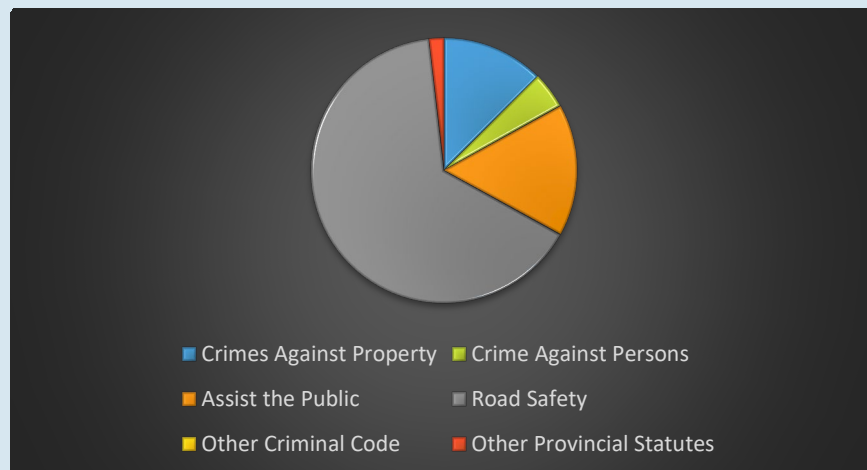
July 2024



Salmon River

The Month in Review

Guysborough County District RCMP responded to 135 calls for service during the month of July, 2024. Below is a chart showing the nature of those calls:



****Some calls of a sensitive nature are not included in the above chart***

News Stories

A 2008 Silver Jeep Wrangler was stolen from the side of the road in Goldenville on July 9th. RCMP are still looking for this vehicle and believe it may be in the Pictou County area. Anyone with information on it's whereabouts is asked to contact Sherbrooke RCMP detachment at 902-522-2200 or Crime Stoppers at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca or calling 1-800-222-8477, or by using the P3 mobile app.



On July 20th, a break and enter to a shed in Manchester was reported. The thieves took tires and a gas can full of fuel from the property. Anyone with information on this break, enter and theft is asked to call Guysborough District RCMP at 902-533-3801 or Crime Stoppers at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca or calling 1-800-222-8477, or by using the P3 mobile app.

Sherbrooke RCMP were called to an abandoned vehicle in Caledonia on July 29th. The investigation revealed that the vehicle belonged to a Pictou County resident. Guysborough District RCMP is working with Pictou District RCMP to get the vehicle back to its owner.

Crime Prevention

Off highway vehicles are allowed access to the shoulders of the roadway from one trail to another in seven areas in Nova Scotia; Ship Harbour, Porters Lake, New Germany, Weymouth, Walton, Sherbrooke, & Gabarus. Currently, Sherbrooke is the only area in Guysborough County that road access is permitted. Riders using the designated roads must have a valid driver's license, insurance & registration & license plate. The OHV may not travel faster than 25 km/h in these areas. All OHV users should review the OHV Act for Nova Scotia, as well as the Road Trails Act before heading out to avoid fines & seizure of their off-highway vehicle.

In 2022, Nova Scotians lost a record \$3.6 million to scammers, up from \$2.5 Million in 2021. Fraudsters continue to steal hard-earned money from people in our province, False investment opportunities, fake relationships, and bogus prize winnings are costing Nova Scotians thousands".



To protect yourself from fraud, never give personal or financial information to unknown callers, or through text or email, resist acting immediately when being pressured to hand over money, never send cryptocurrency or gift cards for payment. Beware of online investments groups that ask for personal information.

If you suspect you may be a victim of fraud contact your nearest RCMP detachment.

Safe Roadways



On July 10th Guysborough District RCMP responded to a collision that occurred on Highway 316 near County Harbour Lake. Workers in the area were parked on the side of the highway when a grey SUV travelling West bound struck the truck causing extensive damage to the truck and hitting one of the worker's arms. RCMP located the driver of the SUV at a nearby residence. The 61-year-old has been charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident to provide details, and operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. The driver has been given a court date of September 13th, 2024 at Antigonish Provincial Court to enter a plea.

On July 18th, RCMP were called to a collision that occurred on Larry's River Road in Lundy. During the course of the roadside investigation, the officer spoke to a witness who they suspected was impaired by alcohol. It was discovered that the man had driven to the scene while impaired. The twenty-eight-year-old Pictou County man was arrested for impaired operation of a conveyance & driving with over the legal limit of alcohol in his blood.

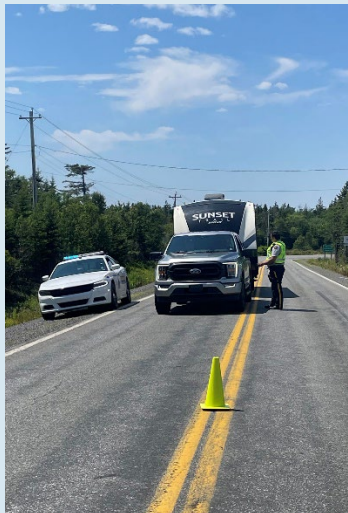
Guysborough District RCMP set up nine check stops during the month in the following communities of Gegogan, Canso, Half Island Cove, and Hazel Hill.

Five check stops were set up during Stan Rogers and Guysborough Come Home Days, ten mandatory alcohol screening demands were made with all drivers showing a reading of zero. Seven summary offence tickets were issued, and 25 summary offence warnings were issued. Thank you to all the residents for doing their part in keeping our roads safe during a busy weekend by planning a safe way home from festivities!

The Guysborough County Branch of Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) were out on Saturday, July 25th stopping vehicles alongside RCMP members from Guysborough District & the North East Nova Scotia Traffic Services Unit. The group was reminding motorists that if they drink, don't drive while enjoying our beautiful county & festivals. Thank you to MADD volunteers Heather Toole & Denise Wood (who is also the Guysborough RCMP detachment assistant) that take the time to help keep our communities safer.



Volunteer Heather Toole & Cst. Ed Newell



Volunteer Denise Wood & Cst. Ian Monteith

In Our Community

Cst. Tammy Hudak took part in a Canada Day Parade through Sunnyville & Guysborough



RCMP members were on patrol during Guysborough Come Home Days & Stan Fest ensuring safety was the top priority of attendees along with having fun & listening to great music & reuniting with friends. We had a few familiar faces in Canso to help with this task.



Sgt. Natasha Farrell, Cst. Tammy Hudak, Cst. Jordan Bruce, Cpl. Robert Cavanaugh, & Cst. Christine Pelly.



Cst. Pelly & Cpl. Cavanaugh on Foot Patrol at Stan Rogers Folk Festival in Canso



Cst. Thordarson stopped by the Smokey Hollow Duck Drop at the Country Harbour Mines Bridge.



Cst. Thordarson participated in the Goshen Canada Day parade



Cpl. Michon & Detachment Assistant MacDonald attended the Goldenville Summer Social



Cst. DOUCETTE stopped by St. Mary's day camp in Sherbrooke. He demonstrated how all of his tools work, & talked about safety. Each child tried on his duty vest, and went into the cruiser to try the lights & siren. Cst. Doucette challenged the kids to an obstacle course race through the playground equipment.

Young entrepreneurs in Canso were gifted some RCMP t-shirts for their community service of keeping the community hydrated during hot days.



Cst. Hudak was gifted a beautiful painting for the Canso detachment by Friends United





A Message from Guysborough County RCMP's District Commander

My first month in Guysborough District has gone by quickly and has been busy with events and festivals. I've gotten to meet some of you along my travels through the County. Thank you all for showing me a friendly welcome, I am so happy to be back!

You may be wondering what this newsletter is. "From the Cruiser" is a report to keep the residents of Guysborough County District apprised of the work their local RCMP are doing to keep their communities safe; including road safety initiatives, crime prevention, and arrests or charges on investigations affecting the safety of the community.

This will be the first of many Guysborough District editions.

"From the Cruiser" is our accountability to our communities that we are out keeping Guysborough County safe and working with residents to support safe practices when local events are happening. The area we police in Guysborough County is large. Although you may feel that you don't see us enough, it's important that you know that we are working hard throughout the District as you will see each month in our newsletter.

In our editions we may seek the public's assistance in solving crime. You are the eyes and ears of the community and an important part of helping us do our job. If you have a problem in your community, call us. We need to know there is an issue so we can help. We can be reached at the following non-emergency lines:

Sherbrooke detachment: 902-522-2200
Guysborough detachment: 902-533-3801
Canso detachment: 902-366-2440

In an emergency, call 9-1-1

Sgt. Natasha Farrell