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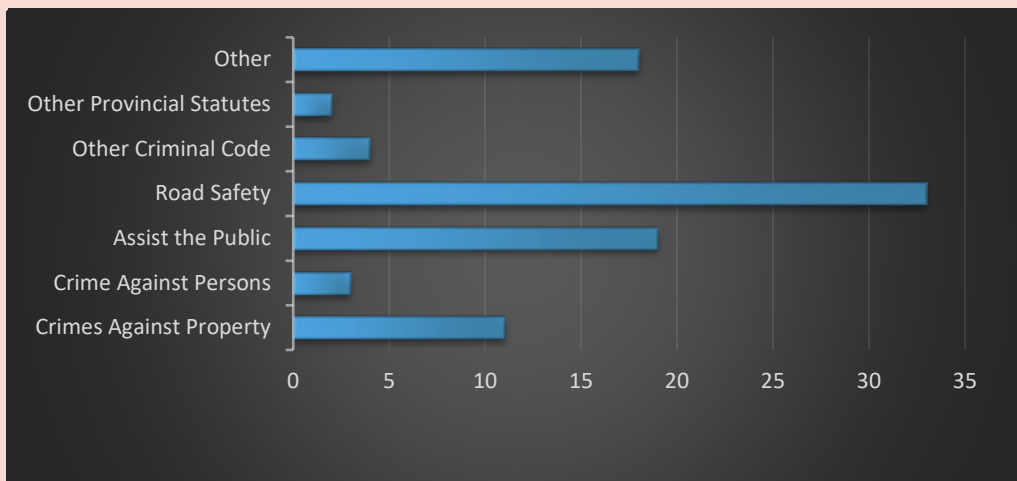
February 2025



Photo: Guysborough Historical Society

The Month in Review

Guysborough County District RCMP responded to 94 calls for service during the month of February 2025. 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

On February 17th to 28th, Nova Scotia RCMP worked with provincial policing partners to participate in Project STEEL by executing search warrants targeting online child exploitation offenders with a goal of safeguarding children. Multiple people were arrested and have been charged as the investigations advance.

Over the twelve days of Project STEEL, The RCMP's National Child Exploitation Crime Centre, the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Surete du Quebec worked with the RCMP Nova Scotia Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit to help identify suspects.

On February 19th, the ICE Unit, working alongside Guysborough District RCMP investigators, RCMP's Digital Forensic Section, Interview Assistance Team, Cybercrime Unit and Commercial Crime Section, and Guysborough/Antigonish Street Crime Enforcement Unit attended a residence on Hwy 16 in Boylston with a search warrant. Officers arrested one man and located child pornography on a cell phone that was seized at the scene.

James Thornley, 24, of Boylston, has been charged with one count each of Possession of Child Pornography and Transmit Child Pornography. He was released on conditions pending a first court appearance at Antigonish Provincial Court on April 30th.

Crime Prevention



As the weather warms and you begin weekend getaways with your family and friends, ensure you are keeping your items at home secure. Property crime is often a crime of opportunity and taking the steps to properly secure your belongings is the best defence. The RCMP recommends following these simple things that can help deter thieves from entering your property while you are away:

Lighting – Ensure your yard is well lit. Consider installing motion sensor lights at all entryways.

Sightlines: Keep clear sightlines to your yards, garages, and entry points so criminals have no where to hide. Make sure trees & bushes aren't overgrown, creating a cover for a potential thief.

Windows: Keep windows covered and locked when you're not home. An empty house is a criminal's playground.

Alarms: Consider installing a security system, especially on seasonal properties or if you travel often. This helps ensure police are notified during or shortly after a break in.

Road Safety

On February 12th RCMP stopped a vehicle on Highway 7 in Sherbrooke. The driver was charged with driving a motor vehicle while license suspended and issued warnings for driving a motor vehicle without motor vehicle insurance and failing to notify registrar of change in address. The accused is scheduled to appear in Antigonish Provincial Court on April 25, 2025.

On February 19th, RCMP in Sherbrooke charged another driver for driving while suspended. The registered owner of the vehicle was given a formal warning for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate their motor vehicle.

Two check stops were completed during the month; One in Hazel Hill and the other on Main Street Canso on February 22nd. RCMP are happy to report, no drivers were impaired.



Icy and snow-covered roads contributed to vehicles veering off the road and collisions throughout Guysborough County during the month. Guysborough District responded to six collisions during the month.

Ten motorists were stopped for speeding during the month, while two others were charged for driving without due care or attention.

As the weather warms throughout March, motorists are reminded to watch their speed. The RCMP is committed to road safety and will continue to enforce posted limits.

In Our Community

Cst. Tammy Hudak attended the raising of the flag for the African Heritage month.



Cst. Fidler stopped by the Sherbrooke rink during the St. Mary's Coyote's House League practice on February 20th. He had questions from some of the players about his taser & handcuffs

Cst. Hudak did a safety presentation in Whitehead



Cst. Thordarson stopped by the Indian Harbour Lake Social on February 14th.



Cst. Thordarson attended the High Crest Nursing Home in Sherbrooke for their Valentine Brunch. He helped serve cupcakes to the residents at the event.

Guysborough, Antigonish & Pictou RCMP employees attended the African Heritage Month Gala on February 15th



L-R: Sgt. Ken Parsons Cst. Christine Pelly, DSA Denise Wood, Sgt. Farrell, S/Sgt Kim Hillier, Cst. Garfield Levy, Insp. Mike Ingles



Guysborough Detachment Employees, L-R: Cst. Antony Fink, Sgt. Natasha Farrell, DSA Denise Wood, Cst. Noah Nudo, Cst. Garfield Levy.

Did You Know?

All Guysborough District RCMP are now wearing Body Worn Camera's

As part of the RCMP's modernization plan, the RCMP is rolling out body-worn cameras and a Digital Evidence Management System to RCMP officers across the country.

Objectives of wearing body worn cameras are as follows:

- Strengthening transparency, accountability and public trust;
- Resolving public complaints quicker;
- Improving interactions between the public and police;
- Improving evidence gathering.

The RCMP is committed to ensuring that Canadians feel protected by, and have trust in the RCMP. Body-worn cameras can help increase trust between police and the communities they serve because the video evidence collected will provide an independent, unbiased, and objective way to capture interactions between the community and police officers.



The RCMP will activate their body-worn cameras during calls for service, including:

- Mental health calls
- Interactions with people in crisis
- Crimes in progress
- For investigations
- Public disorder and protests
- To record information to support the performance of their duties
- During traffic stops

For more information on the implementation of body worn cameras, residents can visit www.rcmp.ca/en/body-worn-cameras