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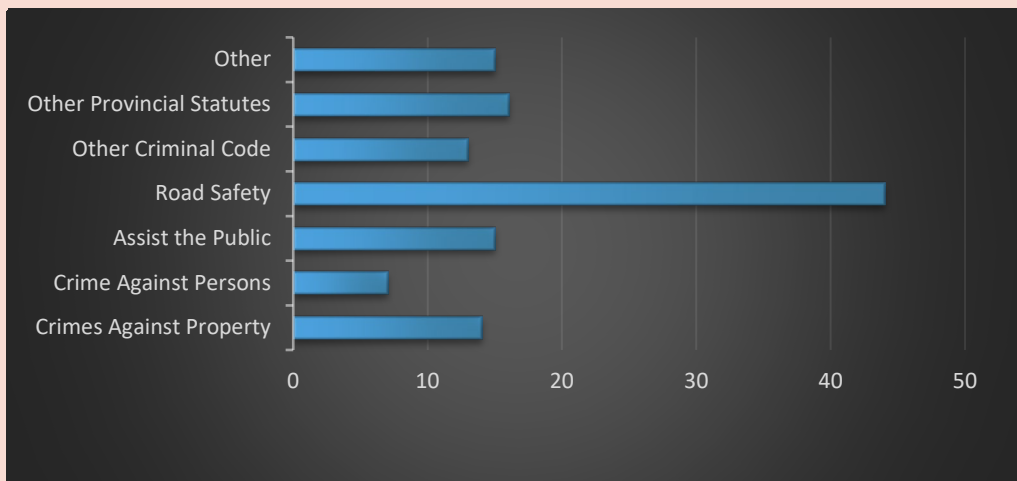
GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY DISTRICT RCMP-GRC
May 2025



Roachville

The Month in Review

Guysborough County District RCMP responded to 131 calls for service during the month of May 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

Charges are pending following a false collision report made to Guysborough District RCMP on May 14th. A man reported he was involved in a collision on Highway 16 in Guysborough on this date. Guysborough District RCMP investigated the collision and discovered that the man, the vehicle, and trailer were in a similar single vehicle rollover collision in New Brunswick on May 5th, leaving the vehicle undriveable at that time. Upon further investigation it was learned that a change in the vehicles insurance policy was requested on May 12th.

The man is facing charges as follows:

Public Mischief, contrary to Section 140(1)(C) of the Criminal Code;

Fraud over \$5000, contrary to Section 380(1) of the Criminal Code;

Providing false information to a Peace Officer, contrary to Section 301(2) of the Motor Vehicle Act;

Making a false statement in report of an accident contrary to Section 98(1) of the Motor Vehicle Act.



According to the Insurance Institute, insurance fraud rose 76% in 2024, with auto-related incidents making up 67%.

Fraud costs everyone by driving up insurance premiums. It is estimated that insurance fraud costs Canadians \$1 Billion per year in added premiums (www.insuranceinstitute.ca)

Crime Prevention



Are you interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch in your community? Neighbourhood Watch is a community run program where neighbours look out for neighbours. Your local police can provide assistance through education. If your community wants to know more, all it takes is a few volunteers to get the process started. Contact Guysborough District RCMP at 902-533-3801 to set up a meeting.

Buying an item on Facebook Marketplace or other similar online marketplaces? Never send money prior to seeing the item and choose a public area to meet for pick up of the item to avoid being a victim of fraud. Look for signs of legitimacy; Do you have any friends in common, how long has the seller been on Facebook. If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.



Road Safety

Guysborough District RCMP members were checking drivers for sobriety and safe driving on May 3rd. One warning was issued to a driver who, although confirmed to hold a drivers license, didn't have it on their person at the time of the stop.



Six speeding fines were handed out in May throughout the district.

Transport Canada's National Collision Database, that contains data on all reportable motor vehicle collisions in Canada that the provinces and territories provide each year, has provided the following statistics:

- The year 2023 saw increases in the number of fatalities and serious injuries (compared to 2022), while the number of total injuries decreased.
- 1,964 fatalities in 2023 marked the highest count in the past 10 years.
- 9,261 serious injuries marked the highest count in the last 5 years, while the total injuries were around the average for the past 5 years.
- Compared to 20 years ago, fatalities have decreased by 28%, serious injuries have decreased by 41%, and total injuries are down 42%.



The federal, provincial, and territorial governments in Canada work to improve road safety to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries and to have the safest roads in the world. Guysborough District RCMP is committed to doing their part to promote safe driving practices, but we need local drivers to do their part and adopt safe driving practices to contribute to a safer community.

On May 27th, at 9:45 PM, Guysborough District RCMP observed an ATV being driven on Highway 16. Officers stopped the ATV and discovered the male driver did not have registration or insurance on the off-highway vehicle. The driver was charged with the following:

- Operating an off-highway vehicle on the highway, contrary to Section 12(1) of the Off Highway Vehicle Act.
- Operating an off-highway vehicle without required adequate third-party liability insurance, contrary to Section 15(B) of the Off Highway Vehicle Act.

Additionally, a warning for operating an off-highway vehicle on or crossing a highway without a valid license was issued to the driver.

ATV's and OHV's, although used widely in rural areas for transportation on trails or private property, can not be driven on public roads unless specified. Operating any vehicle on a public roadway without registration or insurance is an offence.

In Our Community



Cpl. Doucette and Cst. Feeke joined the SMECA students & staff on May 2nd in their quest to 'walk across Canada'. The kids were very excited to have them join in on the fun!



Cst. Hudak & Cst. Nudo attended Fanning Education Centre/ Canso Academy to read books with elementary students.



Cpl. Doucette & Sgt. Farrell attended the SMECA career fair.



Canso Detachment Assistant, Melissa Richards, was recognized for her community involvement and volunteerism in May and attended a ceremony at Government House



Cst. Hudak presented to folks in Sherbrooke on fraud awareness & prevention

DID YOU KNOW?

Drones fall under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (Part IX). There are two categories of drones:

1. Micro Drones



- Defined as drones weighing under 250g
- Pilots do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) and therefore:
 - Pilots are not required to register their drone with Transport Canada;
 - Pilots are not required hold a Basic or Advanced Pilot Certificate;
- While they cannot be charged under CARs, it does not abdicate their responsibility to fly safely
 - they can still face severe penalties under the Criminal Code section 77, (endangering safety of aircraft or airports);
 - they can still face penalties for mischief, voyeurism, criminal negligence, etc.
- Pilots must always fly responsibly so as not to endanger people or wildlife.

2. Small Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (sRPAS)



- Defined as drones weighing between 250g and 25kg;
- Pilots must have their drone registered with Transport Canada and the registration number marked on the drone (just a \$5.00 fee);
- Pilots must hold at least a Basic RPAS Pilot certificate.

There are two types of Pilot certificates an operator of as sRPAS must hold. Below is a chart to show their differences:

BASIC	ADVANCED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 14 years of age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 16 years or older
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write and pass a Transport Canada exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write and pass a Transport Canada Exam <u>PLUS</u> do a Flight Review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly no higher than 400' above ground level OR no higher than 100' above a building and <u>only</u> within 200' laterally of that building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly no higher than 400' above ground level OR no higher than 100' above a building and <u>only</u> within 200' laterally of that building
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly no closer than 100' laterally near people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly no closer than 100' laterally near people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exception: may fly up to 5m laterally to crew or people involved in an operation – all must receive a safety briefing from the pilot in command ○ Exception: obtain an SFOC (such as for an outdoor advertised event like a music festival)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly only in visual line of Sight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly only in Visual Line of Sight (unless authorized for Beyond Line of Sight in the form of a Special Flight Operations Certificate - SFOC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot fly within 3 nautical miles of an aerodrome (Trenton Airport) or 1 nautical of a heliport (Aberdeen Hospital) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot fly within 3 nautical miles of an aerodrome (Trenton Airport) or 1 nautical of a heliport (Aberdeen Hospital) unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ two way communication with air traffic control or other aircraft in the area can be established Pilot in command has obtained flight authorization from the aerodrome (usually air traffic control and done through a NAVCAN app) ○ Pilot in command has obtained flight authorization from the aerodrome (usually air traffic control and done through a NAVCAN app)

Fines for pilots under Canadian Aviation Regulations range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for individuals and up to \$25,000 for corporations.