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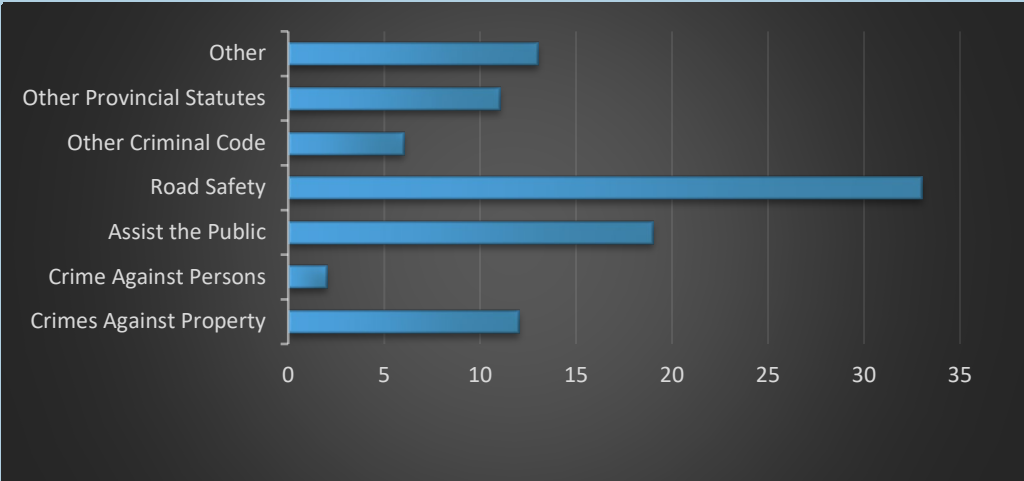
January 2026



Port Bickerton

The Month in Review

Guysborough County District RCMP responded to 93 calls for service during the month of January 2026. 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 January 31st, just after 3:00 PM, Guysborough District RCMP were dispatched to a residence on Clyke Branch Road where a man had sustained serious, nonlife threatening injuries after an altercation in the home. EHS cared for the man on scene and Life Flight later transported the man to Halifax. The Nova Scotia RCMP Forensic Identification Section attended the scene and worked in consultation with Guysborough District RCMP investigators. The RCMP is wanting to speak to anyone that was at the residence on January 31st, as well as anyone driving in the area between 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM that day. If you are recognize the vehicle in the below photo please contact Guysborough District RCMP at 902-533-3801 or to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca or use the P3 Tips app.



On January 28th, Guysborough District RCMP responded to a complaint of mischief and animal abuse at a dwelling in Isaacs Harbour. Witnesses alleged they saw the man kick his dog. Upon police arrival, a thirty-seven-year-old man became uncooperative and resistant with police. He was arrested and has been charged under the Nova Scotia Animal Protection Act. Guysborough District RCMP is working in consultation with the Nova Scotia SPCA on the investigation.

Crime Prevention

The Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding drivers to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles after an RCMP vehicle was struck by another vehicle on Hwy. 104 at Oxford Junction. On January 28 at approximately 10:00 a.m., a Cumberland County District RCMP officer was conducting a traffic stop on Hwy. 104 east of exit 6. The police vehicle was stopped and had emergency lights flashing. As the traffic stop was taking place, an eastbound Isuzu commercial vehicle struck the police vehicle, sideswiping the driver side and causing significant damage. No injuries were reported.

When an emergency vehicle is stopped on the side of a roadway and has lights flashing, other drivers must slow down to 60 km/h or drive at the speed limit if it is lower than 60 km/h. On a road with two or more lanes in the same direction, drivers must also move into another lane farther away from the stopped vehicle if safe to do so. This requirement applies to a range of emergency vehicles, including ambulances, police and fire vehicles, tow trucks when they are operating at a scene, and vehicles of other peace officers like conservation officers, sheriffs, and vehicle inspection officers.



Fines for not slowing down or not moving over start at over \$350.00 for a first offence however a judge can impose a higher fine if it goes to court.

Road Safety

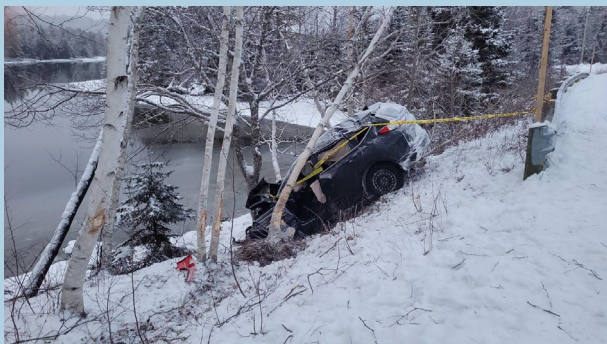
Seven check stops were set up during the month in the communities of Guysborough, Sherbrooke, Larry's River, Goldenville, Ecum Secum, and Port Bickerton.

On January 4th, Guysborough District RCMP stopped a vehicle for speeding on Highway 16 in Guysborough. The investigator determined during the stop that the driver did not possess a valid license. The driver was charged under Section 64 of the Motor Vehicle Act.

During the Town Halls Guysborough District RCMP hosted in 2025, residents around the County had one common concern: Road Safety and slowing down speeding vehicles in their communities. In partnership with Guysborough District police officers, Northeast Nova Scotia RCMP Traffic Services members have been in Guysborough County during the month of January to assist with road safety initiatives of keeping our local roadways safe. Traffic Services spent time in Sand Point, Sherbrooke, Ecum Secum and all roads in between during January reminding those travelling to quick to obey posted speed limits and to drive for the weather conditions.

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- *Winter tires improve traction and shorten stopping distance. The performance of all-season tires suffers when temperatures dip below 7 C as their rubber loses elasticity, according to the Canadian Automobile Association*
 - *Snow and ice are more slippery at 0 C than at -20 C or below, according to Transport Canada*
 - *Transport Canada reports that black ice can be present on roads with temperatures between 4 C and -4 C. The slick, transparent ice can be found on roads, bridges and overpasses even long after sunrise*
 - *Ice can form on bridges and overpasses before roads as the cold air underneath causes surface moisture to freeze*

A collision in Lesterdale on January 22nd was one of four collisions that occurred that snowy day. RCMP responded to thirteen collisions around Guysborough District during the month.



In Our Community

Corporal Erin Dillon, the Nova Scotia RCMP Diversity Analyst, attended Guysborough to present Tracadie United Baptist Church community with a plaque in appreciation for their contribution to the Nova Scotia RCMP's apology to African Nova Scotians and all persons of African descent for the historical use of street checks and other harmful interactions. On hand to receive the plaque for the church was Deacon Catherine Hartling and Councillor Mary Desmond, two members of the community that were very involved in the planning of the apology across Nova Scotia.



Did you know?

The Municipality of the District of Guysborough has a Police Advisory Board that was appointed in 2025.

The central role of an RCMP Advisory Board is community liaison and outreach to determine the policing needs, values, and expectations of the community and collaborate with the chief officer to identify key community issues, prioritize issues, align priorities with outcomes, activities and initiatives and develop a strategic plan to deliver on the identified priorities and monitor progress of that plan.

The Board provides advice to the Council in relation to the enforcement of the law, the maintenance of law and order, as well as order and the prevention of crime in the municipality.

The Police Advisory Board determines, in consultation with the chief officer, priorities, objectives and goals respecting police services in the community.

The Police Advisory Board is not an intake for complaints, discipline or personnel conduct. Such should be directed to the District Commander or the Civilian Review & Complaints Commission for the RCMP.

The Board meets four times a year and a member of the Police Advisory Board attends local Council meetings to update local Council on the meetings.

If you have a recommendation on how the RCMP can better serve your community, you are encouraged to reach out to any of the following members of your community that make up of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough Police Advisory Board:

Lois Ann Dort

Tonya Chisholm

Brent MacLeod

Catherine Hartling