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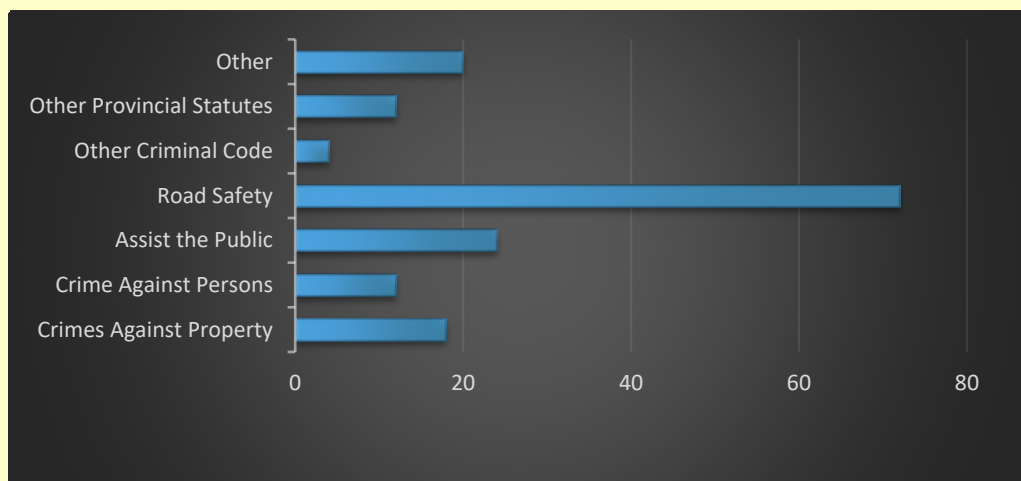
GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY DISTRICT RCMP-GRC

September 2026



The Month in Review

Guysborough County District RCMP responded to 136 calls for service during the month of September 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 September 12th at 7:35 PM, Guysborough County District RCMP responded to a single vehicle collision on Highway 316 in Meagher's Hill. The lone occupant of the vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene, and the highway was closed for a couple of hours to allow the RCMP Collision Analyst Reconstructionist to attend the scene for further investigation. An investigation into the cause of the crash is on-going. Our thoughts are with family and friends of the local man.

Two Digby area men have been charged with theft of fishing equipment that occurred on Water Street in Canso. The value of the items stolen from the Wharf was valued at approximately \$20,000. With the assistance of Digby District RCMP, both men were arrested and released on Appearance Notices to attend Antigonish Provincial Court on December 2, 2026, at 9:30 AM to speak to the charge of Theft Over \$5000.

A Canso area man has been charged with Uttering Threats and Resisting Arrest following a call to a residence in Canso Town on September 24th. The male was intoxicated and threatening others around him. Upon police arrival, he resisted arrest with officers on scene. After a short struggle, he was taken into custody. The 40-year-old was later released with a court date of December 9 at 9:30 in Antigonish Provincial Court.

On September 28, Guysborough County District RCMP responded to a report of a home invasion involving a firearm that had occurred two days earlier. Officers learned that a man had entered the home of a person

known to him, damaged property, and assaulted a person in the home before leaving. The man was holding a firearm at the time. No shots were fired and no injuries were reported. On October 1, officers executed search warrant at a residence associated to the man with support from ERT, RCMP Crisis Negotiation Team, Explosives Disposal Unit, Police Dog Services. Investigators seized nine firearms, including four shotguns and three rifles, and ammunition.



Jody Michael Decoste, 56, was safely arrested during the search warrant execution. He is charged with Assault, Utter Threats, and four weapons-related offences including Pointing a Firearm with Intent. He had a first court appearance on October 1 where he was remanded into custody.

Road Safety

Four check stops were completed during the month of September in the communities of Guysborough, Goshen, Port Felix and Sherbrooke.

An increase in “Stunt Driving” has been reported in Guysborough County. Stunt driving in Nova Scotia is defined as operating a vehicle in a manner that poses a danger to others, with significant penalties including fines and licence points.

Under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act, stunt driving included actions such as:

- Driving at speeds 50 km/h or more over the posted speed limit;
- Attempting to lift a vehicle’s tires off the ground or spinning without control;
- Engaging in races or contest on public roads.

The consequences for stunt driving in Nova Scotia for the first offence are as follows:

- \$2, 422.50 fine;
- Six demerit points on a driver’s record;
- An immediate seven-day suspension of the driver’s license;
- The vehicle may be seized and impounded for seven days, incurring additional cost for retrieval.



Photo of road damage due to stunt driving

Guysborough County District RCMP is committed to safer roadways for all users. If you see someone stunt driving, report it to police. If you have video evidence that can be used in court, the driver can be charged.

Guysborough District RCMP responded to ten traffic collisions during the month of September.

In Our Community



Guysborough County District RCMP hosted a “Touch a Truck” event in Guysborough on September 27th. Community members of all ages attended the Legion parking lot to meet the First Responders & Essential Service Providers that drive special cars and trucks in the community. The afternoon provided an up close and personal tour of the vehicles and the special people that spend many hours behind the wheel.

A Lockdown Drill



Guysborough County District RCMP Members have been attending local schools during the month of September assisting with “Lock Down” drills. A Lock Down drill can be used for a variety of reasons to ensure student safety.

Local RCMP are often invited to attend to support students and staff, familiarize themselves with local schools, and practice a safe response.

Ever wonder what your local Mounties do on their days off? Well, Cpl. Doucette, Cst. Levy and Cst. Nudo participated in an Obstacle Course competition with other first responders around the province in September. Fit for duty, fit for life.

