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# 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

"H" DIVISION NOVA SCOTIA RCMP

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*Etched in stone on the granite memorial wall of the Nova Scotia RCMP Headquarters are the names of those Nova Scotia RCMP members who left us too soon. This is a solemn and constant reminder of those who lost their lives in the line of duty.*

*In front of the wall is a bronze statue of a lone member with his head bowed to show his remembrance and grief. The Stetson and gloves at his feet signify they belonged to a member who is no longer able to wear them and is not with us physically, however remains with us in mind and in spirit.*

## Message from the Commanding Officer

### Assistant Commissioner

### Brian Brennan

As Commanding Officer for Nova Scotia's Provincial Police, I want to thank you for your continued support of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

During the past year, the RCMP has spent considerable time conducting enforcement activities targeting those who use the Internet to commit crime and educating citizens on the dangers of fraud and cybercrimes and how they can protect themselves.

Policing has changed considerably over the past 20 years as a result of the way crime is being committed. The increased use of technology in criminal activity means the RCMP has adapted the way we are policing your community. Visibility no longer means we are only patrolling our local road ways. It means our officers are conducting sophisticated and complex investigations in our online communities to prevent and disrupt criminal activity.

We are working diligently to stay on top of emerging trends and detect those who are attempting to exploit our children. In June, the Internet Child Exploitation Unit participated in Operation Snapshot III which involved more than 40 law enforcement agencies from across Canada focusing on those exchanging child pornography. You can read the results of the Nova Scotia operation in the Major Investigations section. The unit also conducted an online luring and extortion investigation that led to an arrest of a 17-year-old male in Dover, England for luring and extorting a young female from Nova Scotia. These investigations have no borders and represent the challenges of policing today.

The new era of policing means we continue to focus efforts on recruiting new employees to meet growing and ever-changing demands of police work. In addition, we are also looking to fill specialized roles such as crime analysts and technological crime specialists. You can read more about what they do and the value they bring to the organization in this document.

We also rely heavily on the support of our volunteer family. Without their help, the RCMP would not have the community outreach activities that we do. Volunteers contribute to the overall success of our policing programs and thus the safety and security of the Nova Scotia communities we serve.

I hope by reading this report that you will take time to also share it with someone who you think could be a potential recruit for the RCMP. From my own experience with the organization, I can tell you that the opportunities are vast and serving with Canada's national police force is a career that is rewarding, interesting and filled with excitement.

This year we've chosen to dedicate our 2014 report in memory of honorary Mountie, S/Sgt. Andrew Kennedy. He was a tenacious young man who had a huge positive impact on all of us. Please see our tribute to Andrew on page 39.





# Wi'katikn peji-apu'kwetoq Nikanus

## Ta'n ekinua'teket

### Brian Brennan



Ni'n Nikanus wjit Nuji-kla'qa'luatijik No'pa Sko'sia, ketu' kinua'tuloq ta'n tetuji-wla'liek apoqnmuek .

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kisi- waqatikalan aqq koqqwa'lan e'pite'sl No'pa Sko'sia. Ula lukwaqn mu etenukl temsaqasikl aqq metue'k tel-lukwemk.

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Ajipjutm kis-kitmn ula wi'katikn iknmuatesk na'tuen ta'n etlite'limt klu'sis nuji-kla'qa'luet. Kis-tlimultoqsip, ni'n etl-lukwey, pikwelk aqq milamu'k koqoey wji-kina'masitew wen aqq ula lukwaqn welapesimk, wel-kina'masimk aqq welkaqnik.

Kisita'sultiekip ewikasin ula wi'katikn-iktuk S/Sgt. Andrew Kennedy. Melkita'taq ji'nmaq aqq msit ninen wela'lukseikaq.

Ktu' kitmn wi'katikn wjit Antle etek p39.





# Officer in Charge of Criminal Operations

## Nujo'tk teli-maliaptmumk O'pla'tekemk

### Chief Superintendent / Nikanus

#### Marlene Snowman



2014 has been an unforgettable year for the RCMP in many respects, for both employees and citizens in Nova Scotia. Together we've seen the highs of our policing achievements and investigational successes related to our provincial policing priorities; road safety, crime reduction and cybercrime. We have celebrated partnerships with our communities, a multitude of organizations, other law enforcement agencies and municipal and provincial governments to prevent crime and enhance your sense of safety. We've worked very well together and there are many positive results to be proud of.

You have also experienced our lows and accompanied us as we grieved the loss of colleagues and friends following the tragedy in Moncton, New Brunswick and faced other challenges here at home.

We've done these things side by side because that is what policing is really about - working together to make a difference. I am convinced that our employees are the best in the country, holding your interests and public safety at the centre of all that they do.

We are proud to be your Provincial Police and hope that our Year in Review gives you a glimpse of our work and what your support has allowed us to do.

Nuji-kla'qa'lua'tijik ma' skimtuk wanta'si'tik 2014 tel-militpia'q wjit etl-lukutijik aqq weni'k tleyawultijik No'pa Sko'sia.

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Wejita'ykl elt metue'kl aqq tekweywiekip wen'majita'sultie'k e'nikitjek nitapinaq toq-lukutieki'k Moncton sespenaqek aqq elt pilue'l metue'kl tett.

Mawikwayk mita na tele'k nuji-kla'qa'luemk — maw-lukutik weji-wla'tu'k telo'ti'k. L'pa kejitu ktlukewinu'minaq maw-klu'sultijik kmitkinaq, aqq msit attikneta'jik menaqaj ankweyusinen u aqq wla'siktn teleyu'k.

Mekite'tmek tel-lukewulek aqq ajipjutmek newtipunqekewey wi'katikn ekinua'tuksioq ta'n tel-mil-lukutiek aqq ta'n tel-wla'liek apoqnmueik elukwatmek ntlukwaqnnen.







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Halifax District officers proudly participated in the annual Pride Parade.



An officer received applause after laying the RCMP wreath at a Remembrance Day ceremony at Sullivan's Pond, Dartmouth.



Photo credit: Brian Taylor

The Nova Scotia RCMP was well represented at the 82nd Annual Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival in Kentville.

# National Strategic Priorities

*As Canada's national police force, the RCMP is committed to ensuring safety of our country from threats domestically and abroad. To accomplish this, the RCMP identifies national strategic priorities that guide the focus of our criminal investigations. Some of these priorities are intended to support key groups in our society and to build and grow relationships with those groups. During 2014, the priorities were: Serious and Organized Crime, Youth, National Security, Aboriginal Communities and Economic Integrity.*

## Serious and Organized Crime

Various forms of illegal activity are undertaken by organized crime groups with one goal in mind: to make money at any cost. Nova Scotians may not recognize the daily impact of organized crime, however it is reflected through things such as increases in your taxes when tax revenue is lost from contraband tobacco and alcohol. Car insurance premiums are also higher due to vehicle theft by organized crime rings, and banking fees are charged to recover fraud costs. Even your health and safety are impacted as a result of drug-related violence and faulty counterfeit goods.

Using an intelligence-led, integrated approach, the RCMP is focusing its activities on reducing the threat and impact of organized crime. In fulfilling its mandate, the RCMP works closely with domestic and international partners in an effort to dismantle criminal groups.

## Youth

Our objective in working with Nova Scotia's youth is to reduce their involvement in crime and focus on risk factors through prevention and early intervention. The RCMP believes that the long-term prevention of youth crime and victimization can only be accomplished in partnership with the community. Across the province, School Safety Resource and Community Policing/Crime Prevention Officers work closely with schools, community groups, and all levels of government to develop and implement programs that are proven successful in reducing youth involvement in criminal activity.

## National Security

The greatest threat to our national security is the risk of terrorist activity in Canada and abroad. The RCMP's role is to prevent, detect and respond to this criminal activity. We need to have outreach and awareness at all levels of policing with communities and partners along with strategic analysis, information/intelligence sharing, enforcement and prevention. Our investigative successes are largely determined by our flexibility, leadership and collaboration with foreign and domestic law enforcement partners.

## Aboriginal Communities

The RCMP has a long and productive history of service to First Nations across the country and here in Nova Scotia. Throughout our province the RCMP is responsible for day-to-day policing in 12 First Nation communities: Indian Brook, Millbrook, Acadia, Annapolis, Bear River, Paq'tnkek, Potlotek, Eskasoni, Pictou Landing, Wagmatcook, Waycobah, and Glooscap. The RCMP is contributing to safer First Nation communities through crime prevention, ongoing social development, maintaining and strengthening partnerships with Aboriginal communities, policing and government partners, stakeholders and Aboriginal organizations. Our officers continue to demonstrate value through the development, management and evaluation of detachment plans created in collaboration with the local Aboriginal communities.

## Economic Integrity

The types of crimes driven by the motivation for profit are extensive and not victimless. Illegal economic activity diverts funds away from hard-working Nova Scotians. The RCMP is focusing on preventing, detecting and deterring crimes that affect the province and the overall Canadian economy. Enhancing public awareness of the methods to reduce and prevent economic crime will also enhance citizens' confidence in the monetary, financial and market systems. The more we share information with our partners and cooperate with enforcement units at the municipal, national and international level, the more we reduce opportunity for criminal activity throughout Canada.





# Provincial Policing Priorities

Each year, the Nova Scotia Department of Justice and RCMP work together to identify areas of public safety that require a strategic, targeted focus. The RCMP works to address each area through enforcement efforts, innovative public safety programs and effective education on preventing crime. In 2014, the Provincial Policing priorities were Crime Reduction, Road Safety and Cybercrime.

## Crime Reduction

Criminal intelligence analysis is an essential component of intelligence-led policing and supports the RCMP's overall goal of crime reduction.

The Nova Scotia RCMP has an entire section of analysts with specialized skills and education to support our crime reduction efforts throughout Nova Scotia. The Division Criminal Analysis Section (DCAS) houses 18 crime and criminal intelligence analysts.

Crime analysts work directly with investigators and provide them with specific, evidence-based information in real-time to help them create plans to apprehend criminals and reduce crimes in Nova Scotia communities. Crime analysts use a variety of software tools, police intelligence and crime statistics to help investigators focus their operations. Crime analyst techniques have proven successful in reducing crime rates.

Crime analysts also play a critical role identifying trends in crime. Crime trend analysis tracks and measures crime fluctuations over time and is regularly used by frontline police officers to assist in decision-making. For example, RCMP Commanders use crime analysis to assign patrols to areas of the community where there is a rise in break and enters. Analysis can anticipate the time and place of the next break and enter so police can set up

surveillance in that area. Traffic statistics analyzed by a crime analyst can help better determine areas where speeding or accidents commonly occur to better place officers and resources.

Criminal intelligence analysts monitor criminal activity and determine crime trends throughout the province that may have serious, organized crime or national security components. Criminal intelligence analysts also work directly with investigators on complex investigations such as homicides, violent crimes, historical files, drug trafficking, human smuggling and financial crimes. They are responsible for reviewing information to produce maps and timelines of events/crimes, determine subjects of interest and monitor online activity. This information is used by the investigative teams throughout the course of an investigation.

Strategic analysis is necessary for implementing long-range crime reduction plans. The work of our crime and criminal intelligence analysts provides relevant, and often key information that can directly impact the amount and type of criminal activity taking place in Nova Scotia.

## Road Safety

In an effort to keep our roadways safe, during the year RCMP Traffic Services in Nova Scotia and local detachments focused on the primary causal factors of fatal and serious injury from motor vehicle collisions:

impaired driving, not wearing a seatbelt, speeding/aggressive driving and driver inattention/distraction. In 2014, the RCMP charged 1,023 people with Impaired Driving by Alcohol and an additional 84 people were charged for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Impaired by Drug. RCMP also issued 723 administrative suspensions, which is when drivers lose their license from anywhere between 24 hours to 90 days.

December 2014 marked one year since the RCMP launched the National Impaired Driving Enforcement Strategy. In addition to traffic checkpoints that are held year-round, the RCMP designated five days for coordinated checkpoints in Nova Scotia.

As the Provincial Police, the RCMP is on the road 365 days a year to ensure that motorists are driving sober. The Officer in Charge of Traffic Services, Insp. Bernadine Chapman says, "On average, the Nova Scotia RCMP are apprehending 30 impaired drivers per week and as long as we continue to have people who choose to drive impaired, we will be actively looking for them."

## Distracted driving enforcement

Throughout the year, RCMP increased enforcement efforts to target distracted drivers (talking/texting on a cell phone). More than 3,800 tickets were issued to motorists for distracted driving infractions in 2014.

Here are some important facts about distracted driving:

- Distracted driving is the leading cause of serious injury and fatal vehicle crashes in Nova Scotia.
- Distracted driving is a common cause of rear-end collisions.
- You are 23 times more likely to crash if you text while driving.
- There is no safe following distance when your attention is not on the road.

### Fines for Distracted Driving offences in Nova Scotia as of February 1, 2015:

\$233.95 and four demerit points (first offence)  
\$348.95 and four demerit points (second offence)  
\$578.95 and four demerit points (subsequent offences)

## #thinkfirst

During the year, the RCMP educated citizens on changing driver behaviour to make our roads safer. In December, a social media campaign was launched asking citizens to #thinkfirst before having a drink and getting behind the wheel after a day or night of celebrations. The Twitter and Facebook posts, some of which spoofed well known holiday songs and movies, were meant to remind Nova Scotians to take a moment to plan ahead, do the right thing and be accountable for their decisions.

The #thinkfirst campaign was a great success with numerous retweets, shares and positive comments. Thanks to all those who participated and helped make our roads safer.



### RCMP, Nova Scotia @RCMPNS

Grandma got run over by a distracted reindeer – so keep your eyes on the road! #Christmascarolremake #thinkfirst

### RCMP, Nova Scotia @RCMPNS

Can't get your selfie in focus? #thinkfirst maybe you had too much - how are you getting home?

### RCMP, Nova Scotia @RCMPNS

I'll be home for Christmas, you can plan on me...because I took a taxi home #Christmascarolremake #thinkfirst

### RCMP, Nova Scotia @RCMPNS

Looking for a party idea on #Pinterest? Write cab numbers on coasters to remind people they're not driving impaired





## Cybercrime

As criminal activity evolves, so must the work of police. Most investigations today involve some sort of technology, be it a smartphone, laptop or desktop computer. Technology often provides key information during an investigation and police techniques must adapt with the changing technological trends. Police must be aware of the latest technologies, how to use them and how to extract the necessary information and evidence for an investigation.

Over the past number of years, social media has improved the ability to communicate and share information. However, it has also increased the instances of cybercrime and online harassment. As a result, for the first time, cybercrime was deemed a Provincial Policing Priority for the Nova Scotia RCMP. Cybercrime encompasses all computer crime which includes, but is not limited to phishing, hacking, child pornography and cyberbullying.

Throughout 2014, investigators with the RCMP Technological Crime Unit developed the Cybercrime Investigations Course on how to investigate Internet-related crimes. The course includes presentations from the RCMP Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit and Legal Application Support Team to discuss what authorizations are required to properly investigate a crime involving the Internet. The course will be offered to RCMP and municipal police agencies throughout the province in 2015.

A “lunch and learn” session was also developed for parents who want to learn more about the online world. This session has been delivered to some schools in the Halifax area and we expect to offer it to businesses and organizations throughout Nova Scotia in 2015.





# Highlights from Halifax District



Chief Superintendent Roland Wells  
Halifax District Policing Officer

## Moncton's fallen Mounties plaque

In early December, Halifax councillor Steve Craig was joined by Halifax District Officer in Charge, C/Supt. Roland Wells and RCMP Chaplain Rev. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse as part of a plaque unveiling ceremony outside the Lower Sackville RCMP Detachment. The plaque was created by a citizen in honour of RCMP officers Cst. Fabrice Gevaudan, Cst. Doug Larche and Cst. Dave Ross, who tragically lost their lives in June. The plaque was installed in front of three red maple trees planted in July in honour of the officers and meant to serve as a reminder about the sacrifices the officers made to save the lives of those in their community.

## Operation Hawkeye

During the holidays, Halifax District Citizens on Patrol, Stetsons and Spurs Youth Group and Auxiliary Constables placed pamphlets on vehicles parked in main shopping areas in Cole Harbour, Lower Sackville and Tantallon as part of Operation Hawkeye. The pamphlets were a reminder to motorists to lock their vehicles, remove valuables and/or keep valuables out of sight. The annual initiative is focused on stopping crimes of opportunity before they have a chance to occur.



## A 'Made in Nova Scotia' approach to youth intervention

Halifax District RCMP continues to champion the Hybrid Hub – a youth intervention and diversion model that was developed in Nova Scotia and brings together social workers and community services to discuss at-risk youth. These discussions provide a more in-depth understanding of the risks and challenges facing a young person (i.e., absent parents, drug or alcohol addiction, criminal activity etc.) which result in criminal, anti-social or self-destructive behaviours.

Any member of a Hybrid Hub can put forward names of at-risk youth, and then a Risk Screening Tool (detailed questionnaire) is used to understand what issues that youth is facing and what services would provide the best support. For example, a child with a drug addiction would be put in touch with Addiction Services.

As of December 2014, Halifax District RCMP set up Hybrid Hubs in Cole Harbour, Tantallon and Sackville with numerous partners including Schools Plus, Community Justice, Probation Services, IWK, Capital Health, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and school administrators.

## Loretta Saunders homicide solved

In February 2014, 26-year-old Loretta Saunders of Halifax was reported missing to police by her family. Her vehicle was located in Harrow, Ontario and two suspects were arrested for the theft of her vehicle and remanded into custody.

Saunders' disappearance was determined to be a homicide on February 26 when her remains were located in New Brunswick. The next day investigators in the Integrated Major Crimes Unit laid charges of First Degree Murder against Victoria Henneberry, 28, and Blake Leggette, 25, both of Halifax. This investigation was a team effort, involving the RCMP in New Brunswick and Ontario Provincial Police who provided assistance to the Integrated Major Crimes Unit. Officers worked around the clock and their dedication was instrumental in bringing this case before the courts.

In April 2015, Leggette pled guilty to First Degree Murder and Henneberry pled guilty to Second Degree Murder.

## Arrests in historical homicides

RCMP and Halifax Regional Police (HRP) investigators continue to work diligently on historical homicides. Through the persistence of investigators and as a result of information coming forward, arrests were made in two cases.

## Kevin Bowser

In July 2004, police responded to a report of a shooting on Uniacke St. in Halifax. Kevin James Bowser, 28, died of injuries from a gunshot wound. The investigation remained open and charges were laid in 2014 when new information came forward via the Nova Scotia Major Rewards for Unsolved Crimes Program. With assistance from the Ontario Provincial Police, Shilo Marcino Beals, 31, of Cherry Brook, was charged with First Degree Murder and six weapons-related offences.

Beals' preliminary inquiry and hearing is scheduled for June 2015.

## Keya Knita Simon

In January 2011, Keya Knita Simon, 19, was stabbed and killed on Pinecrest Dr. in Dartmouth. Simon's 32-year-old sister had also been stabbed and survived. Charges were laid in August 2014 when new information came forward. Demarcus Shane Beals, 25, of Dartmouth was charged with Second Degree Murder and Carondo Shondez Downey, 25, of Dartmouth was charged with Aggravated Assault and Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose.

Carondo Downey's trial is scheduled for October 2015. Demarcus Beals' trial is scheduled for July 2015.

## Halifax RCMP is integrated with Halifax Regional Police. What does that mean?

*The RCMP in Halifax is referred to as Halifax District RCMP and they operate under an integrated policing model with the municipal police force, Halifax Regional Police. Halifax District RCMP is under the command of Chief Superintendent Roland Wells and Halifax Regional Police is run by Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais.*

*Halifax District RCMP is the largest RCMP jurisdiction east of the Canadian Rockies. The RCMP is responsible for policing Lower Sackville, Cole Harbour, Tantallon, the Prestons, Musquodoboit Harbour, Musquodoboit Valley, Sheet Harbour and the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. Although RCMP and HRP are responsible for particular areas of Halifax, each agency can respond and assist in one another's territory. What this means is that when a police officer shows up on a scene in Halifax, it may be a police officer from either police agency.*



Photo courtesy of Barbi Jollota

*Officers from both agencies also work side by side in a number of integrated units including the Criminal Investigation Division, the Integrated Traffic Unit, the Courts Section, the Records Section and the Summary Offence Ticket Section. This provides an enhanced service for citizens because it allows for shared learning, techniques, resources and equipment on any given day.*

*A November triple shooting in Cole Harbour demonstrated the effectiveness of integration as it involved both RCMP and HRP patrol officers, HRP Emergency Response Team (ERT) and K-9, RCMP Community Officers, RCMP and HRP Forensic Identification Services, Integrated Major Crimes, Special Enforcement, and General Investigation Section. Following the tireless and dedicated efforts of the officers involved, four individuals were charged with 70 Criminal Code offences including Attempted Murder.*



# Highlights from Northeast Nova District



Superintendent Darrell Beaton  
Northeast Nova District Policing Officer

## Inaugural Friends of the Force Ball in support of Pictou County youth

On September 13, Pictou County RCMP hosted their inaugural Friends of the Force Charity Ball. The sold out event raised more than \$11,500 for Roots for Youth, a non-profit organization in Pictou County. Roots for Youth provides services and programs to youth experiencing difficulties concerning homelessness and causes that lead to homelessness.

*"Roots for Youth play a critical role in helping our local youth find a safe place to get back on their feet," said S/Sgt Steve Halliday, Pictou RCMP. "We felt it was vital to support an organization that steers kids away from crime and gives them home for a brighter future. We couldn't be happier to help such a worthy cause."*

## Road safety in Northeast Nova District

Between April 1 and December 31, 2014, officers from across Northeast Nova District conducted a total of 1,846 checkpoints. While some of these checkpoints were annual events planned around holidays and advertised for preventive value, many were undertaken based on public feedback. To support ongoing road safety activities, over 20 additional Northeast Nova members were trained in Drug Recognition, Standard Field Sobriety, Intoxylizer/Roadside Screening Device operation and Radar operation. This training supports the RCMP's efforts to detect and apprehend those impaired by alcohol or drugs. Through this enforcement, a total of 294 alcohol impaired charges, 76 roadside driving suspensions, 26 drug impaired charges and 562 distracted driving charges were laid.

### Did you know?

*RCMP does not conduct random checkpoints. The location and times of checkpoints are based on an analysis done by our criminal analysts. By analyzing trends RCMP can determine where policing resources will have the greatest impact and then strategically deploy officers based on that information.*

## Breaking down a break and enter ring in Cumberland County

In November 2014, Cumberland County District RCMP responded to a series of break and enters into seasonal residences in various communities along the Northumberland Strait (Northport, Mitchell Island and Heather's Beach) as well as in the Farmington area of Collingwood. In total, over 60 locations were identified and stolen items included televisions, power tools and a variety of alcoholic beverages.

During the investigation, officers located footwear impressions that would later contribute to solving these crimes. Investigators also followed up on several pieces of information with the assistance of the Integrated Cumberland Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) and identified several suspects. One of these suspects was arrested and found to be wearing footwear that was an identical match to the impression obtained at one of the locations. This resulted in the arrest of a second subject.

A 17-year-old and an 18-year-old were charged with 35 counts of Break and Enter, and four counts of Theft and Mischief after admitting to their involvement in these break-ins and another break and enter in June 2014. RCMP conducted searches at several locations in the area and recovered the majority of the stolen property.

The investigation was difficult given these were summer residences owned by individuals from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Florida.

## Officer recognized as MADD 2014 Police Officer of the Year

An officer with the Amherst RCMP Detachment won the 2014 Terry Ryan Memorial Award for Excellence in Police Services.

Cst. Travise Dow has been fully engaged with the Cumberland County Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) chapter for the past several years. He has been the driving force behind the organization of the Annual Road Rally for the local MADD chapter which has been their most successful fundraising activity to date. In partnership with MADD, Cst. Dow has made numerous presentations on the dangers and consequences of impaired driving. For his efforts to combat impaired driving through enforcement and education, Cst. Dow was chosen as the MADD 2014 Police Officer of the Year.

The Terry Ryan Memorial Award for Excellence in Police Service award recognizes the significant contribution of police services in helping to reduce impaired driving and is presented annually to recognize exemplary service by a police officer in reducing the incidence of impaired driving.

## Rawdon RCMP Detachment opens for business

Residents of Rawdon are enjoying a local RCMP presence with the opening of the new detachment in their community. Building construction was completed in November 2014. Officers are working from that location on a regular basis, delivering on their commitment to visibility and security for the Rawdon area, as well as a locally accessible service.



Rawdon is a part of the RCMP East Hants County District, which includes Enfield Detachment and the Mount Uniacke RCMP Community Office. This allows for increased resources, should the need arise. Members of the public can drop in to complete motor vehicle collision reports, make any type of complaint, obtain a criminal records check and other administrative functions.

*"The new RCMP detachment in Rawdon will provide the community with a vital link to safety and protection," says Warden Jim Smith, Municipality of East Hants. "We are pleased to have a rural RCMP detachment added to the East Hants District."*

## Educating youth on cybercrime

During 2014, members of Northeast Nova District undertook a number of presentations aimed at youth education and awareness on the topic of cybercrime. In Guysborough County, presentations were made to grade 10 girls at St. Mary's Academy/Education Center. Topics included cybercrime and how it relates to abusive relationships, photos/child pornography, sexting, online stalking and their implications both criminally and socially. This initiative resulted in positive feedback from the Schools Plus outreach worker and the students.

Cumberland RCMP hosted 65 youth at a Cops & Kids LEADerS Training Weekend at the Tim Horton's Camp in Tatamagouche. This is an anti-bullying program where cyber safety was discussed. The training also centres around *"Looking and listening for trouble, Exploring points of view, taking Action, review of results - Did it help?, leadership training, and Seeking help."*

In addition, school Cyber Safety Day presentations were given to youth Advisory Groups and the **Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek help (WITS)** anti-bullying program continued to be rolled out at elementary schools in the county.

Colchester County District RCMP presented to a North Colchester High School class on Internet safety/cyberbullying. Four students were engaged to develop a presentation that studied the evolution of communication from the origin of smoke signals to present day. These students incorporated information from an RCMP Cyber Safety presentation and in turn, shared the information with elementary school students in grades 4-6. The intent was to have the message come from peers to be more effective and powerful than hearing from an adult or the police. Posters were also made and later displayed in the elementary school. Following this initiative, the same four students then presented to grade seven students of other local schools.

Inverness County RCMP are working with the RCMP-Strait Area Education Recreation Centre Youth Council to identify circumstances which lead to cyberbullying and educate students and staff on cyber safety. The council has developed a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for youth and parents, which is played on the local radio station and is part of the Port Hawkesbury cinema pre-show.





# Highlights from Southwest Nova District



Superintendent Sylvie Bourassa-Muise  
Southwest Nova District Policing Officer

## Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Council continues to receive awards

Since its creation in 2011, the Lunenburg County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has developed into a model youth initiative for Nova Scotia. YAC is comprised of 31 junior and senior high school students, RCMP employees and the inter-agency SchoolsPlus community. The council meets monthly to build leadership and public speaking skills and through a variety of resources and projects, they raise awareness on bullying, drugs, sexual harassment and sexual assault. In addition to the 2013 Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award, students of YAC were presented with the Minister's Award for Leadership in Crime Prevention in April 2014. The latest award affirms the strong partnership between the Lunenburg District RCMP and YAC that is helping tackle difficult issues faced by youth.

## Cottage safety initiative success in Queens County

Queens County District RCMP saw a 200 per cent increase in break and enters in 2012, from an average of 32 a year to 98. The majority of the break and enters were happening to seasonal properties in the isolated northern part of the county and over half included the theft of valuable items worth over \$500. In 2013, break and enters continued so the RCMP District Crime Analyst and Queens County District RCMP developed cottage safety pamphlets which they delivered to 300 seasonal

property owners. The pamphlets provided tips on securing properties. In 2014, break and enters into cottages dropped over 10 per cent and only 20 per cent had items over \$500 stolen. By engaging cottage owners and providing advice on security, the RCMP was able to lower the rate of victimization and made the area less appealing to criminals.

## Kings District Comstat

Kings District RCMP are enhancing public safety and highlighting problem areas related to criminal activity throughout the District using a Comstat model. In Comstat, maps are used to point out crime locations, provide investigative leads, identify active offenders, repeat victims, repeat calls for service locations, and existing crime series or trends. In November, a suspect was identified in a rash of break and enters and due to the significant circumstantial evidence from the break and enters, the suspect's parole was subsequently revoked and a Parole Warrant was issued. The RCMP arrested the suspect in December and he was sent to a correctional facility the following day to serve the remainder of his sentence. This is a great example of how Comstat maximizes the use of police resources and subsequently assists in reducing crime.

## Education, awareness and enforcement make a difference in Wolfville

In September, residents of Wolfville expressed their concerns to police regarding large crowds of people partying in the community and the impact it was having on quality of life. In response, Kings District RCMP developed a plan that included education, awareness and enforcement. The RCMP met with tenants and landlords and communicated the action plan with residents via the local university and media outlets including a letter in the local paper. There were increased foot patrols and face-to-face discussions educating people in the community on alcohol and noise related laws. The efforts resulted in a significant decrease in noise complaints and alcohol-related calls in Wolfville. RCMP efforts were commended by the town's residents and officials. Moving forward, Kings District has committed to working closely with local partners and the Wolfville Town and Gown Committee to develop a sustainable long term annual action plan for the future.



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## Operation TOM - Students artwork educates motorists about road safety

Digby RCMP wanted to develop a unique way for students to promote road safety. Cst. Colin Helm decided to partner with local elementary schools to conduct Operation TOM (Think Of Me), a campaign aimed at getting motorists to slow down.

Officers traveled to Barton Consolidated, Digby Elementary, Digby Neck Consolidated, Islands Consolidated and Weymouth Consolidated schools and handed out pieces of paper to students. One side of the paper had a road safety message for drivers. The other side was blank and students were asked to draw a picture. Officers then collected the original artwork to hand out at checkpoints throughout the area.

"The campaign kicked off in November and over 500 pieces of art were collected and will be shared for years to come," said Cst. Helm. "The pictures serve as powerful reminders to motorists to watch for children on the road and to be attentive at all times while driving."





Operation TOM artwork





# Thank you for your kind words...


**The men and women of the RCMP have the privilege of serving the people of Nova Scotia. What makes this job even more rewarding is when we reflect on the comments and feedback from you, our citizens.**

 *"Please accept my heartfelt thanks for how you assisted and comforted my sister-in-law after she discovered her mother had died in her Pictou residence. I want to commend you for the sensitivity and good sense you showed. I appreciate that dealing with next of kin is "part of the job", but even with the unexpected news of my mother-in-law's passing, I could not help but feel a sense of pride in how professionally and effectively you and your partner conducted yourselves."*


 *"I am very thankful for RCMP divers. Once in blizzard conditions they used our house as their headquarters to find a young man's body in a fully submerged car. The car went through a bridge with two men inside. Rising currents and poor conditions made this endeavour very challenging and the divers went above and beyond on that job for sure. Thank you."*


 *"To the officer that stopped my 19-year-old daughter this evening on her way to in Hubbards and handed her a speeding ticket, THANK YOU. Truly. She dropped the others off and is on her way home, very distraught and worried she disappointed us. I suspect the whole thing scared her and hopefully enough to lighten up on the pedal. The fine will help her remember. So again, thank you. You may well have saved her life with this lesson."*

 *"One winter night, my husband had a medical emergency while driving alone to the airport to pick up a young woman who was arriving from Toronto to see her acutely ill father – our neighbour. My husband pulled off the highway and called 911 and the officers who arrived were wonderful and he was taken to the QEII hospital. In the hospital waiting room I was concerned about the airport arrival and called asking the airline to inform our passenger of the situation as she disembarked. We later learned that identification was made on the plane, she was escorted off first, met by an airline official and an RCMP officer, taken to a limousine and chauffeured directly home to Berwick. We are very grateful for all the acts of kindness during the past three months that have helped us cope with my husband's illness. But none can compare with this one — giving instant relief and peace of mind in a critical situation, and it will never be forgotten. Thank you."*


 *"I am writing in regards to Cst. Mathieu Gallienne. On July 16th, my 19-year-old daughter's car broke down on Hwy 102 at 10:30 pm. She called me pretty worried and frightened. Knowing that I was one hour away made her and myself uneasy. Cst. Gallienne stopped to check on her and she told him the story that her car broke down and that I was on the way. The officer told my daughter that he would wait with her as it was very dark and rainy. When I arrived, Cst. Gallienne was on scene with lights flashing. My daughter took my car and continued to her job. As I stayed with the car, so did Cst. Gallienne. He stayed with me until the towing company arrived which was 2 1/2 hours later. Please send him as much praise and thanks as possible as this was above and beyond what he had to do to keep my daughter and myself safe."*


 @RCMPNS thank you for your protection and duty today. <3

 @RCMPNS Thank you for working today away from your loved ones. Stay safe out there. #Workingonaholiday.

 @RCMPNS Good job on protecting us from drunk drivers! THANK YOU @RCMPNS for hosting a blood donor clinic today and giving back in such a meaningful way. #WrapItUpRed #RedSurgeforLife

 "I would like to thank the police for not only asking the general public to help with missing persons but especially for the FEEDBACK. Now we are all acting with a heart."

 "Kudos to the RCMP re: arrests in murder of Harley Lawrence. I'm glad that they worked so hard to find the people responsible for this senseless crime. I hope those two will go away for a very very long time."

 "I honour all of the great men and women that serve with the RCMP. Whether you work in the office or out on Patrol, you are our safety net! It does not matter what your job description is, you are all part of a team that will put your life on the line for us. I honour your families as I cannot begin to imagine what they go through every day. I pray God's blessing and protection on you and your Families!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU for everything you do to make our lives safer!"





# Operational Support Services

*"Members of the Operational Support Services team are experts in their field and ready to respond to situations unfolding across the province. From investigating major and serious crimes, responding to high risk emergency situations and providing a range of specialized services and expertise, the RCMP demonstrates its capability as Nova Scotia's Provincial Police by utilizing these units to support public safety. Throughout this report you will see examples of how units in Support Services provide critical support to frontline operations."*

Superintendent Ray Oliver  
Operational Support Services Officer

## Emergency Response Team

The RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a group of highly trained police officers capable of responding to high risk situations throughout Nova Scotia on a 24/7 basis. The ERT provides support to frontline members and specialized units of the RCMP and municipal police agencies throughout the province. ERT is equipped with a wide variety of specialized equipment to better protect the safety of Nova Scotians. The Tactical Armoured Vehicle (TAV) and the 10 metre Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat (RHIB) are just two of the tools which allow the ERT to safely and quickly combat criminal activity on land or at sea.

The team maintains a constant state of readiness through extensive training and is able to respond to a wide variety of calls including armed and barricaded persons, a high risk arrest of an individual with access to firearms, VIP security or marine intervention on our waters. In every situation the ERT responds to, the team carefully plans its actions to bring about a peaceful resolution to the incident.

During 2014, the ERT worked closely with critical incident negotiators, Explosives Disposal Unit, Police Dog Services and incident commanders when responding to numerous calls for service including the apprehension of the man responsible for killing three RCMP members in New Brunswick. The Nova Scotia RCMP ERT is able to work interchangeably with all other RCMP ERT's across Canada, giving the Nova Scotia RCMP the ability to draw upon hundreds of ERT members at a moment's notice to serve the citizens of our province.

## RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program

Although they come from a variety of life and work backgrounds, Auxiliary Constables all have one thing in common---a dedication to public safety.

Today, 99 Auxiliary Constables volunteer throughout Nova Scotia and provided over 12,000 hours of service in their communities during 2014. These men and women are specially trained and support the work of RCMP officers by spending time with youth and seniors, running awareness programs, assisting at checkpoints and acting as extra eyes and ears to help prevent and solve crime. In many cases they do this all while maintaining full-time jobs elsewhere.

The Auxiliary Constable Program is an integral component of our crime prevention efforts. These unpaid volunteers dedicate significant amounts of their personal time assisting the RCMP in meeting our mandates and their exceptional commitment to the program is truly appreciated.

If you're interested in becoming an Auxiliary Constable, please visit your local RCMP detachment or visit [www.rcmp.ca](http://www.rcmp.ca).



Aux. Cst. Pierre Legere on duty

## Answering the call - 24/7/365

"911, what is your emergency?" That question is asked thousands of times a week by 911 Telecommunications Operators working at the Nova Scotia RCMP Operational Communications Centre in Truro.

In many instances, operators are the first point of contact with people who call the RCMP.

Operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, operators perform a variety of duties which include the monitoring of police resources and systems with computer aided dispatch and monitoring systems. Each day operators take calls for police, fire and EHS and dispatch the appropriate resources to an emergency situation.

For the RCMP, an operator is a critical link between the public and police and the lifeline for police officers on the road. The calls can range from a citizen who has just been involved in a motor vehicle crash to someone arriving home to a break and enter in progress or to a shooting or stabbing.

*"We talk to citizens often when they are experiencing a crisis. It is our job to talk to them, build rapport and reassure them that help is on the way,"* says Yvonne McChesney, telecommunications operator. *"Those calls can be very stressful and emotional but that is why we do what we do; we want to help."*

If the centre receives a 911 call and it is a hang up, that call becomes a high priority as dispatchers attempt to determine if it was an accidental call or if someone is in distress and was not able to speak to police. If you accidentally dial 911, please remain on the line and explain to the call taker that no emergency exists.

## When to call 911?

A situation where the safety of people or property is at risk. Examples of 911 emergencies include a fire, crime in progress or a medical crisis.

## What to expect when you call 911?

When you call 911 the call taker will ask what the emergency is. You will be asked to stay on the line to answer these questions.

- The nature of the emergency
- The complete address of the emergency, including civic number, street name, community and county
- To confirm the telephone number you are calling from







## Remotely Piloted Aircraft System: A key tool for police

It's a bird, it's a plane...no it's a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS).

RCMP in Nova Scotia unveiled the new piece of equipment in July and since then has been using it as part of search and rescue operations and motor vehicle crash investigations.

Cst. Mark Skinner is one of the officers trained to operate the RPAS. He says, "It only weighs about 15 pounds but it can give officers a view that has never been seen before, even when using a helicopter."

Skinner adds, "In the past year, the RPAS has been used when investigating a number of crashes on our roadways and to assist in locating missing persons in

some heavily wooded areas. For motor vehicle crashes, RCMP collision analysts and reconstructionists can use the images in court to be able to clearly articulate a collision scene."

In September 2014, RCMP used the RPAS to help locate two adults and their 17-month-old child who had entered the woods off the Highway 107 extension. While various options were explored to pinpoint their location, it was with the help of the RPAS that officers were able to locate the family in a heavily wooded area near Topsail Lake.



# Royal Visit



As part of a Royal Visit to Nova Scotia in May 2014, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall visited the RCMP Pictou Detachment. During the visit, their Royal Highnesses participated in a photo with Nova Scotia RCMP Commanding Officer A/Commr. Brian Brennan and 12 female officers dressed in red serge in recognition of the 40th anniversary of women in the RCMP.

# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women in Policing



It was September 16, 1974, when 32 women across Canada simultaneously took the oath to become police officers, fundamentally changing the Royal Canadian Mounted Police forever.

On March 3, 1975, the first troop of female RCMP officers graduated from RCMP Academy, "Depot" Division, in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Troop 17 took to the streets across the country and led the way within the sworn ranks, forging a path for the thousands of women who would follow in their footsteps. There are now nearly 4,000 female police officers with the RCMP, or just over 21 per cent of sworn officers.

In recognition of this milestone anniversary, throughout 2014 the RCMP celebrated all the women – both civilian and sworn – who have served Canadians as part of the RCMP. They shared profiles and stories online about many of the women who were trailblazers on the frontline and behind the scenes.

In Nova Scotia, various events were held to commemorate the anniversary including a garden party with the Lieutenant Governor J.J. Grant and a proclamation was also read in the provincial legislature by the Honourable Lena Diab, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Nova Scotia.







# Federal Policing

*"Much of the work that members of Federal Operations undertake is not always visible to the public, however, employees in these units work on a number of projects including long-term investigations tackling serious and organized crime groups. Members from Federal Policing are usually dressed in plain clothes and in some cases, operate undercover. These members are required to follow criminal activity around the globe and work closely with law enforcement partners such as Canada Border Services Agency, Department of National Defence and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."*

Superintendent John Ferguson  
Federal Policing Officer

## Man extradited from Panama to face investment fraud charges in Nova Scotia

In Nova Scotia, as in any other part of Canada or the world, there are individuals that will seek to defraud or scam investors of their hard-earned money. Some of these individuals will attempt to abscond from their responsibilities by leaving the country thinking they are out of the reach of the courts and police agencies.

This was not the case for a man accused of defrauding 179 investors from across Canada who was extradited from Panama in November 2014. RCMP investigators traveled to the country to return Quintin Sponagle to face three counts of Fraud over \$5,000 and one count of Theft over \$5,000.

The extradition follows a 2012 RCMP investigation into an alleged Ponzi scheme by Jabez Financial Services operating out of Windsor, Nova Scotia. The RCMP received information from the Nova Scotia Securities Commission that led to a very complex international investigation that determined that 179 investors from across Canada were defrauded over \$4 million, 141 of those were Nova Scotians. A Ponzi scheme is typically an investment fraud that promises high financial returns unavailable through traditional investments. Unbeknownst to the investors, returns are paid from investors own money or by subsequent investors rather than profit. In actuality, there is no legitimate investment and the scheme falls apart when the operator flees with all of the proceeds, new investors cannot be found, or the scheme is discovered.

The matter remains before the courts.

## Operation Hancock: Six charged in international drug trafficking investigation

In January 2015, Nova Scotia RCMP arrested six individuals following a seven month investigation into international drug trafficking.

In July 2014, the RCMP received information and an investigation began that uncovered evidence pointing to the importation and trafficking of cocaine from Panama into the Port of Halifax which was destined for Canadian cities.

With assistance from Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit of the RCMP charged six men with offences ranging from Conspiracy to Traffick, Attempting to Import a Controlled Substance, Trafficking of a Scheduled Substance and Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.

*"The arrests removed six individuals from the drug trade in Nova Scotia," says Insp. Glenn Lambe, RCMP Federal and Serious Organized Crime Unit. "Through assistance with our partners, we were able to significantly interrupt potential contraband from making its way onto our streets."*

The charges are before the courts.

## Cocaine seizures at the Port of Halifax

The Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit in partnership with Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) target suspicious containers coming into the Port of Halifax. It is through this partnership that drugs being brought into the country from outside are discovered, stopping them from being trafficked on the street in cities across Canada. Once discovered and seized, investigational follow-up is completed to attempt to identify either the source of the drugs or those persons meant to receive them.

In May 2014, the CBSA examination facility discovered 46 kgs of cocaine concealed in a container shipment of suitcases that had several ports of call before arriving in the Port of Halifax. It was destined for final delivery in Montreal, Quebec. The Federal Serious and Organized Crime members attended, seized the drugs and worked with RCMP investigators in Montreal to eventually arrest four individuals.

In October 2014, more than 459 kgs of suspected cocaine was found hidden in a commercial cargo shipment at the Port of Halifax. Border Services officers in Halifax discovered the drugs while searching a Halifax-bound container from Argentina. The shipping documents described the contents as 1,216 cases of alcohol. After noting inconsistencies in the x-ray image, officers opened the container door and discovered eight large duffle bags. The container was immediately offloaded and upon examination, officers discovered 400 bricks of what they suspected was cocaine within the eight duffle bags, each brick weighing approximately 1 kg.

In total, 459.3 kgs of cocaine was seized. The investigation into this matter is ongoing by members of the RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit.

*"The importation of illicit drugs like cocaine is driven by organized crime groups. By sharing intelligence and coordinating enforcement activities with our partners at the CBSA, the RCMP can investigate criminal groups and networks that are attempting to smuggle drugs into our country."*

- Sgt. Keith MacKinnon, Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit



Photo credit: Canada Border Services Agency

## Intelligence sharing leads to drug bust in Cape Breton

In August 2014, the RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit, working in conjunction with the Kelowna RCMP, arrested two individuals and seized illicit drugs.

Information was received by the Kelowna RCMP in regards to suspected drug trafficking with a connection to Baddeck.

After connecting with officers with the Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit in Cape Breton, a quantity of marihuana, cocaine, MDMA powder and 4,000 ecstasy tablets were seized and a 54-year-old man and 39-year-old woman, both from Baddeck, were arrested. Officers searched a residence and seized an additional quantity of marihuana, cash, drug packaging and paraphernalia. Both face charges of Possession of Marihuana, Trafficking in Cocaine, Possession and Trafficking of Ecstasy.

## Real estate, vehicles seized in proceeds of crime investigation

In August 2014, officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Harbourville, Kings County and seized a cottage property, motor vehicles, lawn mowers and garden tractors following an investigation into proceeds of crime.

The search resulted from a June 2012 Canadian Forces National Investigation Service (CFNIS) fraud investigation into allegations involving one of its employees and the misappropriation of funds from the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre. The investigation determined that over \$400,000 from the Resource Centre's accounts had gone missing.

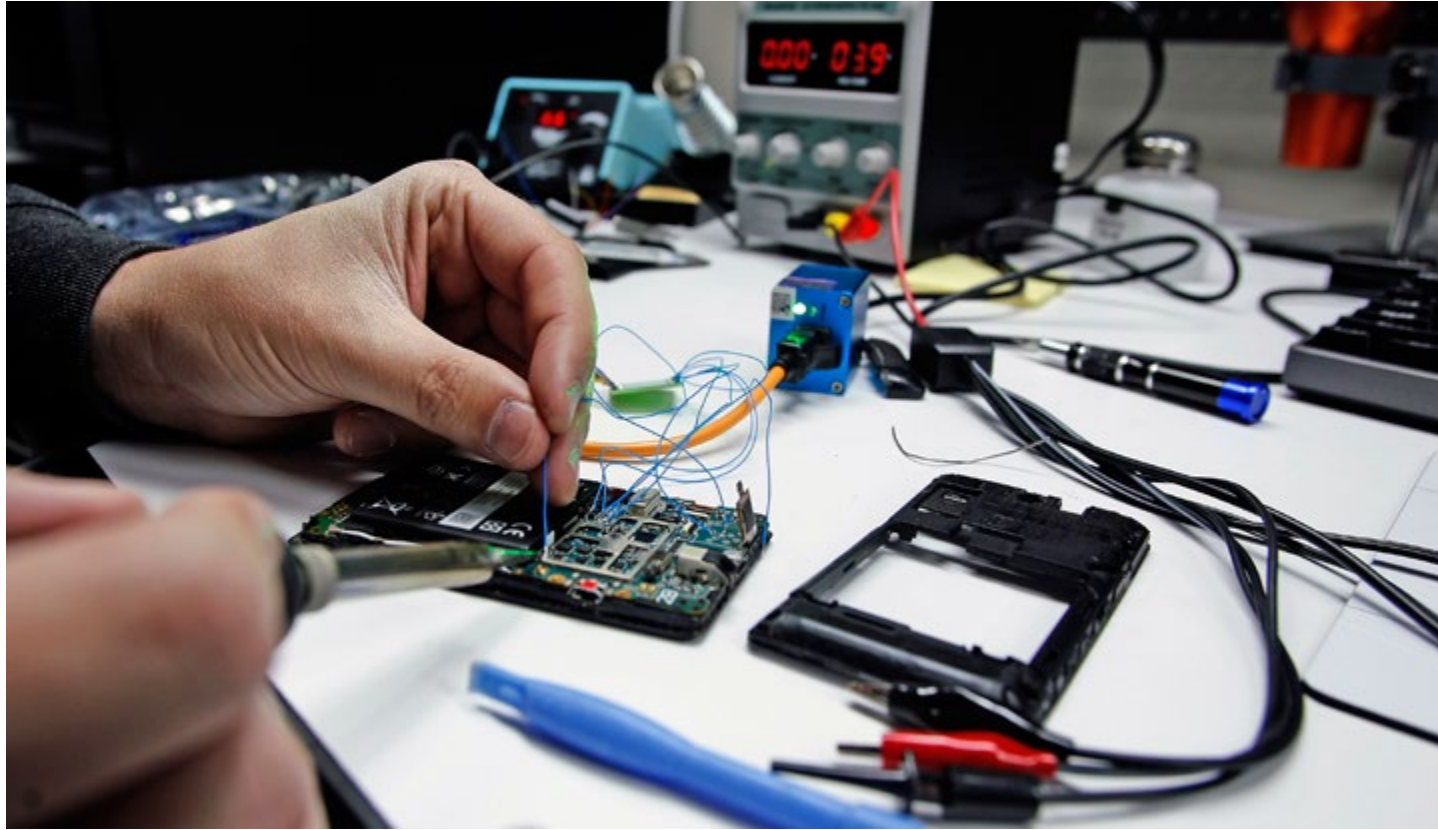
Following a referral from the Canadian Armed Forces, the RCMP Provincial Proceeds of Crime Unit was able to ascertain that the funds stolen from the Resource Centre were used to purchase either in part or in whole, several assets including vehicles and real estate.

The matter remains before the courts.





# Technological Crime Unit



Nova Scotia RCMP's Technological Crime Unit (TCU) is recognized throughout the province for its expertise in collecting evidence through the search, seizure and analysis of computers and mobile devices. It is the only unit in the province able to recover active and deleted data from cellular smart phones, tablets, global positioning systems and most other mobile devices. It also has the capacity to image computers and mobile devices during undercover operations. That is why the Technological Crime Unit provides assistance to municipal police agencies and provincial/federal government departments throughout Nova Scotia.

With the constant evolution of technology, the majority of today's investigations have a technological component. In 2014, the Unit completed technological analysis

for criminal offenses including homicides, child luring, robberies, assaults, drugs and national security files. In 2007, the RCMP Technological Crime Unit conducted forensic examinations on less than 50 cell phones. In 2014, they received over 590 mobile devices and 108 computer exhibits. The increased use of smart phones and password-protected devices has added layers of difficulty to the forensics process.

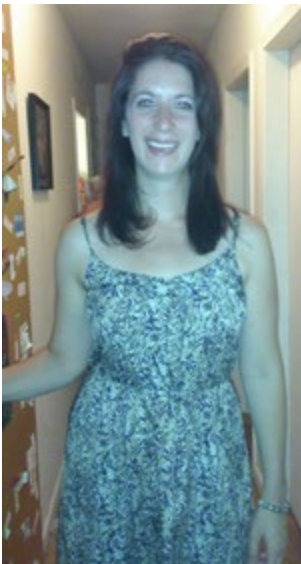
To remain a leader in this field of investigation, the Nova Scotia RCMP has its own state-of-the-art radio shielded room allowing Technological Crime specialists to conduct cell analysis in a completely protected environment. In addition, the unit's mobile forensic vehicle allows our experts to transport their lab to the field and attend crime scenes to perform onsite computer forensics.





# Major Investigations

## CHARGES: Homicide of Catherine “Catie” Miller



Twenty-nine year-old Catherine “Catie” Miller of Dartmouth was reported missing to Halifax Regional Police on July 21, 2014. She had last spoken to her family on July 15.

The VICE Unit of the Integrated Criminal Investigations Division launched a missing person’s investigation immediately to determine her whereabouts. Noting the circumstances surrounding her disappearance to be suspicious, they turned the investigation over to the Integrated Homicide Unit of the Criminal Investigations Division on July 23, 2014. In the months that passed, investigators worked to piece together any facts and evidence that would lead them to Ms. Miller.

On November 23, 2014, investigators from the Integrated Homicide Unit charged 29-year-old Jason James Johnson of no fixed address with the First Degree Murder of Ms. Miller and Indecently Interfering with a Dead Human Body. A week later, 33-year-old Kelly Amanda MacDonald of Lawrencetown was arrested and charged with First Degree Murder and Indecently Interfering with a Dead Human Body, and 30-year-old George Edward Hubley of Sheet Harbour Passage was charged with Accessory to Murder After the Fact and Indecently Interfering with a Dead Human Body.

Police went on to investigate multiple scenes as part of the investigation where Ms. Miller’s remains were found.

*“Although the outcome of this investigation was extremely tragic, it is our hope that bringing these three individuals before the courts will help the Miller family in their healing process,”* said primary investigator, Cst. Trent Milton.

## Missing cyclist: Marty Leger

On May 29, 2014, Lower Sackville RCMP received a call of an overdue mountain biker in the Spider Lake area off Waverley Rd. Thirty-year-old Marty Leger had gone biking but did not return home.

Over the next five days, the RCMP Emergency Management Section coordinated approximately 450 Ground Search & Rescue (GSAR) volunteers from across the Maritimes and Joint Task Force Atlantic personnel in a search over a vast area in very challenging conditions. The terrain was dense, the temperatures high and some areas extremely treacherous for even the most experienced searchers.

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and RCMP helicopters, all-terrain vehicles, water craft, and Police Dog Services also provided assistance in the search. Unfortunately, there was no sign of Mr. Leger.

The residents of Spider Lake provided overwhelming support and welcomed us into their homes and community. We also received assistance from Environment Canada, Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office, Aerial Thermal Imaging and the Cyclesmith Junior Racing Team.

*“The decision to end any search is extremely difficult,”* said Chief Superintendent Roland Wells, Officer in Charge of Halifax District RCMP. *“I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy towards the Leger family in their time of grieving. I also want to extend sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to assist us in this search. Your dedication, support and determination are an inspiration.”*

The investigation is ongoing.



## CHARGES: Murder of Harley Lawrence in Berwick



In the early morning hours of October 23, 2013, Berwick Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire call at a bus shelter on Commercial St. After fire fighters extinguished the blaze, they located a body within the bus shelter and immediately contacted Kings District RCMP. The man was later identified as 62-year-old Harley Lawrence.

The fire was deemed suspicious and investigators with the Southwest Nova Major Crimes Unit assumed the lead on the investigation. Many in the community of Berwick said they knew Mr. Lawrence and were saddened to learn of the tragic incident.

For more than seven months, officers worked diligently on the investigation. Those efforts culminated in the arrest of two men in April 2014. In March 2015, Daniel Wayne Surette of Berwick and Kyle David James Fredericks of Berwick District pled guilty to Second Degree Murder in the death of Harley Lawrence.

## CHARGES: Operation Snapshot III results in 10 arrests in Nova Scotia

Five children were removed from harm and over 150 individuals were arrested or are under investigation as part of Operation Snapshot III. This operation was a national coast-to-coast operation which began in February 2014 and involved over 40 police agencies coordinated by the RCMP’s National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre (NCECC).

Nova Scotia partners in this operation included Nova Scotia RCMP Provincial Internet Child Exploitation Unit, the RCMP/HRP Integrated Internet Child Exploitation Unit, Cape Breton Regional Police Service and Bridgewater Police Service.

Over the course of the operation, 11 search warrants were executed across Nova Scotia. Between February 13 and May 27, officers arrested 10 men, ages ranging from 20 to 56. These men faced charges of Possession of Child Pornography, Accessing Child Pornography and Making Available Child Pornography.

### Did you know?

In October 2008, Nova Scotia introduced legislation making it mandatory for citizens to report suspected child pornography. This means that anyone who encounters child pornography material or recordings must report it to the police. Failing to report suspicious activity and materials could result in penalties similar to failure to report child abuse set out in the Children and Family Services Act.



# In the community



Halifax District RCMP Officer in Charge, C/Supt. Wells receives a hug from Anna Bailey during the 1st annual Police Chase, a 5k fun run in Halifax in support of Nova Scotia's Special Olympics athletes.



Cpl. Kwabby Oppong and Stevie Burke took a break from Special Olympics bowling to smile for the camera.



The RCMP wrapped another successful operation with the Emergency Response team (ERT) taking on a unique role. RCMP employees from headquarters in Dartmouth contributed to a food drive in support of Feed Nova Scotia using an 'Employee Reindeer Team.'





# Keeping You in the Loop

## Did you Know?

Sgt. Alain LeBlanc is the voice and face for the RCMP in Nova Scotia. When Nova Scotians watch tv, listen to the radio or read through the morning news, no doubt Sgt. LeBlanc is quoted.

On any given day, Sgt. LeBlanc is responding to calls from media and citizens, conducting interviews or supporting detachments as they respond to unfolding events. The role of the media relations officer helps us tell our story and educate citizens about our role as Nova Scotia's Provincial Police.



## Police Week 2014

Throughout National Police Week 2014 (May 11 to 17), we provided an opportunity for citizens to meet their local officers and some of the volunteers that support police operations across Nova Scotia. RCMP detachments across Nova Scotia opened their doors to citizens to 'Connect to our Communities,' which was the theme for the week.

Police officers and Auxiliary Constables were available to answer questions about public safety and security, as well as police programs and initiatives.

## Top 12 in 2014

For the first time, RCMP in Nova Scotia compiled a Top 12 list of the most liked and shared stories on its Facebook page throughout 2014.

**1. Moncton's Fallen RCMP Officers** - A picture is worth a thousand words. On June 6, a picture taken of the hundreds of flowers that were dropped out front of the Codiac RCMP detachment was posted to the RCMP Nova Scotia Facebook page. Approximately 200,000 followers connected sharing their words of condolences, sympathy, sadness and shock regarding the tragic shootings of Cst. Doug Larche, Cst. Dave Ross and Cst. Fabrice Gevaudan.

**2. Memorial ribbon** - On June 5, with sadness in our hearts and tears in our eyes we posted a photo of the police memorial ribbon with a note of condolences to our policing family in New Brunswick. The ribbon is worn when an officer dies in the line of duty and it is a way to show respect and honour to the fallen.

**3. Homicide of Loretta Saunders** - On February 26, a news release was posted announcing that investigators with the Integrated Major Crimes Unit, with the assistance of RCMP in New Brunswick, had located the body of Loretta Saunders. This was a tragic and sad ending to a missing person's case.

**4. Telemarketing scams** - In July, the RCMP warned the public of two telemarketing scams where citizens reported they received a phone call from a male who claimed to be an RCMP Constable. The caller told people he was soliciting money to fund an RCMP anti-bullying book and requested donations of \$100 to \$300. RCMP never solicit funds.

**5. Cabot Trail bus crash** - A bus crash on the Cabot Trail in July was the number five story on the RCMP Facebook page. Sadly a 70-year-old female passenger from New Jersey, U.S. died when the tour bus carrying 21 passengers rolled into the ditch, landing on its side near Neil's Harbour.

**6. Moncton man charged** - A post to announce that three charges of First Degree Murder and two counts of Attempted Murder had been laid against the 24-year-old man responsible for the shootings of five RCMP officers generated a high response from followers. The accused pled guilty and is now serving 75 years in jail.

**7. Rewards for following the law** - A program led by Colchester District RCMP generated lots of interest on Facebook. Instead of solely focusing on the driving infractions of local drivers, RCMP members sought out drivers who were following the law. Instead of issuing a ticket, officers rewarded drivers with a small token of appreciation. The program was a joint effort between RCMP and the Cobequid Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

**8. Identifying deceased man** - Officers with the Integrated VICE unit once again appealed to the public for assistance identifying a deceased man. On October 8, 2004, members of the RCMP responded to a complaint of human remains that were located in a wooded area off Highway 102 near the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. To date the investigation has not been able to confirm the identity of the individual. RCMP are hopeful that posting the pictures to social media may lead to a break in the case.

**9. Introduction of changes to Nova Scotia's Graduated Driver's Licence program** - RCMP shared the news release issued by Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal on October 23. These changes generated a lot of interest and conversation from our Facebook followers.

**10. Statement from the wives of Cst. Doug Larche, Cst. Dave Ross and Cst. Fabrice Gevaudan** - Nadine Larche, Rachael Ross, and Angela Gevaudan issued a joint statement to media on October 28, 2014 in response to the court proceedings. The post, shared from the RCMP in New Brunswick, reaffirmed the love and support that Canadians have for the families.

**11. Search for Marty Leger** - For over five days, approximately 450 Ground Search & Rescue (GSAR) volunteers from across the Maritimes, and Joint Task Force Atlantic personnel searched the Spider Lake area in very challenging conditions. The searchers were looking for Marty Leger, a 30-year-old mountain biker who went missing on May 29. Sadly, Mr. Leger was not located. The case remains a missing person case. Anyone with information is asked to contact the RCMP or Halifax Regional Police.

**12. Police arrest nine impaired drivers in eight hours** - On December 13, Halifax District RCMP shared that nine impaired drivers were arrested while conducting checkpoints and responding to motor vehicle crashes overnight. The response was positive for RCMP and Halifax Regional Police efforts but was a shocking reminder that people continue to make the bad decision of getting behind the wheel after consuming alcohol and/or drugs.



1. Moncton's Fallen RCMP Officers



8. Identifying deceased man





# Administration and Personnel

*"Employees of the Administration and Personnel Office work to ensure that the RCMP is a modern, motivated, healthy, qualified and productive workforce with a focus on continuous improvement. Our goal is to provide an environment that supports operations and aids in the delivery of quality policing services. Employees support various programs and initiatives including recruiting, hiring and screening of new employees, awards and recognition, training and managing relationships with government partners and clients."*

Superintendent Dennis Daley  
Administration and Personnel Officer

## Firearms Training

Nova Scotia RCMP was selected by the RCMP National Depot Training Academy to participate in a three year pilot program testing the Professional Range Instruction Simulator (PRISim), a firearms simulation system. PRISim allows officers to pursue firearms training in a controlled environment so they are able to focus on the fundamentals of shooting and strengthen/refine their skills.

Throughout the pilot project, officers from across the province will train on PRISim and then complete their annual firearms qualification using the system. Their results will then be compared with the results of officers training/testing at outdoor firearm ranges to determine the most effective firearms training methods for officers.

## Chaplaincy Program

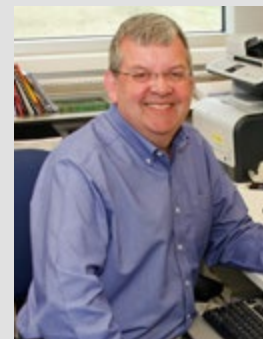
Did you know the Nova Scotia RCMP has a Chaplaincy Program to provide support to employees, veterans and their families? Since 1997, the chaplains have been volunteering their services in Nova Scotia, bringing a sense of stability and the reassurance of spiritual strength during difficult situations in a non-denominational setting.

For first responders, the role of the chaplain is crucial. Employees of the RCMP are exposed to stresses through their work that many others of the general public are not. These stresses can range from daily confrontations to extraordinary scenes of violence or loss affecting an employee's ability to serve at their very best.

Chaplains are trained in crisis management and how people deal with grief and loss, and can provide sound advice or an ear to listen. This ultimately helps employees maintain their overall health and well-being, both at work and in their home life.

Our chaplains are available 24/7 and can provide assistance in a variety of areas including; accompanying officers with next of kin notifications, helping to introduce new employees to their new communities, assisting with funerals for employees and veterans, conducting hospital visits and weddings.

## Meet Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson – Program Coordinator



Husband, father, firefighter, paramedic, lecturer, policy writer, archeologist, archivist, researcher, Presbyterian Minister and coordinator of the Nova Scotia RCMP Chaplain Program.

At first glance, these titles may appear an unlikely combination for one person - however after getting to know Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson, people will quickly realize they should expect the unexpected.

An RCMP Chaplain since 1998 and coordinator since 2012, he is responsible for ensuring the smooth and seamless operation of this important program.

*"I've battled ghosts and been haunted by memories of gruesome scenes over the years," said Rev. Dr. Matheson. "Do I know everything? Absolutely not. Do I have all the answers? Definitely not. But I've learned how difficult and how dangerous it is to face these tough days alone and RCMP chaplains have a level of confidentiality that allows Members to give voice to what they are going through."*

He adds, *"At the end of the day, we volunteer to be RCMP Chaplains because we care. As well, we have the ability, training and passion to listen and share with employees who work in a world foreign to most."*

# Tribute to Andrew Kennedy



On December 4, 2013, the RCMP had the privilege of adding a new member to our ranks. Then six-year-old Andrew Kennedy was made an honorary Mountie, assigned to New Minas Detachment. Battling a life-threatening brain tumour since he was four-years-old, Andrew's spirit and determination were admired by many from across the Force. Despite the challenges he faced, Andrew was always full of laughter, love and wore a smile.

Andrew's dream was to become an RCMP officer. We were happy to make that dream come true and make memories with Andrew and his family. He wanted

to do what our officers do every day in Nova Scotia; make a difference and help people.

On July 7, 2014 Andrew passed away.

We honour Andrew by dedicating our 2014 annual report in his memory. To your post, Andrew. Dismissed.



# The RCMP is Hiring!

Did you know there are more than 150 different types of operational and administrative opportunities within the RCMP?

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police offers meaningful work, vast opportunities, the chance to serve across Canada and a career like no other. RCMP officers play an important role in ensuring the safety and security of those in the communities they serve. Responsible for enforcing the law and investigating crime, our officers are role models and leaders who provide advice and guidance to people from all walks of life. If you want to make a difference in your community and your country, this is a career to consider.

The RCMP is looking for people who are responsible, respectful, professional, compassionate, honest and who have integrity. Once training is successfully completed, a new member will be posted to one of our 750 detachments across Canada.

For more information on a career with the RCMP and basic requirements, visit our website at [www.rcmpcareers.ca](http://www.rcmpcareers.ca) where you will also find information on career presentations.

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