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### PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Every day, the RCMP in New Brunswick works hard, not only to solve crime but to prevent it. Whether that means conducting checkstops to curb unsafe driving practices, leading investigations to help reduce the illegal drugs available on our streets, or simply reaching out to at-risk young people, we are committed to making a positive difference. While police have a vital role to play, our success rests heavily on strong partnerships within the communities we serve, with other law enforcement agencies and with our partners. Working together, we can achieve our collective goal in New Brunswick: to keep our beautiful province and its people safe and secure.

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# FROM THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Public Safety continues to work in partnership with the RCMP to achieve common goals in reducing crime and victimization. As a result of this partnership, we have been able to make great strides on Crime Prevention and Reduction, and in the fight against organized crime. We will work with the leadership of the RCMP to identify efficiencies, improvements and funding priorities.

The RCMP continues to play an integral role in the province's Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategy by providing senior level representation on the Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety and related project oversight committees. They also support the implementation of evidence-based crime prevention approaches on the ground. The RCMP has trained all of their front line officers on a standardized risk assessment tool (ODARA) to be used in domestic and intimate partner violence police calls for service. They have also made the implementation of improvements to provincial diversion programs possible through the involvement of Community Programs Officers as coordinators.

The Department of Public Safety will continue to work closely with the RCMP on implementing additional important crime prevention approaches. These approaches include the Community Coordinated Response Model to high risk and high danger intimate partner violence cases and Changing Directions, which is a new way of reducing crime with New Brunswick's most active offenders. This work would not be possible without the ongoing support and dedication from the RCMP in New Brunswick.

The RCMP has played a significant leadership and support role in efforts to build an intelligence capacity that is focused on serious and organized crime through their involvement in the Regional Integrated Intelligence Units (RIIU's) under Criminal Intelligence Service New Brunswick (CISNB). These efforts have produced actionable intelligence, which has seen organized crime groups disrupted and dismantled, making New Brunswick a safer place to live and ultimately raise a family.

RCMP Senior Management has dedicated resources internally to help ensure a healthy, fit and operationally-ready police force. By working with its members to ensure timely access to operational development, skills maintenance and health and wellness services and by ensuring a positive work environment, the number of members periodically away from duty has been reduced significantly. These changes have resulted in a stronger and more operationally-ready workforce.

Our province continues to be one of the safest in Canada due in no small part to the leadership, efforts and commitment of our RCMP. Thank you to the members of the RCMP and their families for their ongoing professionalism, compassion and dedication.

I look forward to further strengthening the relationship between the Department of Public Safety and the RCMP in New Brunswick. Together we are making our communities safer and ensuring New Brunswickers receive the best possible provincial policing services.

Hon. Stephen Horsman, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General The Department of Public Safety continues to work in partnership with the RCMP to achieve common goals in reducing crime and victimization.





FROM THE **COMMANDING OFFICER** 

Recently, I was at a restaurant, when I happened to overhear a conversation between the mayor and a citizen who was concerned because he didn't often see police at work in the community. The mayor's response was that this is in fact a great thing. It means they live in a safe and peaceful community, where public police interventions are not often necessary. It doesn't mean the police aren't there. It means they are focused on where they are most needed, targeting problem areas and those known to inflict the most harm on communities. In other words, they are busy working to ensure the public peace remains intact.

We know that we cannot do this without public support and trust. Upholding this trust has been my number one priority. Nothing matters more. In the 1820s, Sir Robert Peel was famously quoted on the concept of *policing by consent*, the model of policing we still use in Canada today:

"The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence." I can't think of a better way to summarize the way I see the RCMP's role as New Brunswick's policing service. Every day, our employees come to work, many of them not knowing what their shift will bring. But they do know that it is their job to help us keep building a safer New Brunswick. I can see the results of their efforts, and I am incredibly proud.

One area of concern remains the number of preventable deaths occurring on our roadways. One of the most difficult jobs for any police officer is to inform a family that their loved one is never coming home. It's even more difficult when we know it could have been prevented. Too often, police respond to crashes where those killed were not wearing their seatbelts, driving impaired, driving distracted or speeding. We remain committed to enforcement and raising awareness about this issue, but we also know that keeping our roads safe is up to all New Brunswickers. I have seen the conscientiousness and care of most of our citizens, but it only takes one bad decision to end a life. It's up to all of us to continue working to prevent these needless tragedies.

This year, I am retiring from the RCMP. Over the past three years, I have seen the dedication of members and employees throughout our organization, in offices and detachments throughout New Brunswick. I have seen the dedication of members and employees throughout our organization, in offices and detachments throughout New Brunswick. I have also seen the commitment our partners and the citizens of this province have toward building safer communities. I have no doubt that progress will continue, and that the RCMP is poised to continue providing an excellent provincial policing service for many years to come. I thank everyone I have worked with in the past three years for their incredible support and dedication.

Assistant Commissioner Roger L. Brown, O.O.M. RCMP in New Brunswick Commanding Officer

### **GETTING RESULTS** FOR **NEW BRUNSWICKERS**

In 2015, the RCMP continued working hard to help build a safer New Brunswick. It proved to be a very busy year, which saw our members working to solve numerous rashes of thefts from vehicles, a notable increase in reports of fraud, and a number of highprofile investigations, including seven homicides and four attempted murders.

Over the course of the year, our employees responded to nearly 100,000 occurrences, a 4% increase in activity over 2014, when the division reported a five-year low. These occurrences include everything from traffic stops to violent crimes.

In 2015, there was a 15% increase in property crime throughout RCMP jurisdiction in New Brunswick, after years of stability and decreases. While a one-year increase does not constitute a trend, and a number of factors can contribute to crime rates, the rise in 2015 appears to correlate to a significant increase in thefts from cars and a dramatic increase in reports of fraud.

The RCMP understands that property crime can be extremely unsettling for victims, violating their sense of wellbeing and trust in their safety. In response, the RCMP is continuing to focus on its crime reduction efforts and has reached out to the public to share information and tips that might help prevent them from becoming victims of these types of crime.

Our top priority is to continue working with the public and our partners to build a safer province by reducing and preventing crime. In the following pages, you will read about numerous investigations we've worked on, operations and initiatives we've undertaken, and some of the results we've achieved over the past year.



### **KEY STATS**



Property crime rose by 15.46% in 2015. Most notable was a nearly 50% increase in reports of fraud, a 25% increase in theft over \$5,000, a 20.5% increase in break and enters, and a 19% increase in theft under \$5,000.

The RCMP is committed to helping reduce and prevent these types of crime across New Brunswick.



A full **25%** of all instances responded to by the RCMP in New Brunswick in 2015 involved traffic.



Drug offences fell 14.9%, with decreases in charges for importing and exporting, possession, production and trafficking

# REACHING OUT TO PREVENT AND SOLVE PROPERTY CRIMES

#### INVESTIGATING RASHES OF THEFT

Throughout 2015, the RCMP investigated rashes of theft from vehicles, cottages, businesses and residences across the province. The RCMP reached out to communities including Oromocto, Shediac, Grand-Barachois, Killarney, New Maryland, St. Andrews, Saint-Léonard, Tracadie, and Campbellton, among others, to warn residents about series of thefts occurring in their areas. Although one year does not constitute a trend, the RCMP was concerned to see the rate of property crime rise by 15% in 2015. The Greater Moncton area, in particular, experienced numerous rashes of thefts from vehicles, and the RCMP made concerted efforts to warn residents to lock their doors and stow their valuables. In summer 2015, Codiac RCMP released a number of maps showing which neighbourghoods had been targeted and asked residents to report suspicious activity, in hopes of preventing further victimization.

RCMP members across New Brunswick worked diligently to investigate these crimes. Several arrests were made in Moncton in connection with break, enter and theft, and a significant amount of stolen property recovered. Arrests for theft and robbery were also made in communities including Debec, Sussex, Chipman, St. Andrews, Perth-Andover, Shediac and Cap-Pelé. While the RCMP worked to investigate and consult with crime analysts to help prevent and solve these incidents, concerted efforts were made throughout the year to help reach the public through both traditional and social media, to ensure residents knew their areas had been targeted and what they could do to help protect themselves.

### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THEFT

### Your garage door opener is basically a key to your house, and that's why you should keep your vehicle locked at all times.

Over the past year, there have been numerous rashes of thefts from unlocked vehicles, sheds, barns, and cottages in New Brunswick. These are often crimes of opportunity. Protect yourself:

- Lock your vehicles and buildings
- Remove all valuables including electronics, loose change and personal items from vehicles
- Pay attention, particularly at night, to anyone suspicious in your neighbourhood and call police immediately if you see something.

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Property Crime in New Brunswick - 2015	2014	2015	% change from 2014
			to 2015
Total Property Crime	16880	19490	15.46%
Arson	307	323	5.21%
Break and Enter	2692	3244	20.51%
Fraud	1303	1951	49.73%
Possession of Property Obtained by Crime	192	196	2.08%
Theft \$5,000 and Under	5933	7034	18.56%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	956	874	-8.58%
Theft Over \$5,000	167	209	21.15%

# WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES

## SOLVING CRIMES AND RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

In 2015, the Major Crime Unit investigated a number of serious crimes, including seven homicides and four attempted murders. Each case demanded careful and thorough investigation. All but one of the cases, which was determined to be a murder-suicide, resulted in charges being laid.

In 2015, our **Emergency Response Team (ERT)** responded to 29 call-outs, including barricaded persons, hostage situations, prisoner escorts, and VIP and witness protection. In addition to answering to call-outs, team members train regularly to maintain preparedness for emergency situations of all varieties, and provide training to Critical Incident Commanders to ensure they are aware of ERT's multiple capabilities, such as sniper observer duties, firearms manipulation, breaching, explosive forced entry, and high angle movements.



## CRISIS NEGOTIATION The RCMP is committed to reso

The RCMP is committed to resolving potentially violent situations using the least amount of force necessary, and recognizes that the use of trained negotiators is an essential element in the resolution of critical incidents. In New Brunswick, we have 10 trained crisis negotiators, and one forensic psychologist. In 2015, they assisted with 25 calls throughout the province. All incidents were successfully resolved without injury to the public or the police.



### **UNDERWATER RECOVERY**

The **Underwater Recovery Team (URT)** is a specialized service offered by the RCMP in New Brunswick. Members provide assistance on a wide variety of high-stakes police operations that require underwater investigation, including missing persons, evidence retrieval or search and recovery. In 2015, URT assisted with numerous investigations throughout the province, and in other jurisdictions. These included the retrieval of a vehicle and the body of a missing 22-year-old man in Grand Lake in October 2015, and the recovery of the body of a man who had fallen from his canoe in the Perth-Andover area in July 2015. In some cases, without the work of the URT team, family members and friends may be left without closure, never knowing what has happened to their missing loved ones.





In 2015, our **Operational Readiness & Response (ORR)** unit worked on a mapping system that shows routes into and out of every community in New Brunswick. This will simplify and expedite the task of setting up perimeters during high risk events, by identifying all access and traffic control points. This project was in direct response to MacNeil Report recommendations, which stemmed from the June 2014 shootings of RCMP members in Moncton. Its focus was on improving situational awareness and serious incident management. The ORR unit also adopted the use of the RCMP Event Management System (EMS) application, to capture and share information when responding to large scale, planned events as well as Critical Incident Response events. ORR personnel also coordinated and continued delivery of the Incident Command System Canada training.

**Technological Crime** investigators play a crucial role in uncovering evidence that might otherwise go undetected. On November 5, 2015, Canaport LNG was fined \$750,000 for its role in the death of 7,500 songbirds in September 2013. The birds were killed when they flew into a gas flare at the Canaport LNG terminal, just outside of Saint John. Our Integrated Technological Crime Unit, with assistance from Environment Canada, isolated relevant digital documents from more than three terabytes of data that played a large part in building this case. The fine amount levied in this instance reflects the seriousness of the violations.





In 2015, an analyst working with our Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System (ViCLAS) identified the offender in an unsolved sexual assault from 2013. ViCLAS, is a Canada-wide computer system that assists specially trained investigators to identify serial crimes and criminals by focusing on the linkages that exist among crimes by the same offender. In this case, the analyst identified some striking similarities between a 2014 case of sexual assault and one reported in 2013. Upon close review, both cases were deemed potentially linked. A report was sent to Codiac Regional RCMP investigators who were then able to revisit the 2013 case. The victim was presented with a photo lineup and identified the offender from the 2014 case as her attacker. In July of 2015, a 56-year-old Moncton man was convicted of sexual assault with a weapon and forcible confinement. He was sentenced to five years in prison, ordered to provide a DNA sample, and register with the National Sex Offender Registry for life.

RCMP Forensic Facial Imaging specialists provide services that can assist in solving serious crimes. One such case occurred in September 2015. A woman was assaulted by an unknown man while walking on a bicycle path in Edmundston. The victim managed to get away, and was able to provide a detailed description of the man to the Edmundston Police Department. The RCMP's forensic artist was called in to meet with the victim to develop a composite sketch for distribution to the media. On November 4, 2015, a suspect was identified. He was arrested and subsequently confessed to the assault. A 21-year-old man pleaded guilty to assault and failing to comply with a probation order. He was sentenced to six months of house arrest in February 2016.



### **ALTERNATE RESPONSE UNIT**

The RCMP in **New Brunswick's Alternate Response Unit (ARU)** is dedicated to handling calls for service from the public that do not require the immediate presence of a police officer, but nonetheless require police attention (i.e., a historical break-in with little chance of solvability, a minor vehicle collision). In 2015, the ARU responded to nearly 9100 files out of approximately 64,000 in West, Northeast and Southeast districts, or roughly 14%. The work of this unit has been tremendously successful at freeing up frontline members to focus on community policing priorities and active investigations.



### FRAUD PREVENTION

In 2015, reports of fraud increased by nearly 50% in RCMP jurisdictions in New Brunswick. This is a significant increase, and one the RCMP takes very seriously. With more and more people becoming aware of what constitutes fraud, and with technology making it seem easier for fraudsters to remain anonymous or commit crimes from a distance, reports of fraud continue to rise.

The RCMP is committed to protecting the economic integrity of our province. Numerous investigations into cases of fraud in our communities were conducted in 2015. In February, several files involving credit card fraud at local businesses were received in Northeastern New Brunswick. The suspects would call the business and purchase a big item with a credit card, saying they were out of the region and sending someone else to pick up the order. The Northeast Crime Reduction Unit led the investigation, in partnership with several municipal police forces, that had similar files within their jurisdiction. The overall total of these frauds was in excess of \$150,000. Search warrants were executed resulting in multiple individuals being charged with credit card fraud related offences. Additionally, in Blackville, a lengthy investigation culminated in a 46-year-old Astle woman being charged with theft over \$5,000 and fraud over \$5,000 totalling more than \$100,000. The woman was found to have stolen from and defrauded the business where she was an employee.

Some instances of fraud can be difficult to investigate, as they may originate overseas or in another country, but any victim of fraud should report what happened to police. Over the past year, the RCMP has communicated with the public about a number of common scams, and continues to reach out to residents, communities, and organizations with information about how people can protect themselves from being victimized by fraud. Though many factors drive increases in crime, a rise in reports of fraud may also be a good indication that more and more people are now aware of what constitutes fraud and are bringing information forward to police.





THE RCMP HAS 6 CORE VALUES

HONESTY INTEGRITY RESPECT ACCOUNTABILITY COMPASSION PROFESSIONALISM

All of our employees strive to bring these qualities to life, and put them into action, every day, often going above and beyond the call of duty to help make a genuine difference in people's lives.

### PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPASSION HELP SAVE A LIFE

In October 2015, Cst. Jennifer Simons, Cpl. Matt Hansen and Cst. Valerie Caron sprang into action to help save a 41-year-old woman's life. Cst. Simons was out on patrol when a man flagged her down, and she could see the woman in the passenger seat of the van he was driving needed urgent medical care. She immediately called for assistance, helped remove the woman from the van and began CPR. Cpl. Hansen and Cst. Caron arrived soon after, along with paramedics. Later that day, the woman underwent emergency heart surgery and was able to return to her home to recover. The woman later thanked the RCMP members for helping to save her life by giving them the gift of a small, decorative angel. Meanwhile, Ambulance NB was impressed with the professionalism demonstrated by our members, and wrote the following: "quick thinking, focus on the scene, professionalism and above all else, obvious compassion for others, in no small part helped save the life of this 41-year-old woman."

## PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS - DEEPENING OUR CONNECTIONS

In 2015, a number of our employees took part in peacekeeping missions to Haiti, which is still recovering from the devastating earthquake of 2010 and struggling with social unrest. While there, our members have built strong relationships with the local people they are there to serve, particularly with the children, who often look up to the officers. These experiences are life-changing, permanently deepening the perspective of those who take on this type of work. The knowledge, compassion, integrity, and respect needed to make these missions successful, returns to New Brunswick with these employees, and enriches the overall policing service we continue to provide at home.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY TO OUR COMMUNITIES**

In North America, police have received a great deal of public scrutiny due to a number of high-profile cases. The RCMP in New Brunswick is committed to upholding the public trust by facing and managing any reports of member misconduct head-on. While these cases are disappointing, it is important that they be addressed appropriately. For the Commanding Officer and senior management of the RCMP in New Brunswick, the questions "What did you know, when did you know, and what did you do about it?" serve as guideposts all employees are expected to live and work by.

### SHOWING COMPASSION - COATS FOR KIDS

In October 2015, members of the Codiac Regional RCMP came together to help ensure children in need would be able to keep warm over the winter months. When Cpl. Mike Gaudet was contacted by a charitable organization in Toronto with a surplus of coats, he immediately contacted Moncton Headstart and set the wheels in motion. Like many of our police officers across the province, he saw an opportunity to help his community and didn't hesitate. He committed himself to ensuring the coats reached those who needed them. With logistical help from Keltic Transportation, the coats were ready and available to be distributed by November.

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### **RESPECT - A MARCH TO REMEMBER**

In July, two New Brunswick RCMP members embarked on a journey that tested both their mental and physical strength, as they took part in the 99th annual International Four Day Marches Nijmegen (or Vierdaagse). Over four days, along routes that surround the City of Nijmegen in the Netherlands, Sgt. Peter Vail and Cpl. Peter Lach walked more than 160 kilometres, through towns, villages and countryside, with a contingent that included approximately 200 members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and 40,000 civilians and military personnel from more than 50 countries. Nearly a million people lined the walking routes to cheer the participants on. Now mainly a civilian event that promotes an active lifestyle, the Marches started out as a military training event in 1909. But to many across the globe, the marches mean much more. About 5,000 military personnel from around the world also participate to pay their respects to the fallen soldiers who came before them. For the past 63 years, a Canadian Armed Forces contingent has participated in the marches and honoured the Canadian contribution to the world wars of the 20th century. This year was the first time the RCMP was represented in the event by members in uniform.

### **CONNECTED** TO **COMMUNITIES**

Over the past several years, the RCMP in New Brunswick has increased its presence on social media, with the goal of building stronger connections with the public, recognizing that we cannot achieve our goals as police without community support.

We first launched our Facebook and Twitter pages in 2010, and today, we have more than 106,000 social media followers. Our Facebook and Twitter feeds have some of the largest

followings of any law enforcement agency in the country. For a province the size of New Brunswick, this is remarkable and reflects strong community engagement and people who care about the wellbeing of their families and neighbours.

they need it most. We are also able to tap into the public to help us solve and prevent crime. In December 2015, the RCMP posted a Thank You to New Brunswick social media followers, for helping to spread the word about

Thanks to our followers, we have the ability to reach a large number of New Brunswickers with the information they need, when

A real difference is being made through these channels, and the RCMP is committed to continuing to provide followers with relevant and timely information using social media platforms.

In fact, the RCMP in New Brunswick's presence on social media has helped us achieve excellent results. In some cases, crimes have been solved within hours of being posted to Facebook and Twitter. Social media followers have also taken time to thank the RCMP for the work it is doing, something that means a great deal to our employees.





investigations, missing people, and safety tips over the course of the year.

## **QUICK FACTS**





Our Maritime-wide Impaired Driving **Prevention Social Media Campaign** 

### REACHED 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN SUMMER 2015,

and most importantly, no one was killed due to impaired driving during the campaign.







We are very deliberate about what we release on social media – everything we share is with the goal of helping to build a safer province, by preventing or solving crime, or reducing the number of people victimized. It's about reaching the right people, at the right times.

- Paul Greene, Director of Communications







## PART OF THE CONVERSATION

### STORM DAYS

On January 27, 2015, more than 445,000 followers were reached with safe driving tips and images of weather and road conditions throughout the province.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

In September 2015, the RCMP in New Brunswick launched a Back to School safety campaign, so that we could be part of the conversation happening around the province, reminding parents and young people of things they could do to keep safe as they headed back to the classroom.

#### HALLOWEEN

A Halloween Safety campaign urged trick or treaters and their parents to remain alert and play it safe as they ventured out in search of goodies.

## **SUCCESS STORY**

In September 2015, the RCMP in New Brunswick's Strategic Communications Unit won an international social media in law enforcement award for their efforts to help locate victims of online sexual abuse. The effort began in May, when the RCMP's Internet Child Exploitation Unit, with the assistance of Strategic Communications, launched a video calling on the public to help identify victims of a man who had been sexually exploiting boys online from at least January 2012 until the fall of 2014. Investigators had determined that this man, who had been arrested and charged with several sex offences, had been luring boys online by pretending to be a teenage girl. The investigation indicated the possible victims were as young as 10 and up to 16 years old, and may not even have been aware they had been victimized. As a result of the video being widely shared on social media, numerous other victims have been identified.

## SAFER ROADS / NO EXCUSES

Year after year, we continue to see people who were not wearing their seatbelts killed in crashes they may otherwise have survived, or dying in preventable crashes involving alcohol or drugs.

The same was true in 2015, with 51 people killed on our roadways.

Of those 51, 22 were not wearing seatbelts.

15 were killed in crashes that involved alcohol or drugs.

These are not numbers anyone should accept.

The RCMP in New Brunswick is working hard to do our part to help reduce the number of lives needlessly lost on our roads. In 2015, we conducted numerous checkstops and road safety operations around the province targeting impaired driving, not wearing a of seatbelt, distracted driving and other dangerous practices.

We also continued our efforts to reach out to the public and encourage safe driving practices, knowing that enforcement alone is not enough to keep our roads free of impaired drivers and unbuckled passengers.

We need public support – and rely on New Brunswickers to make safe decisions, and encourage others to do so as well.



In 2015, the RCMP in New Brunswick partnered with MADD Fredericton and the Fredericton Police Force to raise awareness about the potentially tragic consequences of impaired driving, and to help promote safe driving over the holidays.



### ON THE ROADWAYS POLICED BY THE RCMP IN NEW BRUNSWICK IN 2015:



of the 51 people killed were not wearing a seatbelt.

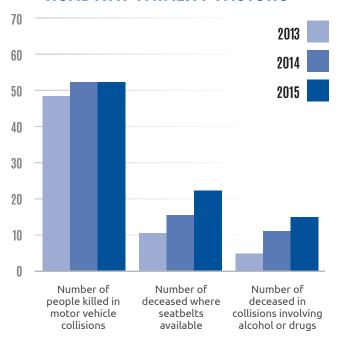


of people who died were killed in crashes involving alcohol or drugs



impaired driving charges were laid

### **ROADWAY FATALITY FACTORS**



#### **NO EXCUSES**

In December 2015, the RCMP in New Brunswick teamed up with RCMP in other Atlantic provinces and launched a social media campaign with one very clear goal: no fatalities caused by impaired driving on our roadways between December 1 and 7, National Safe Driving Week. The campaign used memes featuring common excuses heard by police officers. While it can be difficult to measure the impact of social media, we do know that during that week, there were no impaired driving deaths in Atlantic Canada, however, an impaired passenger was killed in Nova Scotia when he exited a moving vehicle on the evening of December 5.



Traffic	2013	2014	2015	<b>% change</b> from 2014 to 2015
POPA - Provincial Offence Procedure Act (tickets)	27 913	23 320	23 094	-0.97%
Impaired operation charges	785	773	706	-10.61%
Injury motor vehicle collisions	1 402	1 512	1 621	5.85%
Fatal motor vehicle collisions	38	41	50	6.82%
Number of deceased	49	51	51	0.00%
Unrestrained (with seatbelt available)	11	15	22	46.67%
Involving alcohol or drugs	7	11	15	36.36%
Injury off-road vehicle collisions	104	123	118	-4.07%
Fatal off-road vehicle collisions	7	10	8	-20.00%

## YOUTH \

# HELPING TO AVOID THE CRIMINALIZATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Since April 2015, we have been offering mental health screening for all young people diverted from the criminal justice system through extrajudicial measures or sanctions. Our goal is to identify those in need of a formal mental health assessment and to ensure we are intervening early and helping them access appropriate care when they first come into contact with the justice system.

Collaboratively attending to the mental health needs of a young person can increase positive outcomes while also contributing to community safety and reducing police calls for service.

### SUPPORT FOR EMILY

Emily\*, a 16-year-old New Brunswick girl, has been given an opportunity to start over, and the support she will need to help her make it through any difficult events that may threaten to send her back off course.

Following a physical altercation with her parents, Emily was facing criminal charges for the first time. She already had an extensive history of contact with police, beginning when she was 13, an age when mental health issues often begin to emerge, but when youth are least likely to find access to treatment. Her past included repeated instances of going missing and emotional disturbances under the Mental Health Act, clearly indicating that she had unmet mental health needs. These challenges often created difficulties for Emily, and her parents and caregivers.

After being charged, Emily was placed on strict conditions, but her mental health needs made compliance with these conditions difficult. If this

situation had continued, breach of her conditions would have led to further charges and ongoing criminalization for Emily. She would have entered a vicious cycle that would have become increasingly difficult to break.

For Emily, being referred to pre-charge, extrajudicial sanctions had a strong positive impact, and interrupted this cycle before she became further enmeshed in the criminal justice system. Rather than facing further criminal charges for breaches of her conditions, a pre-charge diversion decision was made, on her behalf, through a Section 18 Youth Justice Committee conference that included educators, social workers from social services and addictions and mental health services, police and probation officers. They developed a collaborative plan where service providers worked together to provide support to both Emily and her caregivers. Strategies were put in place to provide her with healthy options and support when she was confronted with challenging events. Her mental health treatment resumed and she began attending an alternative education program, as well as recreational activities. As a result of these pre-charge diversion actions, this young girl has had no further negative police contacts to date.

\*Name has been changed

## THE RCMP IN NEW BRUNSWICK is one of the

partners in ACCESS Open Minds, a Canadian research project with the goal of finding better ways for youth to obtain rapid access to quality mental health care. Even though more than 50 per cent of mental health issues and illnesses begin between the ages of 11 and 25, today's mental health care services don't adequately address the needs of this age group. This national venture is co-funded by the Graham Boeckh Foundation and the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), as part of the Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR). ACCESS Open Minds NB will work with local community groups and GNB partners to enhance access to quality and timely community-based mental health services for youth aged 11-25. Work will be done with local organizations to develop capacity in a sustainable manner.



### LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING

In summer 2015, the Sackville RCMP and the Town of Sackville's Recreation Department teamed up to offer a week-long outdoor leadership camp for local youth. The camp, which took place from July 6-10, helped participants develop positive social skills and build on their self-esteem through fun activities such as orienteering and building their own shelter for an overnight stay. Participants learned about various units in the policing world, such as Police Dog Services and the Explosive Disposal Unit, as well as a variety of current topics, including social media safety. Amélie Jarvis-Lavoie, the Sackville RCMP's Community Program Officer, and Matt Pryde, the Town of Sackville's Recreation and Programs Manager, came up with the idea to offer local youth an opportunity to develop leadership skills in a fun and engaging way after having worked together on several youth-related projects throughout the year. The camp was offered free of charge for youth that attend Sackville's Marshview Middle School.



# PROTECTING VULNERABLE CITIZENS

## NEW APPROACHES TO REDUCING DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (D/IPV)

As part of the provincial Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety, the RCMP in New Brunswick has been closely involved in the development of the Love Shouldn't Hurt campaign, a three-year public awareness initiative aimed at educating New Brunswickers about the different forms of D/IPV as well as the resources available to both victims and abusers. Using a combination of traditional print advertising along with an active social media strategy, the Love Shouldn't Hurt campaign has engaged New Brunswickers from all over the province and its online reach is growing steadily.

On the operational side, the RCMP in New Brunswick has rolled out the use of the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) tool in specific D/IPV occurrences. The tool assists officers in assessing 13 different factors associated with the offender's risk of re-offending. The use of the tool represents an evidence-based approach to offender management, victim safety, and crime reduction.

Building on the use of the ODARA, the RCMP in New Brunswick is involved in the development and implementation of a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) model for high risk and high danger D/IPV cases in the province. Part of New Brunswick's Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategy, the CCR model was identified as an important next step to risk assessment. The foundation of CCR is a permanent multi-agency team that comes together at the local level to share information and collaborate on safety plans and risk mitigation strategies when clients are assessed at high risk to be re-victimized or in danger of being killed by an intimate partner. This model will support communication between appropriate service providers so they can work better together, and with clients directly, in helping to keep victims and their children safe.



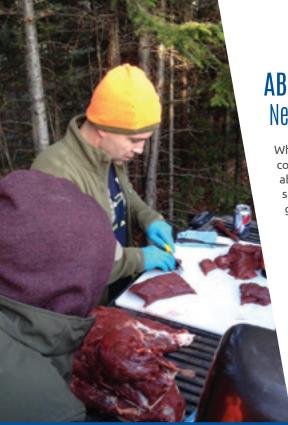
END INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE



## PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION

The Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit works to save children from sexual predators lurking in relative anonymity on the Internet. In 2015, 125 ICE investigations were undertaken, with various provincial policing partners, which led to the execution of 16 search warrants, 14 arrests and 29 charges being laid, with more pending.

Since 2006, 57 children have been rescued from sexually abusive situations in the province of New Brunswick, following investigations conducted by our ICE unit.



#### Cst. Adam Peter-Paul during the Elsipogtog moose hunting training camp for youth.

## ABORIGINAL POLICING New recruit helps bridge generation gap in Elsipogtog

When Cst. Jason Gauthier arrived at Elsipoqtoq detachment in July of 2015, he set out to complete his CAPRA project, which is a requirement of Recruit Field Training, by learning about his new community. CAPRA is a model for achieving mutual community problem solving (Clients, Acquire/Analyze Information, Partners, Response, Assessments). Its goal is to establish a community-led, police supported, sustainable response to mutually identify community problems and issues. In his new role as a police officer, he wanted to try to help resolve an existing local issue while applying the principles of sensitivity and respect for diversity. He consulted his trainer, Cst. Adam Peter-Paul, who advised him that one of the issues facing the area was a lack of communication between the youth and adults. There were very few events in the community that involved both age groups. This resulted in a lack of positive engagement opportunities and some youths were also becoming involved in criminal activities. Cst. Gauthier wanted to help improve relations between the generations, so he and Cst. Peter-Paul approached the band chief and manager. Their discussion determined that RCMP participation in a moose hunting training camp for youth, to be led by community adults, would be a great place to start building communication among all participants. It would also be a chance for youth to learn traditional hunting methods and safety practices while providing an opportunity for RCMP members to spend time with band members of varying ages, in a casual, natural environment.

Six youths and seven adults attended the inaugural moose hunting camp in October 2015. Ethical hunting skills and respect for both animals and the environment were some of the knowledge shared during the camp.

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS FOR LONG-TERM CHANGE

In early 2016, the RCMP received a letter of thanks from the Executive Director of St. Croix Vocational Centre in St. Stephen, on behalf of their clients and staff. The letter expressed a profound gratitude for the new community partner they had received through the RCMP Community Partnership Program. The letter went on to praise Constable Paul Levac's efforts to rebuild relationships between police, the community and the centre's clients, many of whom had previously had negative views of police or felt disconnected from the community. Cst. Levac began visiting with the clients of St. Croix Vocational Centre in late 2015, and according to Parks, within two months, had already had a very positive influence on the lives of their clients. "For a great number of our younger clients, the opportunity to sit and chat with an RCMP officer is a great experience," writes Parks. "It is heartwarming to think that because of the time he is able to dedicate to our clients, that the vicious cycle may be broken and a new acceptance will emerge for not only our clients, but also for their family members and future generations."





# FEDERAL POLICING KEEPING ILLEGAL DRUGS AND ORGANIZED CRIME OUT OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

The RCMP's Federal Policing units in New Brunswick conduct major drug and other contraband product investigations throughout the province. These are often complex, multi-layered cases that can take years to complete. They frequently involve multiple police forces and other public safety agencies, and must be conducted in a coordinated manner, based on tactical intelligence collected by various partner agencies throughout the province, and sometimes from other jurisdictions.

### POTENTIALLY LETHAL DRUGS KEPT OUT OF COMMUNITIES

In September 2015, a major clandestine drug lab was taken down in Lac Baker, N.B. This joint investigation, known as Project J-Tech, involved the RCMP in New Brunswick's Federal Operations, the RCMP Clandestine Lab Enforcement and Response Team as well as the Sûreté du Québec, the Edmundston Police Force and Canada Border Services Agency. Following the execution of a search warrant at a residence, one of the largest and most sophisticated, industrial-scale clandestine labs ever discovered in North America was dismantled, with the capacity to produce 1.5 million pills per week of the synthetic drug, methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA), also known as ecstasy. Three Quebec men were arrested during the search. They were each charged with conspiracy to produce an illegal substance and production of an illegal substance and firearms offences. This investigation prevented the distribution of these pills to the public which could have negatively impacted communities across the province, the country and even internationally.

### DISRUPTING DRUG TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHEASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Project J-Teaser began in 2012 as an investigation into drug trafficking in southeastern New Brunswick. The operation led to the August 2013 interception and seizure of a recreational vehicle on Highway 15 near Shediac, containing large quantities of methamphetamine pills, cannabis resin and cocaine. Two subsequent searches resulted in the additional seizure of drug trafficking paraphernalia. A 41-year-old Dieppe man was arrested and charged with three counts of trafficking and possession of controlled



substances. He was found guilty in February 2016. In January 2015, also in relation to the 2013 seizures, the same man was once again arrested and charged with conspiracy to import cocaine, as the drugs had originated from the Mexico/Texas area and were brought across an international border.

In February 2015, Project Lunge, another complex drug investigation involving New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island RCMP Federal Policing units, was concluded. This project targeted criminal networks believed to be distributing drugs in both provinces and had been underway since October 2014. The investigation led to the seizure of various quantities of substances believed to be cocaine, crack cocaine and hydromorphone as well as cash. Drug charges were laid against four people in P.E.I. as well as one N.B. man. A 45-year old Shediac man pleaded guilty to several charges and forfeited his home, valued at almost half a million dollars.

### LARGE DRUG SEIZURE IN MONCTON

After conducting two search warrants at locations in the Moncton area between May 13 and May 25, 2015, RCMP Federal Operations arrested a 36-year-old Lutes Mountain man and seized several kilograms of marijuana and quantities of hashish, magic mushrooms, and cocaine, thousands of pills, a large amount of cash, as well as a prohibited weapon and ammunition. The man was charged with seven drug-related offences, one count of possession of property obtained through crime, and failing to stop for police. He was convicted on November 25, 2015, and sentenced to five years in jail. He was also ordered to forfeit \$58,000 in cash and other luxury items, as they were deemed to be the proceeds of crime.

### **CONTRABAND TOBACCO SEIZURE**

In February 2015, Federal Policing units assisted Southeast District RCMP in the disruption of a large shipment of contraband cigarettes and cigars, believed to be destined for the Shediac area. More than 400 cartons of contraband cigarettes and cigars, as well as a quantity of marijuana, were seized. A 43-year-old Shediac man and a 45-year-old Grand-Barachois man were charged with possession of contraband tobacco under the Excise Act.

In total, the RCMP in New Brunswick seized more than 2300 cartons/bags of contraband cigarettes in 2015, equivalent to over more than 460,000 individual cigarettes.



CODIAC REGIONAL RCMP

The Codiac Regional RCMP is the largest detachment in New Brunswick providing policing services to more than 110,000 residents of the City of Moncton, the City of Dieppe and the Town of Riverview. Services are contracted through the Codiac Regional Policing Authority, a governance board made up of representatives from each of the municipalities and the Province of New Brunswick. This past year, the men and women of the Codiac Regional RCMP focussed on the main objectives of:

Contributing to community safety through increasing foot and bicycle patrols in the downtown core and engaging all uniformed members in traffic enforcement;

Reducing property crimes by enhancing our program for targeting prolific offenders, enhancing partnerships to better monitor the release of offenders from jail, and increasing our analytical capacity;

Enhancing partnerships with groups contributing to public safety through partnering to support individuals with mental illness, strengthening relationships with partners against domestic violence, and forming partnerships to educate youth on the irresponsible use of firearms and/or replica firearms.

For the Codiac Regional RCMP, 2015 was a year of reflection and reassessment following the shooting of five members in June 2014, which resulted in the deaths of three police officers. The Officer in Charge, Supt. Paul Beauchesne called for a renewed focus on the public safety priorities of the community. To better identify those priorities, Codiac entered into a partnership with a marketing class from the New Brunswick Community College – Moncton campus. Marketing class students conducted an extensive community survey to identify what public safety issues were top of mind with residents. This process enabled police to feel confident their service was dedicating the proper resources to the crime and safety issues that mattered most to the public.

### **CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION**

In 2015, the Codiac Regional RCMP saw a more than 20% increase in property crime over 2014. Many factors can influence crime rates, and while one year does not constitute a trend, this increase was driven largely by break and enters and thefts, particularly thefts from unlocked vehicles. Stealing from unlocked vehicles is a crime of opportunity, with criminals often checking the door to see if it's locked, and quickly taking loose change or any other immediately visible items, such as electronic devices, laptops, CDs, book bags, or jewelry. Numerous rashes of thefts from vehicles occurred over the summer months and into the fall of 2015. One investigation resulted in the arrest of a 27-year-old man and 17-year-old girl. A search of their residence led to the recovery of hundreds of items. The general public contributed to arrests in other similar occurrences, when citizens called police after seeing people act suspiciously in their neighbourhood by hanging around parked vehicles. By the end of November and into 2016, the rates in these types of calls began to drop significantly.



#### MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS

In December 2015, the violent death of 18-year-old Baylee Wylie led to a high-profile investigation that spanned more than two months. Wylie's body was found after a fire in a triplex in Moncton on December 17. One man, 18-year-old Devin Morningstar, was arrested and charged shortly after the incident, while two individuals were sought on Canada-wide warrants. Tyler Noel, 18, was arrested in January near Petitcodiac, N.B., and 20-year-old Marissa Shephard was arrested on March 1, 2016, following a 10-week search. During the search, the Codiac RCMP produced a YouTube video seeking the public's help in locating Shephard. The video was viewed more than 420, 000 times over a four week period prior to her arrest. Morningstar, Noel and Shephard have all been charged with first degree murder and arson, and their cases remain before the court. Four other people have been arrested in connection with the case, and charged with being accessories to murder after the fact.

### **OUR PARTNERSHIPS**

While police do play a major role in helping to provide safe and secure communities, it cannot be done alone. Codiac has created partnership opportunities to address issues affecting vulnerable citizens, such as victims of domestic abuse, the homeless, youth and individuals with mental health issues. One such initiative, in 2015, was the collaboration with the Mobile Crisis Services Unit of the Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks. This partnership between Codiac and the French and English health authorities in Moncton has resulted in a 75% reduction in the number of people taken to hospital by police during mental health related calls. The Unit is made up of mental health professionals who respond when police are called, when the individual being dealt with by police requires mental health services. Another initiative that gained momentum in 2015 is the Integrated Service Delivery Model. This model sees police working alongside government departments, community organizations and public safety groups, and meeting regularly to develop a multi-disciplinary approach to public safety. This group recognizes that everyone has a role to play in keeping a community safe, and that it's not just a police responsibility.

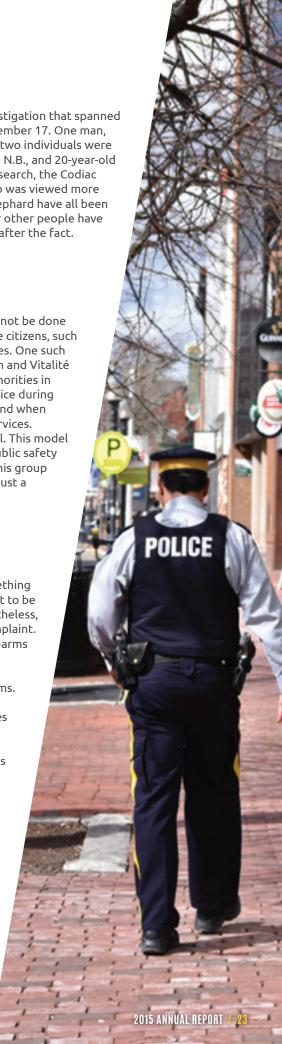
### **BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES**

In 2015, Codiac also saw an increase in the number of complaints involving weapons, something which police take very seriously. Many of the complaints involved weapons that turned out to be replica firearms, such as airsoft guns that fire plastic projectiles rather than bullets. Nonetheless, these calls did require large police responses in order to determine the validity of the complaint. In some cases, young people in their teens and pre-teens were either using the replica firearms in public, or were carrying them in plain view, leading passersby to mistake them for real firearms. In an effort to educate young users, Codiac is working with the anglophone and francophone school boards to offer presentations on safety concerns about replica firearms.

Safe roads are also a priority for many residents, who want to see drivers abide by the rules of the road, reducing serious injury and fatal collisions. Accordingly, Codiac has adopted a strategic approach, where all uniformed members, regardless of their primary functions, are required to take part in traffic enforcement activities and to conduct traffic checkstops during every shift in areas where traffic violations and other types of crimes occur. This provides not only enforcement, but also education when it comes to safety on our roadways.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Moving ahead, Codiac and the NBCC marketing class are collaborating again to identify policing priorities for residents. The strengthening of community partnerships will contribute to reducing crime and the fear of crime in the community by engaging citizens to help police. A renewed focus is also being placed on the Crime Reduction Strategy to deal with property crime issues in order to increase the sense of security in city neighbourhoods.





## NORTHEAST DISTRICT \

The Northeast District encompasses the northeastern part of the province, from the Restigouche area to the Acadian Peninsula, south to the Miramichi Bay and Upper Miramichi areas. Northeast District employees work out of ten detachments, which are located in Saint-Quentin, Campbellton, Bathurst, Lamèque, Caraquet, Tracadie, Nequac, Sunny Corner, Blackville and Doaktown.

### **CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION**

Throughout 2015, the Northeast District actively targeted crime hot spots throughout the region, especially during the busy summer months, when approximately 500 street checks were conducted by our members in areas where crimes were occurring, as well as targeting offenders known to have been causing the most harm. Throughout the year, more than 1100 Street Checks were conducted, and more than 2400 curfew checks completed. These efforts led to the arrest of 25 people actively committing crimes in 2015.

### **MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS**

Over the course of the year, our police officers investigated numerous serious incidents and crimes. One of the most notable was in November, following the execution of a search warrant in Val Doucet. More than 1.5 million contraband cigarettes were discovered along with nearly eight pounds of marijuana and a large quantity of alcohol and cash. This tobacco seizure was one of the largest in New Brunswick history. A 63-year-old woman and a 35-year-old man were charged. There were also several seizures and arrests for drug trafficking in the region. In March, a 73-year-old Belledune man was charged with trafficking, while in July, an operation in Saint-Quentin led to two people being charged with trafficking cocaine and two charged with trafficking methamphetamine. Meanwhile, in Campbellton, a 41-year-old man and a 43-year-old woman are now facing a number of charges following an investigation into child sexual abuse and exploitation.

### **OUR PARTNERSHIPS**

Throughout the year, RCMP members remained very involved with the communities they serve. A few examples include participating in school volleyball with the students, playing hockey against a local high school team, volunteering to coach cross-country skiing to young children, taking part in Canada Day flag raising ceremonies, and Oktoberfest. In February, Campbellton held the annual "Curl for Cancer" benefit where more than 40 teams involved raised in excess of \$19,000 for Relay for Life. In June, a program called "Positive Ticketing" was launched on the Acadian Peninsula. Positive Tickets were issued for behaviours such as wearing bicycle helmets, riding on the right side of the roadway, helping a person in need, or wearing a seatbelt. This project was deemed a success, and helped to foster positive interactions between our youth and police officers. In March 2015, we opened a community policing office at the Jacquet River School, and also renewed our presence at the other three schools in Janeville, Robertville, and





Allardville. Additionally, we hosted an anti-bullying workshop for Camp Jeunesse Richelieu in Tracadie. Throughout the year, we also worked to renew our relationships with Ground Search and Rescue and Chaleur Crime Stoppers. Notably, we also participated in the PARTY program in Restigouche County, an event which was held over two days and included more than 600 students from four different schools. Our employees hosted the event in collaboration with numerous government and community partners such as the Department of Social Development, Addictions Services, and the anglophone and francophone School Districts. These partnerships and relationships allow the RCMP to continue to promote safety and security throughout our communities.

### **BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES**

Road safety continues to be a top priority in our communities. Our members continue to enforce road laws by patrolling our highways in an effort to keep our roadways safe. In May 2015, a mock collision was presented to the graduating students in Caraguet. They were able to see a graphic representation of a simulated motor vehicle crash, caused by an impaired driver. Throughout the year, our Traffic Unit succeeded in intercepting and charging over 235 impaired drivers and issuing 105 impaired driving suspensions. The year also saw over 7,000 tickets issued and over 470 checkpoints conducted. Our employees also gave several radio interviews regarding safe winter driving. Meanwhile, our Community Program Officers continued to reach out to young people in an effort to promote safety and prevent future crime. In 2015, over 250 Education and Awareness Crime Prevention presentations on drug abuse, anti-bullying, Internet safety and peer and self-exploitation were presented to school children of all ages. Annual Police Week activities also included partnering with the school districts and the Department of Public Safety to host an exhibition of police services including helicopter, police dogs, and other special services that help us build safer communities.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Moving forward, we are committed to continuing to improve the safety and security of our citizens. We will continue to develop partnerships within our communities, recognizing that residents are often our "eyes and ears," helping us to succeed in preventing and solving crime and keeping our citizens and communities safe. We will also continue to place an emphasis on reaching out and communicating information that could help solve crimes or prevent further victimization, both through traditional and social media channels. Strong partnerships, road safety and reducing the harm caused by crime in our communities will continue to be our ultimate objectives.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

The Southeast District provides policing services to communities in the southeastern part of the province, from the communities just south of the Miramichi Bay, to the border of Nova Scotia, down to the Bay of Fundy area, surrounding some of the communities around the City of Saint John. There are 11 detachments in the district, located in Rogersville, Richibucto, Elsipogtog, Bouctouche, Shediac, Sackville, Riverview, Sussex, Hampton and Grand Bay-Westfield.

In 2015, the Southeast District continued to focus on key areas to make our communities safer, including road safety, at-risk youth and the targeting of prolific offenders. Over the past year, the men and women of the Southeast District RCMP have worked hard to help contribute to safer communities and roadways throughout the region. We continue to focus on reducing crime by intervening early with at-risk young people, and targeting those few individuals and groups committing the most crimes and causing the most harm to our communities.

### CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION

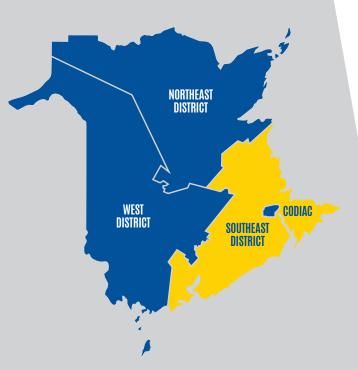
In 2015, property crime rose 8% throughout the Southeast. This rise can be attributed largely to an increase in break and enters and a more than 50% rise in cases of fraud. The rise in cases of fraud may be attributable to more and more people able to recognize this type of crime and report it to police. The RCMP recognizes that property crimes such as break and enters and vandalism can impact people's feelings of safety in their communities and at home. Crime analysts work closely with investigators to identify trends and target crime hot spots. Our Crime Reduction Strategy is focused on smart policing and analysis, enabling us to identify trends and crime series, so that we can target issues causing harm to the community. For example, in October, a 37-year-old man was arrested and charged with break and enter into several commercial buildings and vehicles in the Rexton, Galloway, and Sainte-Anne-de-Kent areas.

### **MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS**

On the same day that the body of a 20-year-old Apohaqui woman, who had previously been reported as missing, was discovered, the Southeast District RCMP arrested a 20-year-old man in connection with her death. The woman's body had been found off of Highway 1 near Prince of Wales, N.B. Jesse Reynolds, of Hampton, was charged with manslaughter on October 13 and was sentenced to five years in prison in November after pleading guilty.

### **OUR PARTNERSHIPS**

Working and interacting with young people is a key part of building ties with the community. Interacting with young people establishes connections that they will maintain through the rest of their lives. The Southeast District RCMP regularly offers presentations on drug abuse, bullying, and also career opportunities with the RCMP. During the summer, partnerships with various community groups allow for the hosting of barbeques and bicycle rodeos. These are





excellent opportunities for young people to meet the RCMP officers, while also learning about the rules of the road, so they can be safe on their bicycles. In addition to youth, we also make continuous efforts to connect with adults in our communities. In 2015, RCMP members from the Elsipogtog detachment participated in veterans' events and the Elsipogtog Day church service. They also helped Elders decorate the Santa Claus parade float. These and other partnerships are important when it comes to having a safe and secure community. This was demonstrated in 2015, when firefighters and local volunteers helped Sussex RCMP rescue two hikers stranded on a cliff along the Fundy Trail. Both hikers were rescued and uninjured.

### **BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES**

The divided highway that stretches across New Brunswick from Quebec to Nova Scotia, sees tens of thousands of vehicles each and every day. Among those travelling on the highway are people involved in criminal activity, especially the drug trade. Our Roving Traffic Unit (RTU) has had success in intercepting the shipment of drugs along our roadways. Over the course of the year, large quantities of drugs were seized as the result of the unit's work. Electronic marijuana vapour cigarettes were also seized.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

The Southeast District RCMP sets priorities in collaboration with the communities we serve, ensuring we are directing the proper policing resources to the criminal issues most affecting citizens. Moving forward, we will continue to place an emphasis on drug enforcement and interrupting the street level drug trade in our communities. Safety on our roadways will also remain a constant priority. Enforcement in this area contributes to saving lives when we are able to get impaired drivers off the road, and raise awareness about the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt, as well as distracted driving and the importance of staying off mobile devices while behind the wheel.



## WEST DISTRICT

Boasting the largest geographical district in the province, the West District provides services to the western part of the province, from the Madawaska area down to Charlotte County and the Capital Region. West District employees work out of 20 detachements, located in Clair, Rivière-Verte, Saint-Léonard, Grand Falls, Tobique First Nation, Perth-Andover, Woodstock, Nackawic, Keswick Ridge, New Maryland, Oromocto, Minto, Chipman, McAdam, St. George, St.Stephen, Saint Andrews, Grand Manan, Campobello and Deer Island.

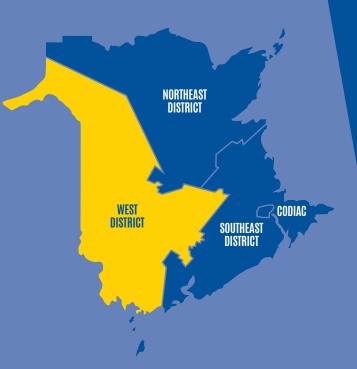
The West District RCMP achieved numerous successes in solving and preventing crime in 2015. Many of these results were due to ongoing efforts to tackle the issues that matter the most to residents, with an emphasis on the criminal activities causing the most harm. We also saw an excellent response to our efforts to communicate with the public about their role in preventing crime and assisting police with their investigations. The District was also able to strengthen relationships with communities and is seeing greater collaborative efforts when it comes to crime prevention and safety messages.

### **CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION**

Crime reduction and prevention remains at the core of the police work carried out within West District. A key element has been the work of the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), a small team of investigators able to fan out across the district to investigate serious crimes including assaults, drug trafficking, and property crime. The CRU's ability to conduct these investigations means more time and availability for frontline police officers to respond to complaints and 911 calls. While 2015 did see an increase in break and enters, theft under \$5000 and possession of stolen property, the district was successful in making arrests in many of its investigations. In many cases, it was groups of people involved in committing the crimes. One such case was in New Maryland, where there had been a rash of thefts from vehicles. A joint effort between the Oromocto RCMP, the CRU, and Fredericton Police, led to suspects caught and arrested while in the act. Police estimate these suspects were responsible for upwards of 400 thefts from vehicles. RCMP members also continued their efforts to ensure that individuals abided by conditions placed on them by the courts. West District has mechanisms in place to verify that these individuals are following such things as court imposed curfews, in a bid to prevent future crimes from occurring.

### **MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS**

In March 2015, a 25-year-old man was charged with first degree murder, arson and break and enter in connection with the death of a woman on March 2. Emergency crews were called to a fire at a home in Peel at about 4:45 a.m. on Monday morning. The home was completely engulfed in flames when crews arrived. The body of 52-year-old Phyllis Roy was discovered inside the burned home. Shortly after the fire was reported, an RCMP officer arrested a man inside a church in nearby Wicklow for break and enter. That man was taken into custody and as the investigation continued throughout the day, it was determined the man was a suspect in connection with the fire. Ryan Ernest Roy appeared in Woodstock Provincial



Court and was charged with the first degree murder of his mother Phyllis Roy, as well as arson and break and enter into the church.

In June 2015, the St. George RCMP Detachment became a victim of crime when the office was vandalized. Windows and equipment at the detachment were destroyed. A man was arrested on scene and charged. The support from the community at this time was appreciated by everyone who worked at the office as employees continued to maintain services to the community while the cleanup and repairs were taking place.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Frontline police work is just one of the roles we play. Many of our employees are extremely community-oriented and play an active part in local organizations and events. Our employees include coaches, board members, and volunteers. Some go far above and beyond the call in order to connect with the public, such as one RCMP member in Clair who hosted a movie night for young people. Another is involved with a snow day hockey scrimmage in Minto, where young people know to watch Facebook on storm days because there may be a message about the hockey scrimmage at the rink. The message is from a Minto RCMP officer who organizes and supervises the ice time donated by the community. These relationships are vital to us achieving our goals, as police, and as fully-engaged members of the communities we serve.



The West District RCMP worked to ensure the continuous presence of police on highways in 2015. Road safety is regularly raised as a concern when police meet with community leaders and residents. In response, regularly scheduled checkstops enabled police to speak to thousands of drivers while verifying that their vehicles were registered and insured. In addition, as part of an overall traffic enforcement strategy, an education and enforcement effort was launched during the summer to combat speeding in construction zones. This initiative was well received especially by the workers and companies that repair New Brunswick highways. RCMP members also led initiatives about road safety in school zones and distracted driving. Partnerships with other police and government agencies also allowed for increased enforcement work. This approach resulted in an increase in the number of tickets issued for traffic related offences throughout the region in 2015.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

In 2016, Community Forums will be held in various areas to allow the public to meet with the RCMP and talk about policing services. These are important sessions as they hold us accountable when it comes to policing and allows us to report back to the community on what we are doing. We will continue to work closely with our partners and the public to prevent and reduce property crimes and increase safety on our roads. We will also continue proactively communicating with the public to provide the information they need to help protect themselves and their loved ones, or to help police solve crimes.





## **DIVISIONAL OVERVIEW**

Criminal Activity	2014	2015	<b>% change</b> from 2014 to 2015
Agency Defined Activities	15819	16234	2.62%
Breach of Peace	149	209	40.27%
Demonstrations / Protests	32	27	-15.63%
False / Abandoned 911 Calls	6204	5414	-12.73%
Person Reported Missing	1195	1342	12.30%
Provincial Statutes - Other Activities	8239	9242	12.17%
Crimes Against Persons	10420	10689	2.58%
Assault	4720	4870	3.18%
Criminal Harassment / Intimidation	2208	2242	1.54%
Homicide	5	7	40.00%
Kidnapping / Hostage / Abduction	74	79	6.76%
Offences Related to Death	21	32	52.38%
Other Sexual Offences	61	52	-14.75%
Robbery / Extortion	120	134	11.67%
Sexual Assaults	403	431	6.95%
Sexual Interference / Exploitation / Luring over the Internet for Sexual Purpose on Minors	193	174	-9.84%
Uttering Threats	2615	2675	2.29%
Drug Offences	1923	1638	-14.82%
Import / Export	16	9	-43.75%
Possession	963	812	-15.68%
Production	250	246	-1.60%
Trafficking	694	571	-17.72%
Other Criminal Code Offences	4928	5270	6.94%
Child Exploitation Related Offences	125	97	-22.40%
Failures / Breaches / Escapes (Judicial Authority)	1810	1985	9.67%
Offensive Weapons	338	360	6.51%
Other Criminal Code	811	811	0.00%
Peace Disturbance Related Offences	1650	1841	11.58%
Resists / Obstructs Authority or Justice / Public Mischief/Corruption	195	176	-9.74%
Other Federal Statute Offences	320	370	15.63%
Customs and Excise Act Offences	107	111	3.74%
Other Federal Statute Offences	213	259	21.60%
Provincial Statute Offences	1211	1058	-12.63%
Liquor Act Offences	292	242	-17.12%
Provincial Statute Offences	919	816	-11.21%



### RCMP PERSONNEL

	Regular Members	Civilian Members	Public Service Employees
Provincial Policing	509	59	133
Municipal Policing (excluding Codiac)	53	1	0.5
Codiac Regional RCMP	141	5	0
Federal Policing (federally funded)	136	26	31
First Nations Policing	19	0	3
Divisional and Regional Administration	23	17	121
Total	881	108	288.5



### **OUR COMMITMENT** FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The RCMP in New Brunswick is committed to making sure every dollar spent on provincial policing counts. We recognize that along with education, health care, and other first response services, policing is a major contributor to ensuring continued wellbeing and quality of life in communities throughout the province. We also recognize that it is a significant expense for all communities, and we work hard to offer a sustainable and effective policing service that will continue to provide residents with the service they expect for many, many years to come. Over the past four years, we have completely reviewed and restructured our policing model to fully modernize our services, find efficiencies and keep our focus on what matters most to communities, and those issues and individuals causing the most harm. This means you may not always see police officers on the streets or in your neighbourhood, but we want New Brunswickers to rest assured we are working tirelessly to promote safety, solve crimes, and remain connected to the public. We are committed to being part of the community, and we know that as police officers and RCMP employees we are poised to make a difference. Every interaction counts, and we will continue working to ensure we are managing our resources responsibly and offering the best possible return on investment for policing in New Brunswick.

### 2015-2016 FINAL EXPENDITURES

Salaries, Operational and Maintenance Costs	
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Federal and International Operations	\$19,209,681
Community, Contract & Aboriginal Policing	
Provincial / Territorial Policing	\$84,029,240
Municipal Policing	\$24,967,094
Aboriginal Policing	\$2,297,044
Internal Services	\$9,846,266
Total	\$140,349,325
Capital Funds, Infrastructure, and Construction	
Federal and International Operations	\$544,579
Community, Contract & Aboriginal Policing	
Provincial / Territorial Policing	\$5,101,356
Municipal Policing	\$298,419
Aboriginal Policing	\$14,122
Internal Services	\$2,015,863
Total	\$7,974,339
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 2015-16	\$148,323,664





