



Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Agenda

Date: June 23, 2021
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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**Town of Amherst
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes**

Date: April 14, 2021
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present Commissioner Sandy Fairbanks
Commissioner Sheila Christie
Commissioner Roy Pettigrew
Commissioner George Baker
Commissioner Hal Davidson

Members Absent Commissioner Steve Wells

Staff Present Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Tim Hunter, Deputy Chief of Police
Michael Hunter, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Wilson, Senior Accountant
Kimberlee Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

1. Call To Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Commissioner Baker
Seconded By Commissioner Christie
To approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried

1.2 Approval of Minutes

Moved By Commissioner Pettigrew
Seconded By Commissioner Christie
That the minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

2. Operating Budget

Moved By Commissioner Baker
Seconded by Commissioner Pettigrew
To forward the proposed 2021/22 proposed operating budget for the Amherst Police Department to Amherst Town Council for approval.

Moved By Commissioner Davidson

Seconded By Commissioner Pettigrew

To amend the motion and forward the proposed 2021/22 proposed operating budget for the Amherst Police to Amherst Town Council for approval with the option to add a position to the Major Crime Unit.

Amended Motion Carried

3. Monthly Report

Deputy Chief Hunter and Chief Pike reviewed the report as included in the agenda package.

4. In-Camera

Moved By Commissioner Davidson

Seconded By Commissioner Christie

To go in camera.

Motion Carried

5. Adjournment

Moved By Commissioner Davidson

Seconded By Commissioner Baker

To adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

Sandy Fairbanks
Chair

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police

Date: June 23rd, 2021

Subject: Capital Budget Update

With the passing of the Capital Budget, we have been working on the tenders for the items required. As you are aware, the approved capital budget items for 2021/2022 include the following items:

- 12 sets of Hard Body Armour - \$12,000.00
- 15 Ballistic Helmets for Carbine Operators (carry over from 2020/21) - \$10,000.00
- Smart Board for the Francis Smith Community Room which includes video/teleconferencing capabilities - \$27,000.00
- Vehicle 2 replacement, with the ordering of a 2nd vehicle to replace Car 3 next year - \$65,000.00
- Vehicle 6 Replacement (Carry over) - \$68,700.00

Heavy Body Armor

Approval to purchase 12 pieces of Heavy Body armor to replace our current items was approved in the 2020-2021 capital Budget. The Amherst Police Department currently has 15+ trained carbine operators. Over the past number of years, the Department has purchased/obtained Carbine Rifles to address an identified deficiency in the capability of the weaponry issued to APD officers to respond to high-risk incidents. The Carbine and other required Hard Body Armour provide the appropriate response and protection from threats that include high-powered rifles, barricaded persons, hostage taking and active shooters. We currently have 8 sets of Hard Body Armour, but we are nearing the 5-year mark for required replacement. One of the issues we are reviewing is warrant length of the ballistic panels.

D/C Hunter completed a request and a review of the items for required needs and sent this to the TOA procurement coordinator for review and sending out of the tender to our approved vendors list. The package was sent on May 26, 2021 and remains at the Town Hall for completion.

Ballistic Helmets

Approval to purchase 15 Ballistic Helmets was approved in the 2021-2022 Capital Budget. As with the Hard Body Armour, Ballistic Helmets provide our members with additional protection against a high-risk threat. These helmets will be issued to our carbine operators. Deputy Chief Hunter had completed a review of these items and compiled the information on what our need would include. This was provided to the Town of Amherst procurement coordinator and a Tender was sent out with a requirement to have a review completed of the items as part of the tendering process. A review team was utilized and a review was completed and the information was forwarded to the Procurement officer.

We expect that this tender will be awarded later this week.

Interactive Board

The purchase of an interactive smart board will allow for effective meetings and training sessions to be held in the APD Community Room. This equipment will be used for many uses such as Town meetings, Town training sessions as well as community use. By adding video/teleconferencing capabilities, it increases the training possibilities and is an effective tool for major incidents and communications. Now, more than ever, we are utilizing online platforms for meetings, presentations and training opportunities. Deputy Chief Hunter has been in contact and has had several meetings with companies that supply products of this nature and we continue to move towards deciding what is appropriate for our needs. The Town of Amherst IT staff have also been involved and continue to review the items needed for the room.

We expect to have a package to the Town of Amherst procurement coordinator within the next few weeks.

Car #6 Replacement

This was initially a 2019-2020 Capital purchase item, but was carried over to the 2021/2022 fiscal year. The tender process was broken down into two [2] parts:

Part I vehicle order

The tender was awarded to Amherst Chrysler for a 2021 Dodge Durango police package vehicle in September 20, 2020. Due to COVID-19 several issues with production occurred causing the vehicles to be only run through production once per year at that time. Once completed COVID-19 caused a second delay in the production of computer chips needed for the vehicle. We did receive the vehicle and Amherst Chrysler was able to pass on additional saving for the vehicle and we saved an additional 1500.00 on the original tendered price due to some extra savings that Amherst Chrysler was able to find for us. The vehicle arrived on April 15, 2021

Part II Equipment

The tender was sent out and closed on March 1, 2021, The D/C reviewed the tenders and made a recommendation and sent to the chief who approved. The recommendation was given to the Town of Amherst procurement officer and the tenders awarded to AutoLight Atlantic March 17, 2021.

The vehicle was transported to Halifax and is currently at AutoLight Atlantic where the company is currently awaiting the arrival of the prisoner partition to complete the vehicle. Due to COVID-19 and shipping from the USA timelines for completion of these items is very long and needs long processing times to be quicker.

The supplier advised that if the prisoner partition arrives as stated, they may have the vehicle ready for us by the July 1 weekend, but this is based on shipping times.

Replacement of Car#2 and Car#3

As with most of our vehicles, the tender is in two different parts, the vehicle followed by the vehicle equipment. These new vehicles do not require the WatchGuard in-car camera system as the systems will be removed from the vehicles being retired and installed in the new vehicles.

Part I Vehicle order

Approval to replace Car #2 and Car #3 was given in the 2021 and 2022 Capital budget. The process will see the replacement of one of the cars immediately with the second vehicle being ordered this year, but not delivered until April 2022 in the next fiscal year.

The request was sent out for tenders and closed on May 31, 2021.

The request was reviewed by Chief Pike and D/Chief Hunter and a recommendation was completed. The completed scoring of the tenders was sent back to the TOA Procurement Officer on June 1, 2021. We expect that the tender should be awarded quickly and the company notified.

Part II Equipment order

We cannot proceed to stage II sending the tender out for the equipment until Stage I is approved and awarded. This is due to we have to release the vehicle type we wish to buy equipment for.

The equipment request is completed and can go out immediately however not until the vehicle tender is awarded.

MEMORANDUM

To: The Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police

Date: June 23rd, 2021

Subject: Strategic Planning

The Amherst Police Department's last strategic plan covered the years 2012-2015. Since that time, we have been without a Strategic Plan. Efforts to initiate strategic planning were hampered by the loss of our previous building due to a fire in 2012, the building of a new building in October 2016 and several leadership changes. The Covid-19 pandemic also delayed discussions on Strategic Planning for our department.

Strategic Planning is important in regards to providing a map and a plan for the direction of the police service and how best we can provide the service that our community requires. By identifying the needs of the community, only then can we understand how the police service needs to adapt and grow and determine what actions are necessary to meet these objectives.

As the summer months often make it difficult to prepare these initiatives, it is important that we take some time to think about how we wish to approach strategic planning and start the process in the fall of 2021.

I've attached a copy of the 2012 Strategic Plan so that you can better understand of the process and objectives that were identified in the last plan. In many ways, these objectives always have remained a part of our process whether they are clearly identified or prioritized in a formal plan.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Dear Citizens,

In February of 2012 a Strategic Plan was developed for the Police Department, covering the years 2012 to 2015. This process was a joint effort between Members of the Public, the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners and representatives from the Police Department.

The objective was two fold in nature, councillors to identify the needs of the community in relation to the policing services and to establish departmental goals and objectives that would address those needs.

A facilitation process was conducted consisting of the above mentioned participants and the Strategic Plan was developed. It is attached to provide an overview of actions the police department is taking to insure we continue to provide the level of service and expertise expected by the citizens that we serve.

The final report was made available in February of 2012 and is attached for your perusal.

Yours truly,

Charles A. Rushton

Chief of Police



Amherst Police Department

2012 - 2015 Strategic Plan

Mission Statement

The mission of the Amherst Police Department is to ensure safety and professional service to its citizens. This is done through dedication and accountability in partnership with our community.

Outcomes

1. Service Level: Number of police officers per 100,000 population (*maintain*)
2. Service Level: Policing net operating cost per capita (*comparison with Amherst, Bridgewater, Kentville, New Glasgow, Truro*)
3. Customer Service: Clearance rate - total (non-traffic, OCCC) Criminal Code Incidents (*comparison with mid-level municipal PDs*)
4. Customer Service: Clearance rate - property crime (*comparison with mid-level municipal PDs*)
5. Community Impact: Reported number of property - Criminal Code incidents per 100,000 population (*comparison with mid-level municipal PDs*)
6. Community Impact: Reduce the number of outstanding Criminal Code warrants (*% reduced, # executed*)

Objective 1 Develop and implement a transition plan for the move to a new police facility¹

Lead: D/Chief Ian Naylor

Team: S/Sgt. Scott White, Sgt. Dwayne Pike,
Sgt. Tim Hunter, Cst. Aaron Graham

Start: To be determined

- 1.1 Identify stakeholders
- 1.2 Conduct stakeholder consultation
- 1.3 Complete needs assessment
- 1.4 Complete design
- 1.5 Complete communication plan
- 1.6 Complete procurement process
- 1.7 Complete fit-out plan
- 1.8 Complete transition plan
- 1.9 Obtain permits/approvals as required
- 1.10 Execute communication plan
- 1.11 Execute fit-out plan
- 1.12 Execute transition plan
- 1.13 Monitoring and reporting of activities
- 1.14 Procurement close-out
- 1.15 Close-out of old facility

¹ Timelines for activities will be determined once a decision has been made on type of facility that will be used for the Amherst Police Department in the future.

1.16 Project close-out

Objective 2 Develop and implement a community engagement and communication strategy to enhance service delivery

Lead: **S/Sgt. Scott White** **Team:** Sgt. Dave Lepper
Cst. Aaron Graham

Start: March 1, 2012 Finish: June 30, 2012

- 2.1 Complete communication plan
 - ▶ Identify stakeholders
 - ▶ Identify key messages
 - ▶ Identify communication mechanisms
 - ▶ Identify infrastructure requirements
 - ▶ Identify resource requirements
- 2.2 Complete community engagement plan
 - ▶ Identify stakeholders
 - ▶ Identify consultation mechanisms
 - ▶ Identify infrastructure requirements
 - ▶ Identify resource requirements

Start: April 1, 2012 Finish: December 31, 2012

- 2.3 Execute communication plan
- 2.4 Execute community engagement plan
- 2.5 Analysis of data/feedback
- 2.6 Recommendations to enhance service delivery
- 2.7 Obtain approvals as required

Start: January 1, 2013 Finish: Ongoing

- 2.8 Execute service delivery changes
- 2.9 Monitoring and reporting of service delivery
- 2.10 Evaluation of service delivery

Finish: December 31, 2013

- 2.11 Life-cycle close-out

2.12 Ongoing community engagement

Objective 3 Conduct regular Management - Union meetings to improve labour relations and internal communication

Leads: Chief Charles Rushton and Cst. Kevin Girourd

Start: February 1, 2012 Finish: March 15, 2012

3.1 Schedule first meeting

3.2 Conduct first meeting to establish format

- ▶ schedule
- ▶ attendees
- ▶ setting of agenda
- ▶ recording of minutes
- ▶ tracking of action items
- ▶ reporting on follow-up on action items
- ▶ meeting evaluation
- ▶ meeting close-out
- ▶ circulation of minutes
- ▶ etc.

Start: March 15, 2012 Finish: Ongoing

3.3 Conduct regular Management - Union meetings

3.4 Complete communication to interested parties as required

Objective 4 Review human resources practices to make recommendations to implement changes to enhance personal development

Lead: Sgt. Tim Hunter

**Team: Sgt. Dwayne Pike
Cst. Jason Galloway**

Start: March 1, 2012 Finish: December 31, 2012

- 4.1 Identify present practices
- 4.2 Prioritize practices for review
- 4.3 External review of practices
- 4.4 Analysis of data
- 4.5 Recommendations to revise/add practices
- 4.6 Obtain approvals as required
- 4.7 Complete implementation plan
 - ▶ resources
 - ▶ infrastructure
 - ▶ policy revisions
 - ▶ system revisions
 - ▶ training requirements
 - ▶ etc.
- 4.8 Complete communication plan

Start: January 1, 2013 Finish: Ongoing

- 4.9 Execute communication plan
- 4.10 Execute implementation plan
- 4.11 Monitoring and reporting of activities
- 4.12 Evaluation of new/revised practices
- 4.13 Life-cycle close-out

Start: January 1, 2014 Finish: Ongoing

4.14 Commence new life-cycle if required

Objective 5 Conduct an efficiency review to enhance service delivery

Lead: **To be determined** **Team:** **To be determined**

Start: September 1, 2013 **Finish: June 30, 2014**

- 5.1 Identify areas for review
- 5.2 Develop review methodology
- 5.3 Conduct review
- 5.4 Analysis of data
- 5.5 Recommendations to revise/add systems
- 5.6 Obtain approvals as required
- 5.7 Complete implementation plan
 - resources
 - infrastructure
 - policy revisions
 - system revisions
 - training requirements
 - etc.
- 5.8 Complete communication plan

Start: July 1, 2014 **Finish: December 31, 2015**

- 5.9 Execute communication plan
- 5.10 Execute implementation plan
- 5.11 Monitoring and reporting of activities
- 5.12 Evaluation of new/revised systems
- 5.13 Life-cycle close-out

Objective 6 Determine the feasibility of adding new sections to enhance service

Lead: To be determined Team: To be determined

Start: September 1, 2013 Finish: June 30, 2014

- 6.1 Complete gap analysis
 - what are we doing now
 - what else could we be doing
 - prioritize initiatives for review
- 6.2 External review of service delivery enhancements
- 6.3 Analysis of data
- 6.4 Recommendations to revise/add service delivery enhancements
- 6.5 Complete business plans and obtain approvals as required
- 6.6 Complete implementation plan
 - resources
 - infrastructure
 - policy revisions
 - system revisions
 - training requirements
 - etc.
- 6.7 Complete communication plan

Start: July 1, 2014 Finish: December 31, 2015

- 6.8 Execute communication plan
- 6.9 Execute implementation plan
- 6.10 Monitoring and reporting of activities
- 6.11 Evaluation of new/revised practices
- 6.12 Life-cycle close-out

MEMORANDUM

To: The Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police

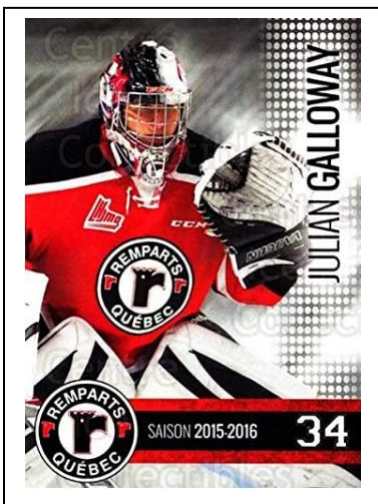
Date: June 23rd, 2021

Subject: Staffing – Cadet Julian Galloway

In March of 2021 the Amherst Police Department were notified that Cadet Julian Galloway expressed an interest in completing his On-The-Job Training with the Amherst Police Department during the summer months of 2021.

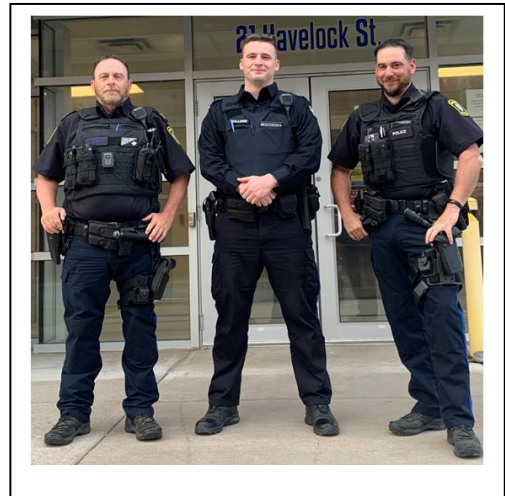
Cadet Galloway is the son of APD Sergeant Jason Galloway and the nephew of APD Cpl Randy Babineau. Prior to attending the Atlantic Police Academy, Julian was employed part time as a guard with the Amherst Police Department.

Julian's first love was always hockey and he could always be found on a patch of ice somewhere or shooting pucks in the driveway. Years of Junior hockey had taken its toll on Julian's love for the sport as the business of hockey at that level is not pretty and when his playing career was done, he was happy to walk away from the rink. For a full year Julian didn't lace up his skates and eventually he was coaxed back to the rink as the goalie coach for the Moncton Bantam "AAA" Hawks. As the goalie coach of the Hawks Julian was able to enjoy hockey again from a different perspective and fall in



love with the purity of the sport again. The first year he coached the team won the prestigious Monctonian Tournament and the Halifax Ice Jam. Two tournaments that are highly scouted. They lost in triple overtime for the Atlantic Championships. The next two years that he coached were cut short by Covid but the Hawks were heavily favored to win the Atlantic's both years. Two of Julian's goaltenders from the Hawks have been drafted to the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and two more are draft eligible this year.

Julian spent his youth playing hockey as a goaltender with the mighty Moncton Midget AAA Flyers where he won multiple league awards. He was drafted by the Rimouski Oceanic in 2014 and went to the Memorial Cup with the Oceanic later that



year. He was traded to the Quebec Remparts where he played net in front of 20,000 people at the brand-new Videotron Center that was built to house the Quebec Nordiques when they made their return to the NHL.

Julian also signed a contract and played nets for the Moncton Wildcats and finished off his hockey career playing in Ontario with the Powassan Voodoos with a short stint as a goaltender with the Amherst Ramblers in between. In the off-season Julian was an exceptional baseball player, playing Junior baseball with the Moncton Mudcats.

Julian had started a career as a pilot and had become proficient at taking off and landing a plane on solo flights however knee surgery from years of abuse from baseball and hockey took its toll on his knees and he was forced to give up his dream of flying for a time as he was unable to fly during the recuperation period required after surgery.

Julian's first interest was always in policing and during the time he was recuperating he had the time to figure out where his passion was, so contrary to the advice he received from his father; Julian opted to pursue his passion for policing and applied to the Atlantic Police Academy.

Future plans are to advance his career in policing while also continuing to coach and mentor young goaltenders so that they reach their full potential.



Julian has been assigned primarily to work with C Platoon. His field-trainers are Cst David Hirtle and Cpl Jeff Walsh who will be responsible to ensure that his experience with the Amherst Police Department prepares him for a career in policing which can be very challenging, yet rewarding.

Cadet Galloway was sworn in on June 8th and will be with our department for 12 weeks for this portion of his training.

MEMORANDUM

To: The Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police

Date: June 23rd, 2021

Subject: Staffing – MCU/Crime Prevention Coordinator

Prior to July 2016, the APD Major Crime Unit was comprised of 2 positions, a Sergeant and a Constable. As a result of budget cuts, in 2016, the decision was made to eliminate the Constable position in this unit. In October of 2020, with the new collective agreement, a further change was made to the unit in that the sole position would be staffed by a Corporal rather than a Sergeant.

Over the last number of years, this investigative section has been extremely busy. On many occasions, in order to keep the remaining investigator from being overwhelmed, we had to pull extra resources off the platoons and have members work with the MCU investigator. In cases of major incidents, this often means utilizing several people, while follow-up tasks, warrants, exhibit preparation and court preparation often require the assistance of at least a second person to ensure deadlines and other standards are met. This has been a constant struggle which required a more permanent solution.

While preparing the 2021/2022 budget, I proposed that a second member is required in the Major Crime Unit. The cost of adding this resource to our numbers is substantial and as a result, I proposed supplying this resource by moving the police position from the Crime Prevention position and adding it to the MCU while creating a new civilian “Crime Prevention Coordinator” position at a lower cost of adding a police officer. This is not an uncommon response to the ever-increasing cost of policing, to explore areas and positions that may be filled with civilians or a special constable. This was approved by council for a period of 2 years with funding coming from town reserves. The second member in the Major Crime Unit would also be responsible to work closely with the Integrated Street Crime Unit and focus on enforcement initiatives in relation to drugs as per one of Council’s priorities.

The qualifications for the Crime Prevention Coordinator position would include:

- Be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident at the time of application
- Be 19 years of age
- Hold a valid driver’s license
- Have a grade 12 education (or GED equivalent)
- Be free of a Criminal Record

- ***Post-secondary certificate or diploma in the area of law enforcement, public safety or related field or 5 years related experience;***
- Superior written and verbal skills
- Experience in developing crime prevention programs would be an asset
- PROS training would be an asset

The main focus of this position would include:

- The development, implementing and coordinating of community programs aimed at preventing crime and promoting community wellness;
- The development, implementation and coordination of educational programs for citizens on how to protect themselves from being victims of crime

This may also be expanded to include duties relating to domestic violence victims and files or other priority issues that would serve to bridge the gap and provide assistance to victims of crime. They would also be responsible for social media communication (after review by Chief/Chief's designate) and/or annual reports.

The Crime Prevention Coordinator, as a civilian/special constable would have many of the same duties/job functions as the sworn officer, except they would not carry investigative files for charges. They would work very closely with:

- APD School Resource officer to address youth and school related issues/crime
- Major Crime/CID/SCEU and patrol investigators to understand and predict crime trends and concerns;
- Community partners to work together to address community problems relating to crime, poverty and community wellness;
 - Community Services
 - Family and Children's Services
 - Local Liquor Establishments (Bar Suspension Program)
 - Community Safety Committees
 - Poverty Reduction
 - Mental health and Addictions
 - Probation Services
 - Restorative Justice
 - Senior Safety Coordinator
 - Domestic Violence Coordinator
- Community business as the APD Liaison
- Victim Services and victim programming
- Domestic Violence/Autumn House

They would normally work a 40- hour work-week, but will need to be 'flexible', as shifts may be rescheduled in advance as required by operational need (meetings, etc).

Our hopes are to work with TOA Human Resources and have this position posted within the next couple of weeks and would coincide with the movement of a constable back into the Major Crime Unit.

Chief's Report
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
June 2021
This report covers the month of April and May 2021



TRAINING

CEW/Taser Training: CEW/Taser Training was scheduled for all members in April 2021. The first group attended training on April 27th, but as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and rising cases, the decision was made to postpone training that was scheduled for April 29th and 30th. Training consists of instruction and testing on how the TASER works and is used and how it affects the body. A large portion of the training is scenario-based and puts our members into situations that mimic realistic calls and assesses officer judgement and discretion as well as their ability to use the Taser effectively. In order to be certified, they are required to use 2 live cartridges in the training.

PROS Records Management – Ian Smith, APD's senior dispatcher, was selected to attend the PROS Records Management Course at RCMP HQ in Dartmouth from April 20th - 23rd. This would enable him to edit, merge and correct information entered into the PROS system within the APD domain. As a result of rising Covid-19 cases, this course has been postponed.

Search and Seizure Training: Joint training had been scheduled with the RCMP on May 19th in the Francis Smith Community Room at APD. This training, which focuses on Police authorities to search without a warrant, was unfortunately postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. 12 candidates comprised of RCMP and APD members were to attend training.

Carbine & Firearms Training/Qualifications – Firearms and carbine training that had been scheduled through May and into June 2021 were postponed as a result of a tightening of Covid-19 restrictions. Firearms training was scheduled for 1 day, while carbine training consists 2 days. Training includes numerous exercises and live action scenarios increase skills and confidence. Qualifications for firearms are based on Provincial Standards while Carbine qualifications are set at the OPP ERT Team Standards.

OPERATIONAL

Stolen Vehicle: A 26-year-old female has been arrested and charged with possession of property obtained by crime when she was found in possession of a vehicle that had been reported as stolen on March 29th. On April 7th, the vehicle was spotted at a local business and the female was arrested. She is scheduled to appear in court at a later date to answer to the charges.

Damage to Property: On April 10th, Police responded to Spring Street Academy in relation to a complaint of broken windows. Six windows had been broken in the school overnight. Police have been reviewing video footage and doing neighbourhood checks for any possible information that could lead to the identification of those responsible. A window at a nearby residence was also broken during the same time frame.

Covid-19 Restrictions: As a result of tightening Covid-19 restrictions, APD front counter service was again limited to emergencies only. As a result, certain services were not available between May 7th until June 2nd, 2021. This included local criminal record checks and fingerprinting and also pushed back dates for taxi by-law licensing requirements.

Covid-19 Complaints: During the month of May, police responded to a total of 545 complaints, of these, 72 occurrences were associated to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of these included compliance checks to ensure people were following self-isolation guidelines, but also included complaints about gathering limits, social-distancing and out-of-province travelers. The vast majority of these complaints were cleared as unfounded or without charges.

Assault Police officer/Weapon: An 18-year-old male is facing several charges which include assaulting a police officer with a weapon as a result of an incident on Croft Street on May 7th. Police received numerous calls about people using fireworks in the area and when Police arrived, the male aimed fireworks at the officer and shot them off, narrowly missing the officer's head. The male was arrested and charged with mischief and assaulting a Police officer with a weapon. He was later released and is scheduled to appear in court at a later date to answer to the charges.

Impaired/theft of vehicle: On May 14th, a 56-year-old female was arrested and charged with theft of a motor vehicle after a report was received that the vehicle had been stolen from a parking lot on Church Street. The vehicle and the suspect were located on Laplanche Street minutes later. The suspect was intoxicated and is also facing charges of impaired driving.

Stolen Vehicle Side by Sides: On May 15th, at approximately 3:00am, two suspects broke into a local business on South Albion Street and stole 2 side-by-side off-road vehicles. One of the vehicles was later located in Sackville NB and appeared to have been in a collision. The matter is still under investigation at this time.

Scam Calls: In the last few weeks we have seen a dramatic increase in complaints concerning scams and frauds, many of which were centered around either the CRA or Social Insurance Number scams. As a result of an increase in these complaints, we put information on our Facebook page, alerting and reminding the public to be vigilant when getting these calls.

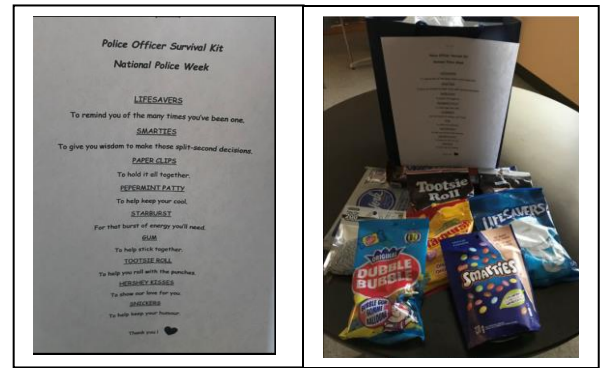


Assault Police Officer: On May 21st, A 55-year-old male was arrested and charged with assault police officer and resist arrest after police received a complaint about gathering limits on Crescent Ave. When police arrived and were dealing with the issue, they learned that a male on scene had been allegedly operating a motorcycle that was not registered nor insured and the male had no license. As Police made the decision to tow the motorcycle, the accused refused to cooperate and punched one of the officers in the face. He was arrested and later released and is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE

Through the months of April & May both Cst Harrison and Cst Gillam continue to engage with the schools and in crime prevention initiatives, but with the rise in Covid-19 cases, these continue to be through online platforms such as Zoom, Skype or Teams. Throughout the month of May, Cst Harrison posted several videos to the APD Facebook page which included episodes of 'Story time with Officer Michelle' as well as a short video on Bike Helmet fitting.

On May 12th, in honour of National Police Week, some of the students at Spring Street Academy provided APD members “Police Officer Survival Kit”. The kit included several different treats which included ‘lifesavers’ smarties, paper clips, peppermint patties, starbursts, gum, tootsie rolls, Hershey kisses and snickers. The kindness and the support of the teachers and students is greatly appreciated by our staff and members



OPERATIONAL STATS – APRIL 2021

Occurrences:	438	Criminal Code Charges:	36
Impaired by Alcohol:	2	CDSA:	0
Impaired by Drug:	0	CBCA:	0
Traffic Tickets:	35	PPA:	1
HPA:	1	Traffic Written Warnings:	7
Vehicle Checks:	134	LCA:	2
Foot Patrol Hours:	15 hrs 23 min	Bike Patrol Hours:	0

OPERATIONAL STATS – MAY 2021

Occurrences:	545	Criminal Code Charges:	44
Impaired by Alcohol:	2	CDSA:	0
Impaired by Drug:	0	CBCA:	0
Traffic Tickets:	16	PPA:	4
HPA:	1	Traffic Written Warnings:	5
Vehicle Checks:	108	LCA:	1
Foot Patrol Hours:	5 hrs 31 min	Bike Patrol Hours:	0