

MONTHLY REPORT

Amherst Police Department

March 2019

This report covers the month of February 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Testing) Refresher: On February 5th, all of the SFST trained members attended a refresher course prepared by the Provincial Impaired Driving Team. The team, which is comprised of both RCMP and Municipal Police officers, went through the training modules and the roadside testing and scripts for dealing with drivers suspected of impairment by drugs. The training is a part of the Province's initiative to deal with impaired driving as a result of the legalization of cannabis. In total, 9 of our members attended refresher training.

Domestic Violence Training: On February 7th, 4 members attended a training session hosted by the Department of Justice in New Glasgow, NS. Members selected included those who have the capacity to act as a supervisor. The session included presentations on arrest, charges and legal decisions, a presentation on fatal and non-fatal strangulation from the Provincial Medical Examiner and other domestic violence topics. Previous to this, 11 members, also supervisors and 2 IC's attended a training session in Amherst on January 17th.

Strangulation and non-lethal strangulation assaults: Members were provided with a link to on-line training in relation to investigations involving strangulation. The course itself is 25 minutes to complete, but provides valuable information about the severity and complexities surrounding strangulation injuries and the importance of using an informed integrated team approach beginning with the initial contact of first responders, all the way through the legal processes. The link to the training was also provided to our local crown and other police agencies. A majority of APD members have completed this training.

OPERATIONAL

Possession Of Stolen Property, February 18th: A 42 year old male is facing several charges after a traffic stop on South Albion Street. The male had been driving a Grey Chevrolet truck when an officer had discovered that the license plate on the vehicle did not belong to the vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and police discovered that the male was prohibited from driving a motor vehicle and was arrested. Subsequent investigation resulted in several charges including possession of stolen property x 2 (license plate and the truck), breach of undertaking and charges under the Motor Vehicle Act. The male was remanded into custody to appear in court on February 19th.

Methamphetamine Seizure, February 19th : A 42 year old male was stopped by police after an officer observed him driving a vehicle when he was prohibited from doing so. The vehicle was stopped near Lawrence Street. The male was arrested and searched after his arrest. A quantity of methamphetamine was found in his possession. The male is currently facing charges of operating a motor vehicle while prohibited, possession for the purpose of trafficking and failing to comply with a probation order.

Thefts from Vehicles, February 25th: A 19 year old male is facing multiple charges after he was arrested on February 25th for breaking into vehicles. Residents on Croft Street had heard noises near their property and discovered an unknown male inside one of their vehicles. The male fled the area but was arrested by police after a short foot chase. Subsequent investigation into the matter resulted in police also linking the male to thefts from vehicles on February 15th-17th. In total, the male faces over 30 criminal charges for the incidents.

Sexual Assault Audit: Sgt Lepper, Cst Harrison and Domestic Violence Coordinator Lydia Quinn have completed an audit on the 2016/2018 APD Sexual Assault investigations. Their report has been submitted to the Chief and is currently being reviewed. There were no issues noted with the investigations.

CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE

February included some planning for the International Women's Day Luncheon scheduled for March 8th, 2019

Members attended the YMCA Youth Drop In which continues to see the attendance numbers in the 70's.

Constable Harrison, as part of the ASIST Team (Adolescent Support Interagency Service Team), attended the high school for a meeting concerning the progress of an ASIST client

Constable Harrison attended Domestic Violence Training in New Glasgow

Constable Harrison has set 3 dates in April to complete presentations on Internet Safety. She has invited CyberScan to attend and assist with the presentations to the 3 schools.

Constable Harrison also attended "Grief and Bereavement" training in Debert. This training is designed to provide educators and resource persons with the tools to support families and youth who are grieving, an issue that Cst. Harrison and our members deal with on a regular basis.

Constable Wood attended an ATV Rally On February 23rd with MADD at the Sackville Winter Carnival. He manned the MADD booth, providing information to attendees on impaired driving and the initiative that MADD is involved in.

On February 25th, Cst Wood and Acting D/Chief Hunter attended a CrimeStoppers monthly meeting in Oxford.

On February 27th, Cst Wood did a 2 hour presentation on Internet Safety at Maggie's Place.

FOCUSED ENFORCEMENT:

February's Focused Enforcement was distracted driving. Members dedicated over 45 hours to this initiative which resulted in 5 tickets for distracted driving, 8 tickets for other offenses and 7 warnings.

OPERATIONAL STATS – February 2019

APD

Occurrences:	380	Criminal Code Charges:	90
Impaired by Alcohol:	2	CDSA:	2
Impaired by Drug:	0	Traffic Written Warnings:	75
Traffic Tickets:	58	LCA:	1
Vehicle Checks:	219	Bike Patrol Hours:	0
Foot Patrol Hours:	44h 52m		