

# MONTHLY REPORT

## Amherst Police Department

### April 2019

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This report covers the month of March 2019

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

**Lean 6 Sigma:** Chief Pike and Acting D/Chief Hunter attended Lean 6 Sigma training on March 26 & 27. This training provided an introduction to the Lean Six Sigma approaches to analyzing processes and looking for efficiencies. As this is directly related to the sustainability review, it was an important training experience for all involved.

#### OPERATIONAL

**Itunes Cards – Frauds.** Constable Wood has been investigating a fraud involving itunes cards. In these cases, fraud artists call the victim and advised that they are in arrears on bills (CRA, Phone, hospital bills) and request payment via itune cards. Victims purchase the itunes cards and provide the card numbers so that the suspect can access the money on the card. Fraud artists are able to sell the itunes codes online. One recent victim in Amherst was defrauded for close to \$20,000 and had purchased over 200 itunes cards. Suspects in these frauds usually target seniors who are more vulnerable.

**Stunting, West Victoria Street:** On March 12<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 4:14pm, police stopped a speeding vehicle on West Victoria Street. The vehicle was clocked at 104 km/h in a 50km/h zone. The 25 year old driver was stopped and charged with 'Stunting' which carries a fine of \$2422.50 for a first offense.

**Permanent Chief Appointment:** On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Dwayne Pike was appointed as the permanent Chief of Police. Dwayne has been with the Amherst Police Department for close to 23 years and was Acting Chief for nine months as a result of the retirement of Chief Ian Naylor in July of 2018. Prior to his appointment as Chief, Dwayne was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2014.

**Fallen FireFighter:** On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Chief Dwayne Pike, Cst Tom Wood and Cst Charlie Munro attended the funeral for Skyler Blackie, a member of the Truro Fire Department who died tragically as a result of a training accident. The funeral was attended by Fire Department members from all over North America. APD members marched with members of the Amherst Fire Department

#### CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE

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

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.

In March, Constable Harrison moved into her new office space at ARHS. This provides her with space to meet students and staff and a workspace to call her own at the school.

Constables' Wood and Harrison both attended International Womens' Day committee meetings and the Luncheon that was held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Chief Pike and Acting S/Sgt also attended. The guest speaker this year was Lacey Fisher.

Constable Harrison conducted several SafeTALK sessions in March, including one in Springhill and one at Trinity United Church. SafeTALK is about suicide prevention, and teaches one to recognize the signs indicating risk of suicide and how to communicate to that person and provide resources.

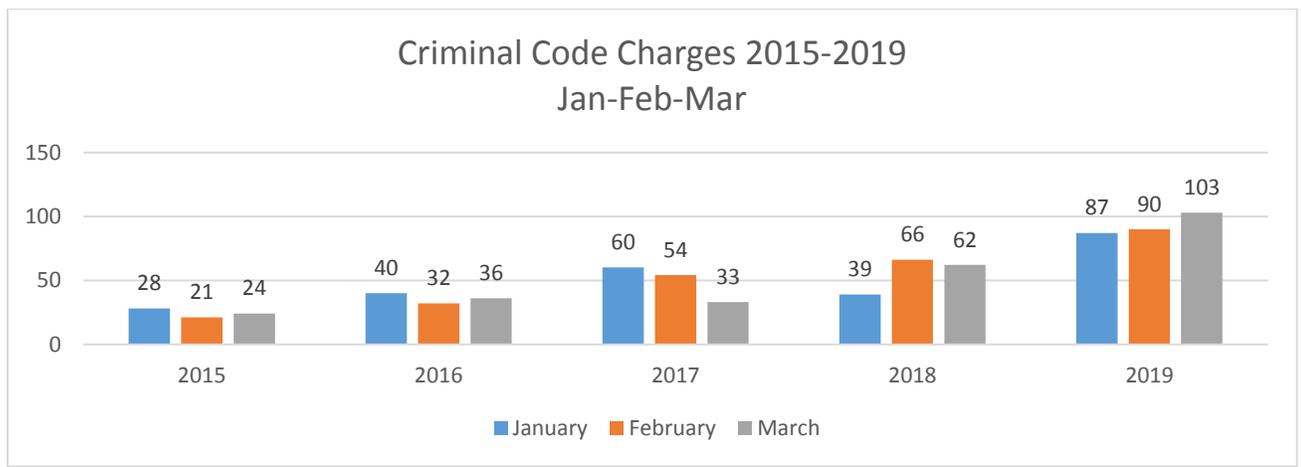
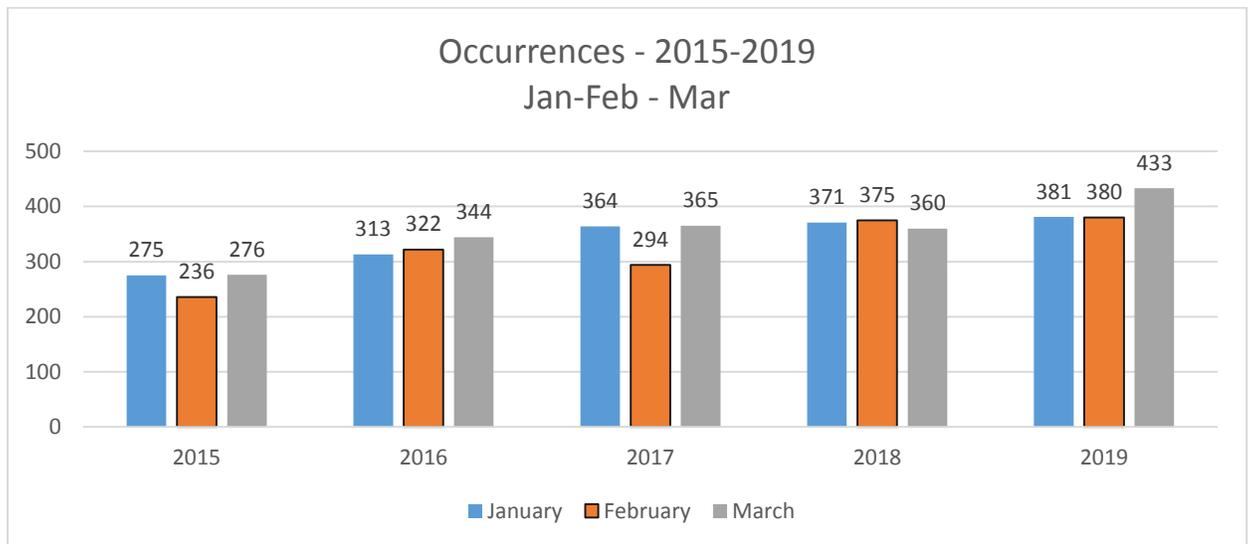
Police Week planning is now underway, with both Cst Wood and Cst Harrison starting preparations. The event will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Amherst Centre Mall.

**FOCUSED ENFORCEMENT:**

Focused Enforcement for March was seatbelts. Members dedicated over 42 hours to this initiative which resulted in 6 tickets for seatbelts, 8 tickets for other offenses and 7 warnings.

**OPERATIONAL STATS – March 2019**

Occurrences: 433	Criminal Code Charges: 103
Impaired by Alcohol: 1	CDSA: 8
Impaired by Drug: 0	Traffic Written Warnings: 67
Traffic Tickets: 60	LCA: 6
Vehicle Checks: 273	Bike Patrol Hours: 0
Foot Patrol Hours: 81h 13m	



1st Qtr = January 1st - March 31st										3rd Qtr = July 1st - September 30th		4th Qtr = October 1st - December 31st				
2nd Qtr = April 1st - June 30th																
Offence Category	2019 1st Qtr	2018 1st Qtr	2019 2nd Qtr	2018 2nd Qtr	2019 3rd Qtr	2018 3rd Qtr	2019 4th Qtr	2018 4th Qtr	2019 Comparison 1st period ending	2018 Comparison 1st period ending	%					
Assault	33	37		57		59		50	33	37	-10.81%					
Break & Enter - Business	1	6		1		7		7	1	6	-83.33%					
Break & Enter - Residence	8	7		8		15		17	8	7	14.28%					
Domestic Incident	42	50		48		42		37	42	50	-16.00%					
Impaired Driving	14	17		20		22		20	14	17	-17.65%					
Liquor Act Offences	11	11		12		7		17	11	11	-					
Other Criminal Code	89	66		89		120		89	89	66	34.85%					
Possession of Stolen Property	0	3		2		1		6	0	3	-100.00%					
Robbery	1	0		0		0		0	1	0	100.00%					
Sexual Assault	6	3		3		2		4	6	3	100.00%					
Spousal Partner Abuse	7	12		17		10		12	7	12	-41.67%					
Theft	38	48		46		68		64	38	48	-20.83%					
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	5		1		1		3	1	5	-80.00%					
Theft from Motor Vehicle	7	7		17		25		11	7	7	-					
MVA SOT's	151	90		109		118		157	151	90	67.78%					
LCA SOT's	9	8		12		6		14	9	8	12.50%					
Traffic Warning Issued	214	55		84		126		141	214	55	289.09%					
Vandalism (Mischief)	7	12		7		18		13	7	12	-41.67%					
Occurrences	1194	1106		1378		1561		1398	1194	1106	7.96%					
Vehicle Checks	690	396		475		590		675	690	396	74.24%					
Foot Patrol Hours	205h 11m	148h 24m		191h 55m		161h 28m		157h 15m	205h 11m	148h 24m	/					
Bike Patrol Hours	0	0		0		7h 3m		0	0	0	/					
Red indicates a decrease										Updated: April 3, 2019						
Blue indicates an increase																