

Monthly Departmental Report

Amherst Police Department

June 17, 2019

This report covers the month of May 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

First Responder Terrorism Awareness Program: On May 1st, Chief Dwayne Pike attended the Halifax Training Facility and assisted with training Halifax Police Cadets in the Terrorism Awareness Program. Chief Pike instructed on several modules including Right-Wing Extremism and Critical Infrastructure.

Carbine Training: On May 15th, 16th and 17th, five members were trained in the use of the C8 Carbine. As a result of retirements and long term illness, the decision was made to ensure that a minimum number of staff had training in this tool. Chief Pike, Cst Jeff Goodwin, Cst Charles Munro, Cst Stafan Deuville and Cst Nicole Germain took part in the training which included a wide variety of exercises that include qualifying on the Carbine, 9mm pistols and shotguns.

Human Trafficking Conference: Constable Michelle Harrison attended a 2 day Human Trafficking Conference in Pictou on May 15th and 16th. The conference was sponsored by 'Pictou County Silent Witness' and included such speakers as Jade Brooks, a published author and social advocate who is a survivor of domestic Human Sex trafficking. Also speaking was Jennifer Holleman who lost her teenage daughter to sex trafficking. Human Trafficking has recently been identified as a Law Enforcement Priority in Nova Scotia.

CISNS Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Workshop: On May 22nd and 23rd, Acting Staff Sergeant Brian Gairns attended an OMG Symposium in Halifax. A/S/Sgt Gairns is the Amherst Police Department OMG Liaison. The workshop included several presentations and information on the OMG landscape and trends in Atlantic Canada as well as sharing of information regarding the outlaw motorcycle gangs in our area.

EMO ECC Course: Deputy Chief Hunter attended a 2-day ECC Management and Operations Course in Pictou on May 22nd and 23rd. The Emergency Coordination Centre provides coordination and support to the site of a major incident and by providing resource management. The ECC is responsible for everything that happens outside of the perimeter of the incident itself. This course provided information on the roles and responsibilities of those assigned to the ECC, and utilized scenario-based training.

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Stolen Vehicle: On May 30th, APD members received a report that there was an erratic driver on Church Street.. An officer spotted the vehicle parked at a Willow Street residence and discovered that the suspect Impala had been stolen out of the Truro area. As a result, three individuals were arrested at the scene. Investigation into the matter led to charges against the 24-year-old male. He is facing charges of possession of stolen property over \$5,000, driving on a suspended license, two breaches of an Undertaking and passing in face of oncoming traffic. The male was held in custody until June 4th when he plead guilty and was sentenced to 90 days custody. The other two individuals were released without any charges.

Motor Vehicle Accidents: On Saturday May 25th, APD and other emergency responders attended 2 motor vehicle accidents. The first accident occurred at approximately 1:30pm and occurred when a vehicle travelling north on South Albion struck two other vehicles. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for impaired driving and impaired driving. One of the other vehicle drivers had to be extracted from her vehicle by the Amherst Fire Department. The second incident occurred at approximately 5:15pm, a vehicle travelling east on Robert Angus Drive lost control, crossed traffic and struck a pole in front of one of the car dealerships. The pole came crashing down on the car causing extensive damage and a small fire. Nova Scotia Power, Heritage Gas and Amherst Public Works all assisted with the clean-up.

Tim Hunter – Appointment to Deputy Chief: On May 21st, Tim Hunter was appointed as the Police Department's new Deputy Chief. Tim had been promoted to Staff Sergeant in the Spring of 2018, but with the departure of both Chief Ian Naylor and S/Sgt Scott White, Tim was appointed Acting Deputy Chief in August of 2018. Tim is a 27 year veteran of the Amherst Police Department who has a wide variety of experience as an investigator and a supervisor.

Police Week: Police Week was held at the Amherst Centre Mall on May 14th from 10am to 3:00pm. This year saw approximately 50 booths from various law enforcement partners which included Canadian Border Services Agency, Military Police and more.

Stolen Vehicle/Pursuit: On May 9th, an off-duty Amherst police officer observed a male acting suspiciously while getting gas at the Irving Mainway on South Albion Street. The officer called APD and had the license plate checked and learned the vehicle had been stolen from Dartmouth. Members located the vehicle which fled from police but got stuck in the mud on a property off East Pleasant Street. The lone male fled into the nearby woods but was located by police and arrested. The 23-year old male faces numerous charges relating to the theft and fleeing from police.

Fred Page Cup: From May 1st to the 5th, members of the Amherst Police Department conducted foot patrols at the Fred Page Cup. Two members were dedicated to the event and did foot patrols around the stadium and in the parking lot, while on duty members also attended and assisted. There were no major issues and the event was a success.

CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE

Cst Harrison has been doing the SafeTALK program for teens in Amherst and during the month of May presented to teens in Springhill as well. SafeTALK is a program that provides training for anyone 15 years of age or older in becoming a suicide-alert helper. Those trained learn to recognize signs and situations where someone may be considering suicide and apply the principals to assist – Tell, Ask, Listen and Keepsafe.

Cst Harrison provided numerous Cybersafety presentations in local schools, including Cumberland North Academy. Cybersafety provides information for school age children in regards to online safety and what to do if they have a negative interaction.

Cst Wood and Cst Harrison made preparations for the Bike Rodeo that was held on June 7th, 2019, which included finding a volunteer in Wood Chuck Construction who supplied materials and expertise to build ramps and jumps for the rodeo this year.

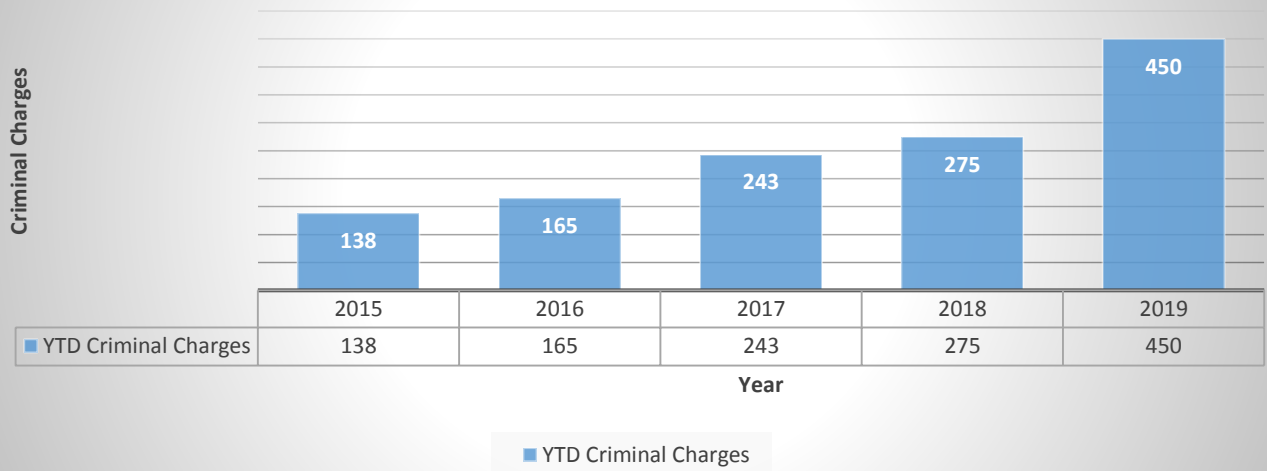
Cst Wood attended the 'Strides for Change' Launch in Truro with the Cumberland-Tantramar MADD chapter. He set up the Madd pedal bike course in Victoria Park and gave people the opportunity to give the 'Fatal Goggles' a try. The event had Madd Chapters from all across Nova Scotia participating.

On May 23rd, Cst Wood attended the Nova Scotia Community College in Springhill and did a presentation on frauds and scams. This was done in concert with the NSCC Diversity and Inclusion Committee and an audience of seniors and caregivers.

OPERATIONAL STATS – May 2019

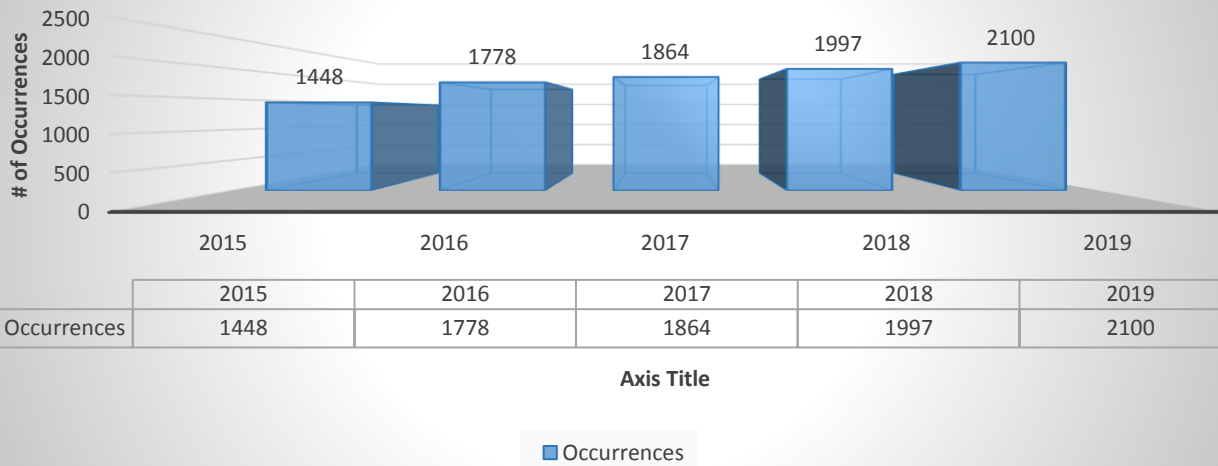
Occurrences:	469	Criminal Code Charges:	128
Impaired by Alcohol:	1	CDSA:	1
Impaired by Drug:	0	Traffic Written Warnings:	57
Traffic Tickets:	29	LCA:	3
Vehicle Checks:	149	Bike Patrol Hours:	0
Foot Patrol Hours:	144h 32m		
(Fred Page Cup & Police Week)			

YTD Criminal Charges



YEAR	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	YTD Total
2014	54	85	61	51	80	270
2015	28	21	24	35	30	138
2016	40	32	36	27	30	165
2017	60	54	33	66	30	243
2018	39	66	62	60	48	275
2019	87	90	103	42	128	450

YTD Occurences



YEAR	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	YTD Total
2014	365	311	333	422	422	1853
2015	275	236	276	295	366	1448
2016	313	322	344	387	412	1778
2017	364	294	365	384	457	1864
2018	371	375	360	423	468	1997
2019	381	380	433	437	469	2100

