

# Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

## Amherst Police Department

June 26 2019

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This report covers the month of April and May 2019

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

**Coaching for Police Leaders – Henson College:** Constable Aaron Graham attended the 'Coaching for Police Leaders' course offered by Henson College through Dalhousie University from **April 12 to 14**. This course covers various aspects of coaching, goal setting, motivation and performance planning. The three day course also includes a major project over the following months in which each candidate must work with a co-worker in identifying a coaching opportunity & develop and utilize a performance plan to address the need. As this is Cst Graham's third 'Police Supervision' course through Henson, he will be awarded his 'Advanced Police Leadership' certificate

**Road to Mental Readiness (R2MR):** On **April 18<sup>th</sup>**, the leadership Team, which is comprised of police supervisors, attended a presentation on R2MR. R2MR is a program designed by the Canadian Military and adapted by Policing to educate members and staff on stress injuries and the Mental Health Continuum. This particular booster focused on resilience building techniques and preparation for stressful situations, reviewing the use of the 'Big 4' in building resilience amongst our members and staff.

**Sig Sauer Classic Line Armorers Course –** Constable Jeff Walsh attended the Amourers course in Fredericton on **April 24 & April 25, 2019**. This course covers the use, maintenance and repair for the P226 Line of Sig Sauer pistols. Constable Walsh was recently appointed as the Use of Force Officer, will be responsible for training and maintenance of Use of Force equipment.

**First Responder's Mental Health Seminar:** Several members and staff of the department, attended the "First Responder Mental Health Seminar" at the Amherst Fire Hall on **April 27<sup>th</sup>**. This seminar, which was sponsored by the Fire and Police Departments includes speakers such as Mark Long, Janice Landry, Lisa Rouse, Wendy Rafuse and other mental health advocates.

**First Responder Terrorism Awareness Program:** On **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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 15, 16 and 17**, 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 exerises 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 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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 22 and 23**, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

## **OPERATIONAL**

**Itunes/Email Scam:** On April 12<sup>th</sup>, Police received several complaints concerning an itunes/email scam that was circulating. Complainants reported that they received emails from individuals purporting to be politicians/well known persons in the community. The scam attempts to defraud targets by pretending to be a trustworthy source and asking that they purchase itunes cards and provide the numbers. These can be sold online. In this case, the messages originated from a gmail account.

**First Responders Appreciation Week:** Members and staff of the Amherst Police Department participated in activities during 'First Responders Appreciation Week' which included a flag raising and the Mayor's reading of a proclamation, an open house at the Amherst Fire Hall, a First Responders Breakfast at the Lion's Club and a First Responders Parade and Church Service on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Each first responder was also presented with a Commemorative Coin marking the occasion and show thanks from the Town Council and the community for the service they provide.

**PEC/CISNS Meetings:** On April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, Chief Pike and Acting C/Chief Tim Hunter attended meetings in Halifax/Dartmouth for the Provincial Executive Committee and CISNS which included a review and discussion of the Provincial Threat Assessment, CISNS operations update, and CISNS Analysts reports, including Target selection of Crime Groups to focus on.

**Fred Page Cup:** From May 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>, Members of the Amherst Police Department conducted foot patrols at the Fred Page Cup. Two members were dedicated to the event and spent 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.

**Stolen Vehicle/Pursuit:** On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Police Week:** Police Week was held at the Amherst Centre Mall on May 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Tim Hunter – Appointment to Deputy Chief:** On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**Motor Vehicle Accidents:** On Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Stolen Vehicle:** On May 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> when he plead guilty and was sentenced to 90 days custody. The other two individuals were released without any charges.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE**

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wood, assisted VON in preparing a safety plan for their workplace.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wood, Acting Deputy Chief Hunter and Chief Pike attended the Firehall for the First Responders Appreciation Open House, showing the public some of the equipment utilized by the Amherst Police Department and answering questions about policing in Amherst.

On April 23, Cst Wood, attended a CAST (Communities Addressing Suicide Together) annual general meeting. Constable Wood sits on the board as a director of this committee.

Constable Wood and Cst Harrison had two ride-alongs on April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup>. This was for 2 high school students who were interested in Policing Careers.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, both Cst Wood and Cst Harrison attended Oxford Frozen Foods Farm Safety Day, which was host to close to 400 Cumberland County grade 4 students. Officers showcased the 'Fatal Vision' goggles and discussed the dangers of drug use. April 26<sup>th</sup>

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Cst Wood hosted a Sparks group for a Tour of police department.

Throughout the month, both Cst Wood and Cst Harrison continued to plan for Police Week 2019, which is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Amherst Centre Mall.

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

## **FOCUSED ENFORCEMENT:**

April's focused enforcement initiative was on 'Speeding'. Members dedicated close to 42 hours to this initiative over the month, resulting in 11 tickets, 33 warnings and 1 ticket for other reasons. In May, Police will start focusing on the 'Heads' up, Helmets on' initiative.

### OPERATIONAL STATS – April 2019

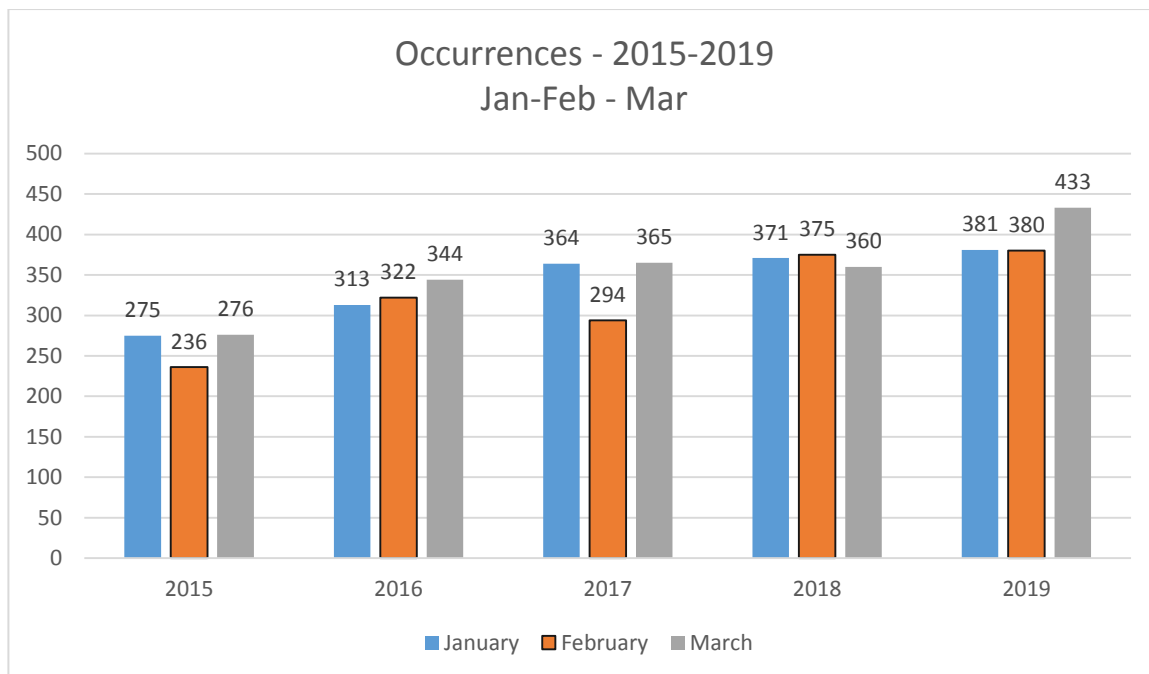
Occurrences: 437  
Impaired by Alcohol: 2  
Impaired by Drug: 1  
Traffic Tickets: 52  
Vehicle Checks: 209  
Foot Patrol Hours: 78h 50m

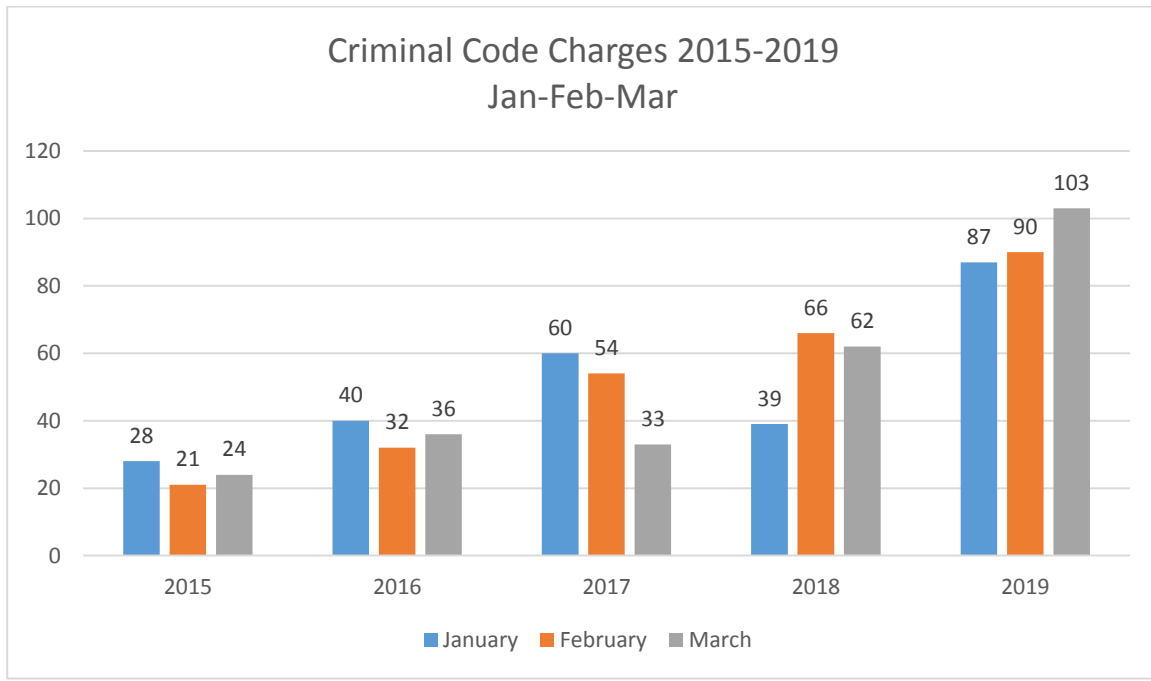
Criminal Code Charges: 42  
CDSA: 4  
Traffic Written Warnings: 76  
LCA: 2  
Bike Patrol Hours: 0

### OPERATIONAL STATS – May 2019

Occurrences: 469  
Impaired by Alcohol: 1  
Impaired by Drug: 0  
Traffic Tickets: 29  
Vehicle Checks: 149  
Foot Patrol Hours: 144h 32m  
**(Fred Page Cup & Police Week)**

Criminal Code Charges: 128  
CDSA: 1  
Traffic Written Warnings: 57  
LCA: 3  
Bike Patrol Hours: 0

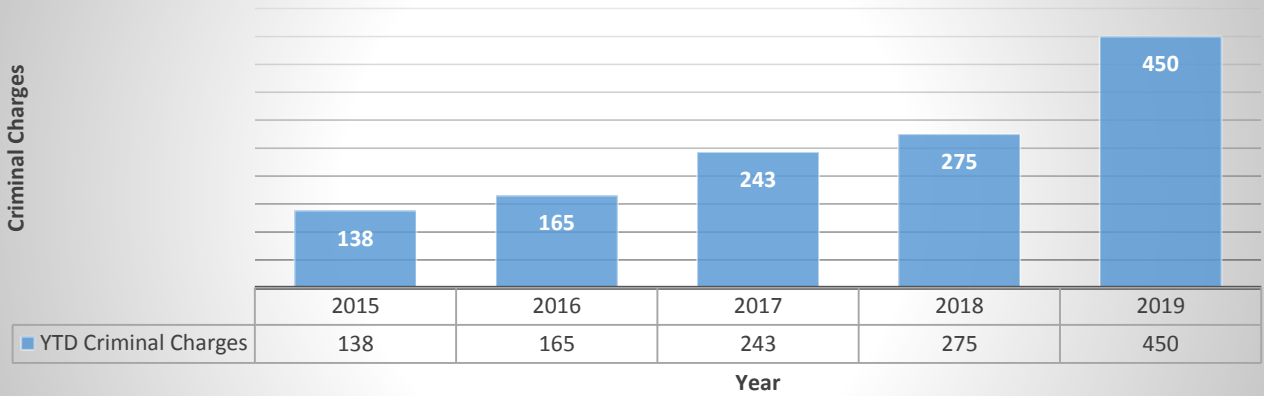




1st Qtr = January 1st - March 31st											
2nd Qtr = April 1st - June 30th											
3rd Qtr = July 1st - September 30th											
4th Qtr = October 1st - December 31st											
Offence Category	2019 1st Qtr	2018 1st Qtr	2019 2nd Qtr	2018 2nd Qtr	2019 3rd Qtr	2018 3rd Qtr	2019 4th Qtr	2018 4th 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 SOTs	151	90		109		118		157	151	90	67.78%
LCA SOTs	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	/
Updated: April 3, 2019											
Red indicates a decrease Blue indicates an increase											

## YTD Criminal Charges

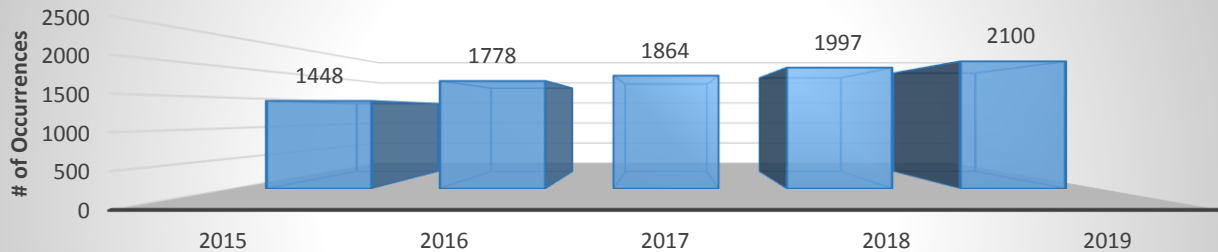
Criminal Charges



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



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Occurrences	1448	1778	1864	1997	2100

Axis Title

Occurrences

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