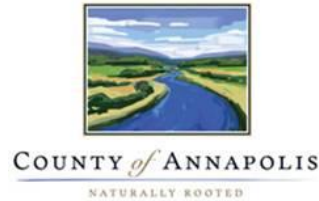


**Joint Police Advisory Board (PAB)
Thursday, September 18, 2025
11:00am Middleton Town Hall
131 Commercial Street, Middleton**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. June 19, 2025
4. New Business
 - 4.1 Update on N.S. Policing Review – Chair Harding
 - 4.2 RCMP Quarterly Report
5. Next Meeting
6. Adjournment



A regular meeting of Joint Police Advisory Board was held at the Middleton Town Hall on Thursday, June 19, 2025, starting at 11:00am.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Nile Harding, Warden, Diane LeBlanc, Councillors, John Bartlett and Sandra Fournier. Citizens John Thompson, Carole Greentree, William Street, Manager of Protective Services, Robert Bruce, CAO's Ashley Crocker and Chris McNeill and Staff Seargent Mike Maxwell and Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau.

Regrets: Patricia Leslie

Also in attendance: Tina Halliday, Sharon Elliott, 1 resident

1. WELCOME

At 11:00am, Chair Harding welcomed everyone to the Joint Police Advisory Board.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.2 Public Safety in Middleton

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

250619.01 It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

3. PRESENTATIONS

Sharon Elliott gave an informative presentation to the Joint Police Advisory Board on the Annapolis County Seniors Safety Program, highlighting the importance of maintaining strong connections with residents in the community. She emphasized how vital it is for seniors to have access to reliable information and support, and shared a number of key takeaways and resources available through the program:

- Security tips specifically for women
- Information on the Women's Resource Centre
- Collaboration with the Annapolis County Housing Association
- Services offered by CORAH (Community Outreach and Resource Assistance Hub)

- Crime Stoppers program
- Mental health resources and support
- REMO (Regional Emergency Management Organization)
- Elder abuse awareness and prevention
- Assistance in accessing additional local and provincial resources
- Support from social workers at the Primary Care Clinic
- Help with eviction issues
- Guidance on security deposits
- Emergency planning for seniors and vulnerable residents
- A commitment to personal service—when you call, you speak to a real person, not a phone tree

Sharon's presentation emphasized the program's role in fostering safer, healthier communities by empowering seniors with knowledge and personalized support.

A discussion followed on several of the topics Sharon had raised:

- Chair Harding mentioned that he has encountered older individuals who are struggling to remain in their homes while caring for an aging partner
- Manager of Protective Services Bruce inquired about the Vial of Life and where seniors are expected to place it
 - Ms. Elliott responded that seniors are expected to place it in the refrigerator, specifically on the inside of the door
- CAO McNeill asked Ms. Elliott if she sees herself taking on a role within a community safety program, and whether she informs others of her whereabouts and schedule
 - Ms. Elliott responded that she often brings an RCMP officer with her, depending on the situation
- Warden Leblanc inquired about the status of the funding issues and whether there has been any improvement.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

2025.04.17 Meeting Minutes

No errors or omissions were noted, and the minutes were considered approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Further Discussion re: RCMP Community Orientation Project

Recording Secretary Halliday assembled a welcome package, as discussed at the last meeting. Chair Harding contributed a cover letter to be included in the package. New members will receive the welcome package upon their visit.

5.2 Public safety in Middleton

Councillor Fournier raised an issue brought forth by Town of Middleton residents, noting that there is fear and anxiety surrounding the arrival of the new motorcycle club.

Staff Sergeant Maxwell emphasized that in response to safety concerns, residents are encouraged to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity. If you see something, say something, contact local authorities or use the anonymous tip line. Community involvement is key to maintaining a safe and secure neighborhood.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday September 18, 2025, at 11:00am, in the Municipality of the County of Annapolis Council Chambers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary

Annapolis District Policing Report April – June 2025



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Annapolis District Positions:

Staff Sergeant District Commander – Mike Maxwell

Sergeant Operations NCO – Lindsay Powers

General Duty Constable - 18

Annapolis District Street Crime Unit - 1 Corporal, 2 Constables.

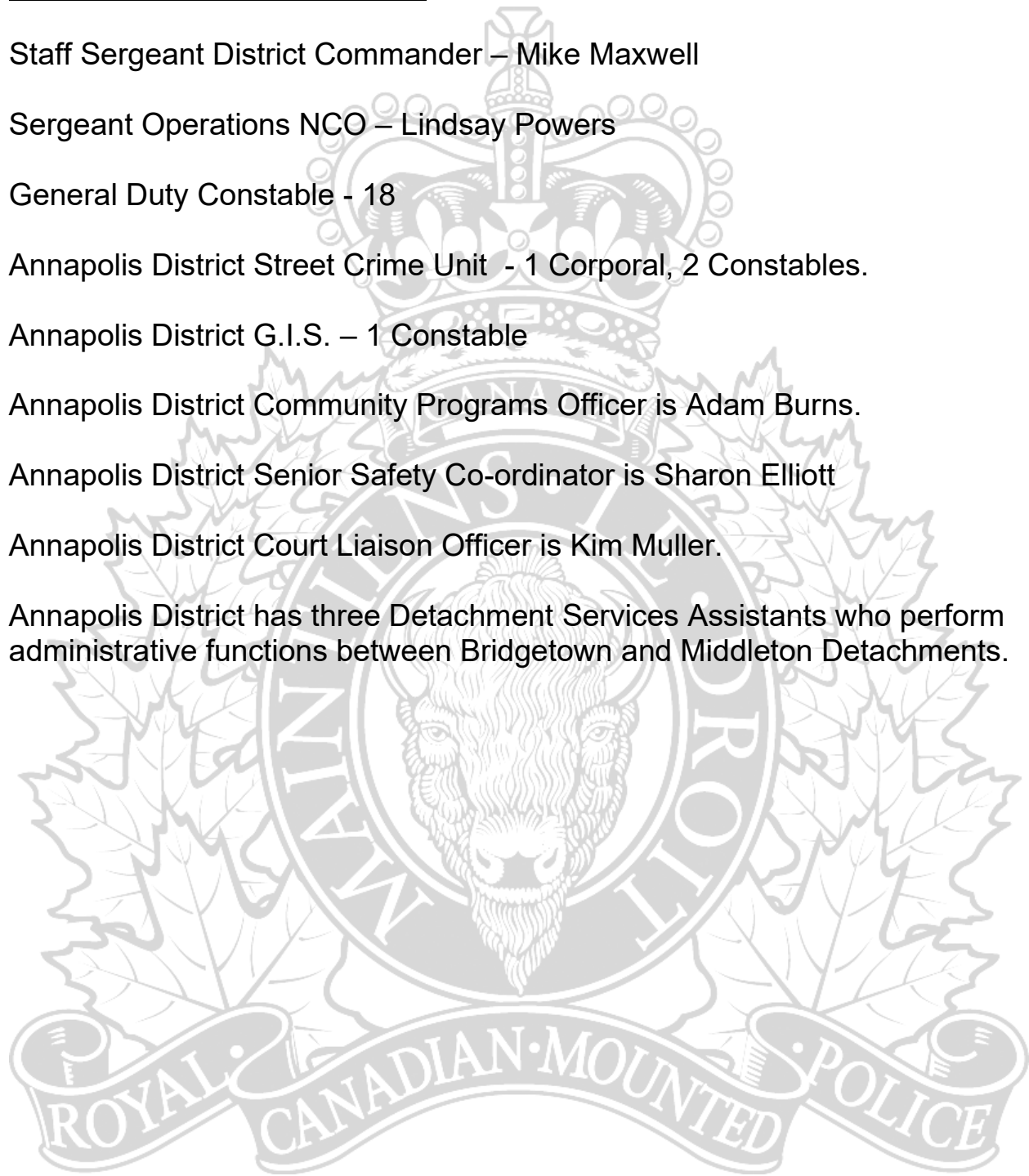
Annapolis District G.I.S. – 1 Constable

Annapolis District Community Programs Officer is Adam Burns.

Annapolis District Senior Safety Co-ordinator is Sharon Elliott

Annapolis District Court Liaison Officer is Kim Muller.

Annapolis District has three Detachment Services Assistants who perform administrative functions between Bridgetown and Middleton Detachments.



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New Fiscal Year:

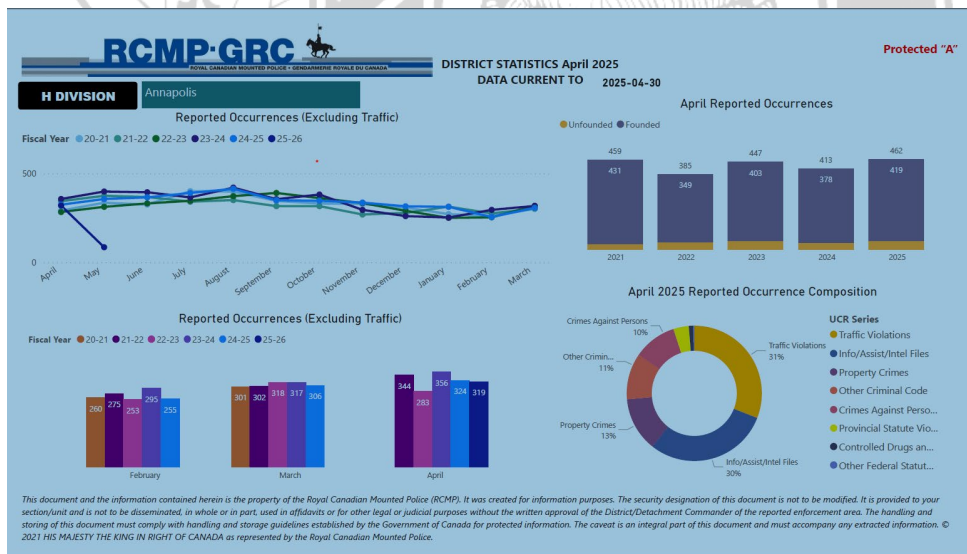
Every year April 1st marks the beginning of a new fiscal year in the RCMP and a new reporting period. This years focus will be on:

1. Intelligence Led Policing
2. Reduction of Property Crime
3. Road Safety and Impaired Driving
4. Police Visibility and Community Engagement
5. Domestic Violence

Calls for Service

During this quarter, Annapolis District responded to 1590 calls for service, up from 1372 during the same period last year.

April

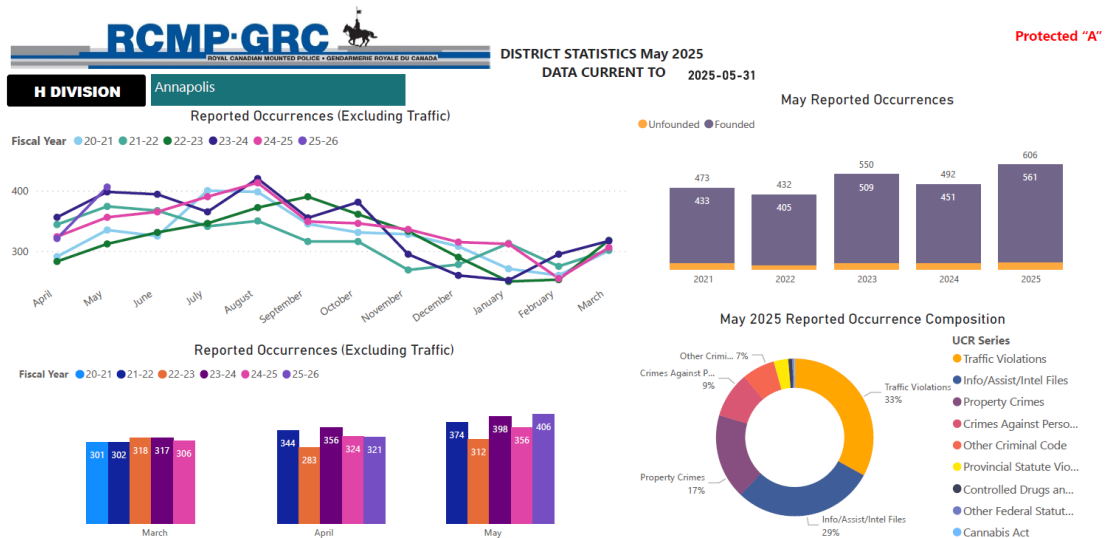


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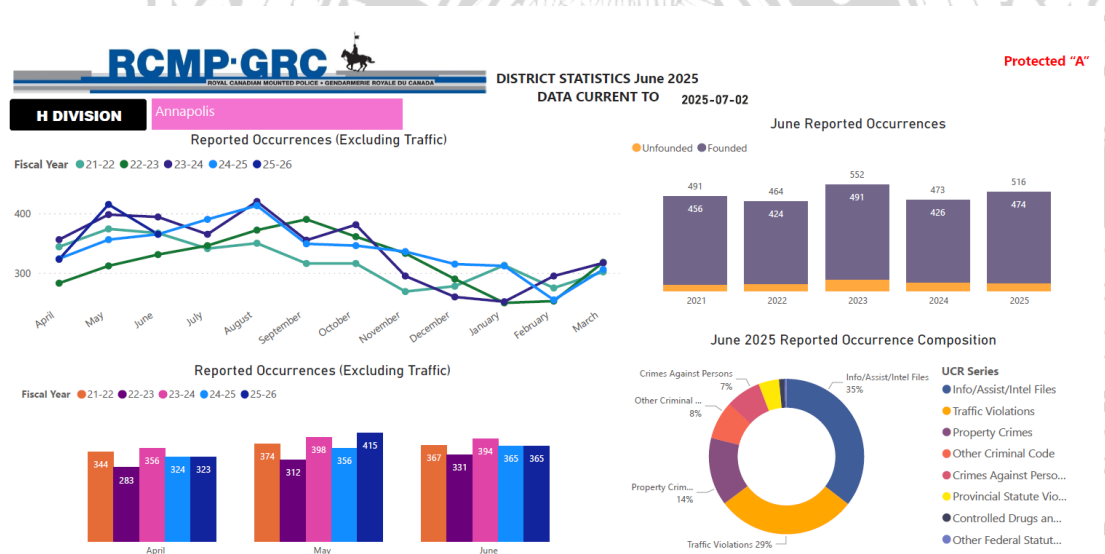
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UCR Series	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	5	6	6	11	20
Crimes Against Persons	106	116	120	137	115
Info/Assist/Intel Files	484	372	470	470	493
Other Criminal Code	87	91	101	89	100
Other Federal Statute Violations	7	2	1	2	4
Property Crimes	191	172	274	188	212
Provincial Statute Violations	111	68	41	36	39
Traffic Violations	329	350	390	322	487
Total	1320	1177	1403	1255	1470

Quarterly Performance Updates:

Intelligence Led Policing:

Southwest Nova RCMP has moved to a more integrated policing model and you will notice such in the media releases. This unit executed a successful search warrant in Beaconsfield which led to serious charges.

Reduction of Property Crime:

April

Property Crimes	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Arson	1	0	1	0	0
Break and Enter	9	2	5	3	11
Fraud	11	11	19	14	14
Mischief	32	21	29	20	8
Possess Stolen Goods	0	1	0	1	1
Theft of MC	1	0	0	1	1
Theft of MV	0	1	2	2	2
Theft of Other MV	1	0	2	1	1
Theft Over \$5000	0	1	3	0	0
Theft under \$5000	7	5	24	13	13

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May

Property Crimes	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Arson	1	0	2	2	2
Break and Enter	16	13	15	8	24
Fraud	19	14	27	34	25
Mischief	58	56	61	36	36
Possess Stolen Goods	2	1	0	3	3
Theft of MC	1	1	0	2	1
Theft of MV	1	1	7	7	6
Theft of Other MV	2	0	6	1	1
Theft Over \$5000	0	1	5	3	1
Theft under \$5000	26	15	47	26	47

June

Property Crimes	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Arson	1	1	3	2	5
Break and Enter	20	22	33	13	30
Fraud	30	25	36	41	51
Mischief	97	86	85	64	49
Possess Stolen Goods	3	2	5	9	5
Theft of MC	1	1	1	2	2
Theft of MV	2	2	11	12	10
Theft of Other MV	3	2	11	2	1
Theft Over \$5000	1	2	10	4	2
Theft under \$5000	33	29	79	39	57

As is documented in the files of interest and as you all remember, we had a terrible time with a number of armed robberies.

Tyson Bishop was been charged with 8 criminal offences including Robbery x 3 and Disguised with intent to commit an offence.

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Road Safety and Impaired Driving:

Offence Tickets Issues – 255 (Up from 105 last year)

Impaired Driving Offenses – 9 (Up from 5 last year)

Warnings – 51 (Up from 24 last year)

Checkstops – 14 (Up from 4 last year)

Police Visibility and Community Engagement:

- CPO Adam Burns and S/Sgt. Maxwell are regulars at the Middleton Elementary Breakfast Programs on Thursdays;
- Sharon Elliot continues with her massive footprint with our seniors;
- The Cops N Kids Camp ran during the second week of April and was a hit;
- As reported in the road safety section, traffic enforcement aka police visibility is up a lot.

Domestic Violence

- Annapolis District has added a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Reviewer;
- We are currently conducting a thorough Domestic Violence Audit every month to ensure quality assurance, effective prosecution and to close any training gaps.

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CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Stats Type	Apr 2024	Apr 2025	Change	% Chg	Monthly Threshold		Rate*	3 Month Trend	Previous 12 Months	FYTD 23-24	FYTD 24-25	Change
					Min	Max						
Assault	14	16	2	14%	14	20	1.08	↑		14	16	2
Extortion / Harassment / Threats	24	12	-12	-50%	14	22	0.64	→		24	12	-12
Kidnapping / Hostage / Abduction	0	0	0	NA	2	2	0.00	→		0	0	0
Offences Related to Death	1	0	-1	-100%	1	1	0.00	→		1	0	-1
Robbery	1	4	3	300%	1	1	0.19	→		1	4	3
Sex Assaults & Offences	3	3	0	0%	4	4	0.20	→		3	3	0

May

Crimes Against Persons	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Assault	34	35	39	34	42
Extortion / Harassment / Threats	40	30	36	51	31
Kidnapping / Hostage / Abduction	1	2	0	0	0
Offences Related to Death	0	1	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	1	4
Sex Assaults & Offences	6	8	12	6	6

June

Crimes Against Persons	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Assault	41	50	57	59	60
Extortion / Harassment / Threats	53	49	48	66	41
Kidnapping / Hostage / Abduction	2	2	1	0	0
Offences Related to Death	1	1	0	1	0
Robbery	0	1	1	1	4
Sex Assaults & Offences	9	13	13	10	10



Files of interest:

Annapolis District RCMP investigating armed robbery

April 4, 2025

Middleton, Nova Scotia

Annapolis District RCMP is investigating an armed robbery that occurred at a convenience store on Main St. in Middleton.

On April 3 at approximately 8:35 p.m., officers responded to a report of a robbery involving a knife. Investigators learned that a man entered the store wearing a mask and demanded money from the till while pointing what appeared to be a knife.

The man left on foot, going east on Main St.

The employee did not report any injuries and there were no other people in the store at the time.

The man is believed to be between 5-foot-8 and 6-foot-0. He was wearing black pants, a black zip-up hoodie, a black toque, and a white neck warmer covering his face. His boots were brown with black soles.

RCMP Police Dog Services and RCMP Forensic Identification Services attended the initial call to support Annapolis District RCMP. The file is still under investigation.

Anyone who recognizes this man or who has information about this incident is asked to contact the Annapolis District RCMP at 902-825-2000. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips app.



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Annapolis District RCMP investigating armed robberies

April 7, 2025

Middleton, Nova Scotia

News release

Annapolis District RCMP is investigating two armed robberies that occurred in Middleton.

On April 5, at approximately 11 a.m., officers responded to a report of a robbery at a restaurant on Commercial St. And at approximately 2:25 p.m., officers received another report of a robbery at the same location.

Investigators learned that in both instances, a man wearing a mask entered the property and demanded money while brandishing a knife.

No physical injuries were reported.

The man believed to be responsible for both robberies is approximately 5-foot-10 and left the area on foot. He was wearing several layers of clothing, including a black hooded sweatshirt, a light-coloured hooded sweatshirt, and a dark jacket. He was also wearing dark jeans and brown-grey Blundstones.

RCMP Forensic Identification Services is assisting Annapolis District RCMP with the ongoing investigations. Officers are investigating possible links between these incidents and a [robbery that occurred on April 3](#).

Anyone who recognizes the man or who has information about these robberies is asked to contact Annapolis District RCMP at 902-825-2000. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips app.

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Annapolis District RCMP seeking information about roadside fires

May 9, 2025

Annapolis County, Nova Scotia

News release

Annapolis District RCMP is seeking information in relation to two suspicious roadside fires along Hwy. 201, between Round Hill and Moschelle in Annapolis County.

The fires were reported on Thursday, May 1, at approximately 10:45 a.m.

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and 4:25 p.m. The fires were quickly extinguished by fire services. No injuries were reported.

Investigators are asking anyone who might have seen any suspicious activity in the area along Hwy. 201 to contact Annapolis District RCMP at 902-825-2000. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips app.

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Southwest Nova Street Crime Enforcement Unit charges two people after executing search warrant

May 13, 2025

Beaconsfield, Nova Scotia

News release

The RCMP's Southwest Nova Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) has charged two people with drug and firearms offences after a search warrant was executed at a home in Beaconsfield.

On May 1, officers with the Southwest Nova SCEU, with the assistance of the Annapolis District RCMP, executed a search warrant at a home on Beaconsfield Rd. in relation to an ongoing drug trafficking investigation. At the residence, officers safely arrested two men before seizing quantities of cocaine, methamphetamine, psilocybin, assorted pills, and drug paraphernalia. Two long guns, ammunition, brass knuckles and cash were also seized.

Troy David Alder, 53, from Beaconsfield, has been charged with:

- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (two counts)
- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
- Unsafe Storage of a Firearm
- Proceeds of Crime Over \$5,000

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Ryan Andrew Laviolette, 36, from Beaconsfield, has been charged with:

- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (two counts)
- Unsafe Storage of a Firearm (two counts)
- Proceeds of Crime Over \$5,000
- Failure to Comply with Release Order (five counts)

Both Alder and Laviolette appeared in Digby Provincial Court on May 2. Laviolette remains in custody and is due back in court on May 21. Alder has been released on conditions and is due back in court on June 9.

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File number: 2025-500528

Deep Brook man facing child pornography charges

May 14, 2025

Deep Brook, Nova Scotia

News release

The RCMP's Provincial Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit has charged a Deep Brook man for child pornography offences.

On April 24, the RCMP's ICE Unit, with assistance from Annapolis District RCMP, executed a search warrant at a home on Hwy. 1 in Deep Brook. Electronic devices, including laptops, tablets and a smartphone were seized and later forensically examined.

Investigators were directed to the residence after an electronic service provider notified law enforcement that child pornography was uploaded to their service.

As a result of the search and subsequent investigation, Miles Graham, 59, was arrested on May 6. He has been charged with Possession of Child Pornography, Transmitting Child Pornography, and Accessing Child Pornography.

Graham was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Annapolis Royal Provincial Court on July 14.

In Nova Scotia, it's mandatory for citizens to report suspected child

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pornography; anyone who comes across child pornography material or recordings must report it to the police. Failure to report could result in penalties similar to those for failure to report child abuse under the Child and Family Services Act. Be a voice for children who are victims of sexual exploitation by reporting suspected offences to your local police or to Canada's national tip line: www.cybertip.ca.

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RCMP charge Middleton man with child pornography

May 14, 2025

Middleton, Nova Scotia

News release

The RCMP's Provincial Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit has charged a Middleton man for child pornography offences after a search of his home in late February.

On February 27, the RCMP's ICE Unit, assisted by Annapolis District RCMP, Kings District RCMP and RCMP Digital Forensic Services, executed a search warrant at a residence on Main St. in Middleton, seizing several electronic devices, including smartphones, computers and a hard drive.

On May 1, after a forensic examination and analysis of the seized devices, the RCMP ICE Unit, with assistance from the RCMP Interview Assistance Team, safely arrested Devin Doucette, 32, and charged him with Possession of Child Pornography and Failure to Comply with Prohibition Order.

Doucette appeared in Digby Provincial Court on May 1. He was released by the court on conditions and will reappear in Digby Provincial Court on June 9.

This investigation was part of [Project Steel](#), a collaborative effort by law enforcement partners across Canada to target online child sexual

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exploitation offenders.

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Annapolis District RCMP charges man with drug trafficking and weapons offences after responding to report of impaired driver

May 15, 2025

Princedale, Nova Scotia

News release

Annapolis District RCMP has charged a man with several offences, including drug trafficking, after receiving a report of an impaired driver.

On May 9, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Annapolis District RCMP responded to a report of a possible impaired driver. Officers learned the driver had been travelling on Fraser Rd. then parked the car in the middle of the road before pulling over and appearing to fall asleep.

Officers located the vehicle, a Hyundai Elantra, and observed a man slumped over in the driver's seat. When an officer approached the vehicle, the man became responsive and safely exited the vehicle. Officers then conducted a Standard Field Sobriety Test, which the man failed.

During a search of the suspect and vehicle, officers located multiple knives and a quantity of cocaine.

The man was arrested and transported to the Digby RCMP Detachment where a Drug Recognition Expert Examination was completed.

Daniel Brandon Thibodeau, 37, of Annapolis, has been charged with

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Operation While Impaired by Drug, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, Possession of a Weapon for Dangerous Purpose, and Unauthorized Possession of a Prohibited Weapon.

He was released from custody by police on May 10 and is scheduled to appear in Annapolis Royal Provincial Court on August 11.

The Nova Scotia RCMP would like to thank all those who report suspected impaired drivers. If you believe someone is driving impaired or is otherwise an immediate threat to public safety, call 911.

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RCMP conducting further inquiries as the investigation into the homicide of Esther Jones continues

June 4, 2025

Greenwood, Nova Scotia

News release

This week members of the Southwest Nova RCMP Major Crime Unit are in Greenwood conducting further inquiries related to the homicide of Esther Jones.

The Southwest Nova Major Crime Unit continues to investigate the homicide, which occurred in Greenwood on August 31, 2024. In September 2024, Dale Allen Toole was arrested and charged with Esther's murder, and he remains in custody, [Update: Southwest Nova RCMP Major Crime Unit charge man with First Degree Murder | Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#).

Despite the extensive investigation, Esther's remains have not yet been located. As the investigation continues, officers will be conducting further inquiries in Greenwood over the next several days; residents can expect to see police in the area.

These inquiries are a continuation of the investigational efforts. To date,

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investigators have formally interviewed more than 100 people, obtained video surveillance from more than 50 businesses and homes, and searched multiple locations looking for Esther's remains.

The Southwest Nova Major Crime Unit continues to ask anyone who may have information to contact investigators at (902) 365-3120 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca.

File #2024-1287809

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report or any other community matters, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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