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RE: Stefan Deuille joins Amherst Police Department as a full-time officer.

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – Stefan Deuille says he’s found a home with the Amherst Police Department.

“I have experienced a few different places as a police officer, and from my experiences, Amherst, for me, is the best place to work,” Deuille said, shortly after becoming a full-time constable with the Amherst Police Department.

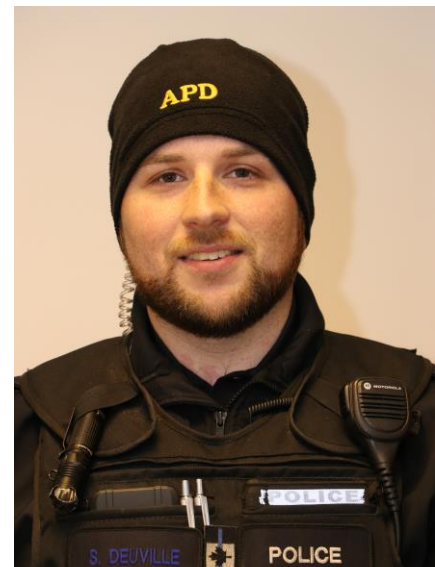
The Truro native’s appointment went into effect on Nov. 10, 2019.

“Stefan’s experience in policing will benefit the department and the citizens of Amherst,” Police Chief Dwayne Pike said. “His determination to continue learning, his skills, his empathy towards people and his desire to help them are the traits of a good officer.

“We welcome him to the Amherst Police Department and look forward to working with him well into the future.”

Deuille admits he always wanted to be a police officer.

“I don’t know why, but I’ve always just liked policing,” he said. “It could be because I’ve always liked being able to help people, and I always felt rules were in place for a reason and that it was



Const. Stefan Deuille



good to enforce them.”

His desire led him to look at the enrolment process for the Atlantic Police Academy when he was in Grade 8, but it was here his road to becoming an officer took a detour.

“I wasn’t physically fit,” he said. “I realized at that time that I wasn’t able to do the training.”

So, after graduating high school, he pursued another passion – fixing heavy equipment.

“It is a hobby of mine. I collect antique heavy equipment and repair it.”

He studied heavy equipment repair at the Nova Scotia Community College, graduating in 2008. Unfortunately, he wasn’t able to find a job in that profession, so he went to work with the family business, operating a family owned rink and trailer park for a few years.

It was while working with the family business that a friend who had gone to the police academy convinced him to apply to the academy.

“He felt I could do the training,” Deuille said.

It turned out he could. Deuille graduated from the Atlantic Police Academy in Sept. 2013. He landed his first job with the Springhill Police Department shortly after graduating and served there until the service was dissolved in 2015 when the town became a part of the Municipality of Cumberland.

From there he held a number of short-term jobs with various police departments including Kentville during the summer of 2017 and Charlottetown in the summer of 2018.

That same year, he applied for a full-time job in Amherst, but wasn’t selected. Though he later got a call asking him if he’d be interested in a part-time job.

He jumped at the chance and began working as a part-time officer. His opportunity for to become a full-time officer arrived as a result of retirements and promotions within the department. This time when he applied, he was accepted. He began his full-time job on Nov. 10, 2019.

“At this point in my career I’m very happy to be constable,” Deuille said. “I like the people I work with. It’s busy enough that it doesn’t get too boring. And sometimes, we’re run off our feet. It’s nice to have a fast pace. I fully intend to stay here.”

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