



Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Agenda

Date: January 26, 2022
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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**Town of Amherst
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes**

Date: December 8, 2021
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present Commissioner Sandy Fairbanks, Chair
Commissioner Hal Davidson, Vice Chair
Commissioner George Baker
Commissioner Roy Pettigrew

Staff Present Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Tim Hunter, Deputy Chief
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

Members Absent Commissioner Sheila Christie

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1.1 Amendments to Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

**Moved By Commissioner Baker
Seconded By Commissioner Davidson
That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

1.3 Approval of Minutes

1.3.1 June 23, 2021

**Moved By Commissioner Pettigrew
Seconded By Commissioner Baker
To approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting as circulated.**

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising

There was no additional business arising.

3. Discussion / Information Items

3.1 Bylaw C-11 Respecting Intrusion, Robbery and Fire Alarm Systems

Moved By Commissioner Davidson

Seconded By Commissioner Baker

That the Commission direct the Chief to review this Bylaw against best practices of other municipalities and bring any recommendations for changes to Council for consideration.

Motion Carried

3.2 APD Training and Development

Chief Pike and Deputy Chief Hunter reviewed the report included as part of the agenda package. No direction given or action required.

4. Reports

4.1 Chief's Report

Chief Pike and Deputy Chief Hunter reviewed the Chief's report, included as part of the agenda package. No direction given or action required.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

6. In Camera

Moved By Commissioner Davidson

Seconded By Commissioner Pettigrew

To go in camera.

Motion Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved By Commissioner Pettigrew

Seconded By Commissioner Davidson

To adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

Sandy Fairbanks
Chair

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SUBJECT: Amherst Board of Police Commissioners By-law, C-1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Amherst Town Council, at a meeting held on December 20, 2010, adopted a By-law Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst, C-1.

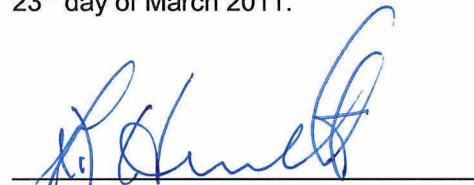
The new by-law repeals and replaces the Town of Amherst By-law to Establish the Amherst Police Commission approved by Council in January 1977 and amended in February 1984 and December 1994.

The new by-law clarifies terms of board member appointments and attendance at commission meetings, increases the board membership from five to seven, and includes housekeeping amendments to bring the wording in compliance with current legislation.

Copies of the new by-law may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk, Confederation Memorial Building, Ratchford Street, during regular business hours. The by-law can also be viewed on the Town's web page at www.amherst.ca

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Notice of Publication regarding the adoption of the above Town of Amherst By-Law as published in the local newspaper on March 23, 2011.

GIVEN under the hand of the Town Clerk and under the seal of the Town of Amherst this 23rd day of March 2011.



Gregory D. Herrett, CA
Town Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Amherst

A BYLAW RESPECTING THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF AMHERST

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Amherst, under the authority of the Police Act, Chapter 31, ACTS OF NOVA SCOTIA 2004.

Short Title

- 1 This By-Law shall be known as the "Amherst Board of Police Commissioners By-Law".

Definitions

- 2 In this By-Law
 - (a) "Board" means the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst
 - (b) "Council" means the Council for the Town of Amherst.
 - (c) "Chief of Police" means the Chief of Police of the Amherst Police Department.
 - (d) "Amherst Police Department" means the Chief and members of the municipal police force of the Town of Amherst.
 - (e) "Minister" means the Minister of Justice for the Province of Nova Scotia

Board Established

- 3 The Council establishes the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst, with membership as follows:

One Year Term	Two community volunteers
Two Year Term	One member of Council One Community Volunteer
Three Year Term	Two members of Council
Other	One Ministerial appointment

Membership

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- (a) The member of the Board appointed by the Minister shall be appointed pursuant to subsection 44(4)(c) of the Police Act.
- (b) The members of the Board appointed by Council shall be appointed pursuant to subsections 44(4)(a) and (b) of the Police Act.
- (c) Dismissal of members of the Board shall be carried out in accordance with subsection 44(7)(a) with regard to a member appointed by the Minister and subsection 44(7)(b) with regard to members appointed by Council.
- (d) An absence from two consecutive meetings without just cause as determined by the chair and Board members shall be cause for the replacement of a member appointed by Council.
- (e) Where a vacancy occurs on the Board or where a member is unable to carry out his/her duties as a member of the Board by reason of illness or absence, Council shall appoint a replacement as soon as is practicably possible.
- (f) The members of the Board appointed from Council shall serve without remuneration.
- (g) The Board shall, at its first meeting each calendar year or as soon as practicable thereafter, choose its chairperson and vice-chairperson.
- (h) The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and in his/her absence the vice-chairperson shall preside.
- (i) Should the chair become vacant due to resignation or replacement, an election for the Chair shall be held within 60 days of such vacancy occurring.

Procedure

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- (a) The Board shall conduct its business according to the bylaws, regulations and policies established by Amherst Town Council, the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, the Police Act and, where applicable the Municipal Government Act.

- (b) The Board shall hold a meeting at least every three months. The Board may meet in camera at any time on 24 hours notice by the Chairperson or any two members or at any time with unanimous consent of all members concerning all matters relating to discipline, personal conduct, contract negotiations and security of the police operations.
- (c) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) The Chief Administrative Officer of the Town or his appointee, shall be the Secretary to the Board and shall have charge of all minutes, records and accounting procedures to be followed and maintained by the Board.

Chief Officer

- 6 (a) The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the council, and following a year's period of probation, may not be suspended, dismissed or otherwise disciplined except with cause, and in such event, he shall have the right to appeal, within fifteen days of such disciplinary action, to the Chairman of the Nova Scotia Police Commission. The Commission shall conduct a hearing therein and may confirm, overrule, or modify such action and its decision therein, shall be final.
- (b) The Chief of Police shall advise the Board with respect to the provision of efficient and effective municipal police service delivery. S/he may, in consultation with the Board, undertake in a timely manner research, strategic planning, policy development and implementation, and the reporting of results in response to inquiries by the Board pertaining to its community governance responsibilities as defined in the Police Act.
- (c) The Chief of Police and/or the Deputy Chief of Police shall whenever requested by the Chairman and where practicable attend meetings of the Board, whether public or in-camera.
- (d) The Chief of Police or his Deputy shall be in charge of the management, direction and control of the day to day operation of the police force, including the enforcement of law and the maintenance of discipline within the force. Should such discipline, in the opinion of the Chief Officer, require that an employee be dismissed, such dismissal shall be by the Board on the recommendation of the Chief Officer.

Board Powers

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- (a) The Board shall conduct its responsibilities in accordance with the requirements established by the Police Act,
 - (b) The Board shall, each year, submit to the council for its consideration and approval its estimates of all monies required for the year to pay the remuneration of the members of the police force and staff and to pay for the accommodation, arms and equipment and other things for the use and maintenance of the force.
 - (c) All collective agreements or other agreements with members of the police force or its bargaining agent shall be contracted in the name of the Town of Amherst, and the Town of Amherst shall be the employer of all members of the police force.
 - (d) The Board shall submit all requests for all capital equipment proposed to be purchased to the council, together with the recommendation of the Board for the purchase consideration in accordance with the purchasing policy of the Town of Amherst.
 - (e) The Board shall have the jurisdiction without interference by the Council over all matters relating to the enforcement of all criminal law, federal statutes, provincial statutes, and Town by-laws and ordinances.
 - (g) The Board shall further have jurisdiction over all matters relating to the enforcement of provincial statutes having local effect and Town by-laws and ordinances, but Council shall have the right to request the enforcement of such statutes or by-laws as may be required for the proper administration thereof within the Town.
 - (h) The Chief of Police or his designate shall give all necessary orders, directions and instructions to the police force and no Board member, other than the Chair or his or her designate except when communicating a decision of the Board, shall issue any order, direction or instruction to any member of the police force relative to his duties as a member of the force.

General

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- The Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief of Police shall be members of any committee appointed for the purpose of negotiating a collective agreement with any union representing members of the Town police force.

- 9 The Town of Amherst By-Law to Establish the Amherst Police Commission, By-Law Number C-1 approved by Council on January 18, 1977 and amended on February 20, 1984 is hereby repealed.

Clerk's Annotation for Official By-Law Book

Date of First Reading: 29 November 2010

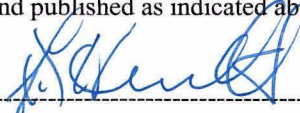
Date of Notice of Intent to Consider: 6 December 2010

Date of Second Reading: 20 December 2010

Date of Advertisement/Notice of Publication to be published following ministerial approval

Date of mailing to Minister a certified copy: 21 December 2010

I certify that this **By-Law Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, C-1** was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.



21 December 2010

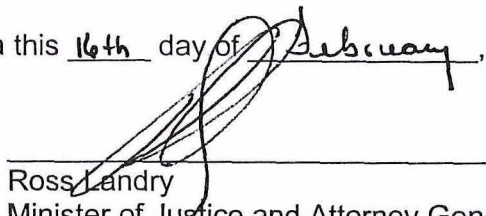
Gregory D. Herrett, CA Date
Town Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer

*Effective Date of the By-Law unless otherwise specified in the text of the By-Law.

MINISTERIAL APPROVAL

Pursuant to subsection 55(2) of the *Police Act*, S.N.S. 2004, c.31, I hereby approve they bylaws for the Amherst Municipal Board of Police Commissioners, attached hereto as Schedule "A".

Dated at Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia this 16th day of February, 2011.



Ross Landry
Minister of Justice and Attorney General

Service Nova Scotia
and Municipal Relations

Approved this 10th day
of March 2011.



Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

MEMORANDUM

TO: Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Date: January 26th, 2022
Subject: Alarm Bylaw Review

BACKGROUND

During the December 2021 meeting of the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, a request was made for the Chief of Police to review the current Town of Amherst Alarm Bylaw to determine if the bylaw is appropriate for the town and whether recommendations for change should be made and forwarded to Council.

DISCUSSION

Bylaw C-11, in respect to intrusion, robbery and fire alarm systems came into effect on September 27th, 1999. The bylaw primarily deals with police response to alarms within town limits and false alarms. In reviewing our bylaw, it is very similar to the bylaw adopted by the municipality of Halifax and utilizes many of the same concepts and language including the requirement of a permit for any alarm system but differs in the penalties for false alarms. The Halifax bylaw includes a warning for the first instance, followed by a \$200 fine for the second instance. A 3rd and 4th instance results in a \$300 and \$400 fine respectively (unless paid within 14 days in which a \$100 fine would be accepted). The Amherst bylaw only has a \$50 for the 3rd or subsequent occurrence. Many other municipalities in Nova Scotia do not have an alarm bylaw, including Westville, New Glasgow, Bridgewater and Truro. Kentville and Annapolis Royal do have alarm bylaws, but neither require permits and fine limits are much higher than the \$50 fine that is in our alarm bylaw.

Revenues for alarm fines go back into the Police Department budget. Over the past 10 years, the revenues have fluctuated. In one instance, in 2011, one local business had 16 false alarms in a 12-month period.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	\$2090	\$3050	\$2350	\$2150	\$1450	\$887	\$1458	\$2193	\$900	\$1393	\$500

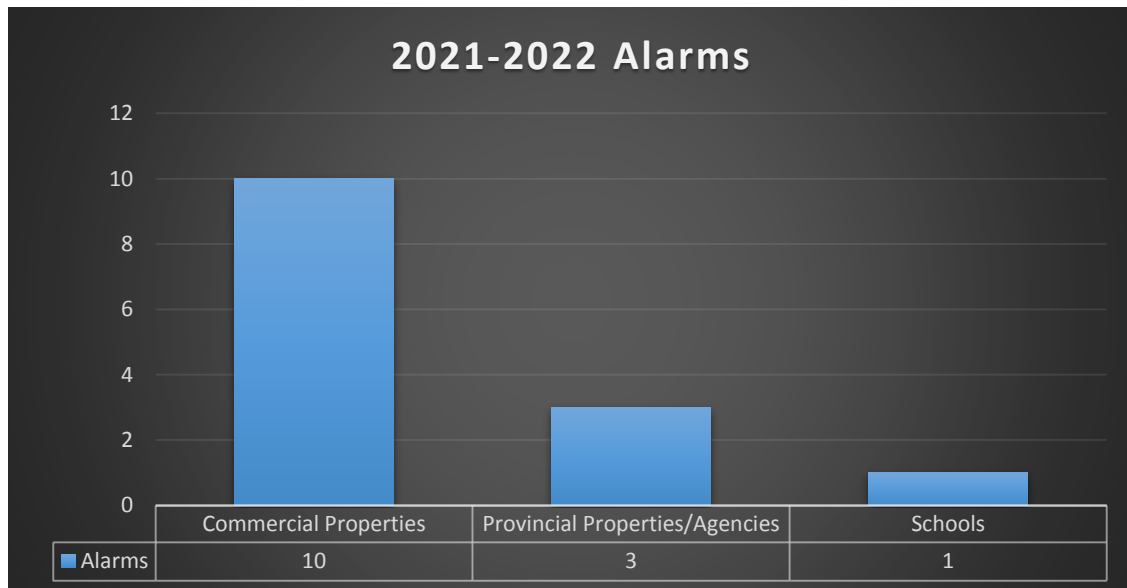
Alarm calls are tracked on PROS and each month, our admin staff review all our alarm calls. False alarms in which a police officer attends are forwarded to Town Hall staff for tracking and any further action. When a third false alarm (or subsequent) is noted, Town Hall staff send a bill as per the bylaw to the property owner in the amount of \$50.

For the calendar year 2021, we received a total of 149 alarm calls. Our members responded and attended a total of 139 calls alarms which has resulted in invoices being sent to property owners who were subject to the 3rd (or subsequent) false alarm at their property. This number does not include the total number of alarms received, only those in which a police officer attended. Many alarms are cancelled, or may not even be reported to police based on policy or direction provided to alarm monitoring companies. In some cases, property representatives often prefer that they are contacted before police so that they can make the decision on whether police will be called to attend. Such direction to alarm monitoring companies may be a result of fear of receiving bills for false alarms. From our occurrences, we know that situations are rare when property owners decide not to call the police and then later determine a Break and Enter or some other crime has occurred. It does happen, but is rare. We also know from our occurrences that multiple alarms that result in fines are rare.

In the past 3 years, invoicing for false alarms was as follows:

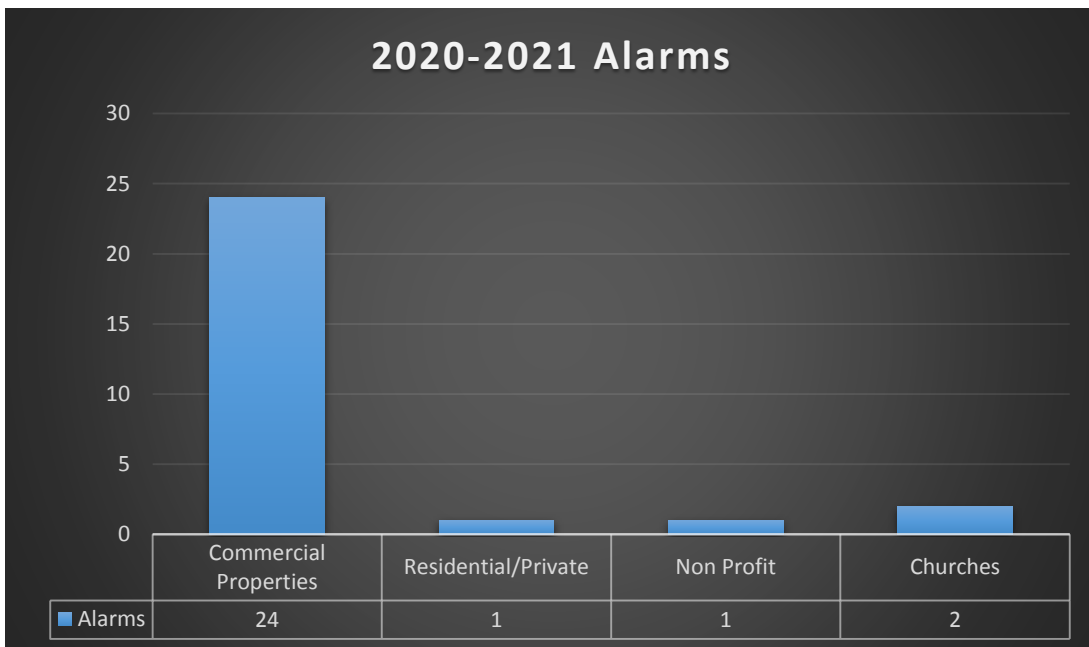
For 2021/22 (up to January 14th, 2022)

Property Description	3 rd Alarm	4 th Alarm	5 th Alarm	Sub Alarms	total
Commercial Property A	\$50	\$50	\$50		\$150
Commercial Property B	\$50				\$50
Commercial Property C	\$50				\$50
Commercial Property D	\$50				\$50
Commercial Property E	\$50	\$50	\$50		\$150
Commercial Property F	\$50				\$50
Provincial Prop/Agency A	\$50	\$50	\$50		\$150
School A	\$50				\$50
					\$700.00



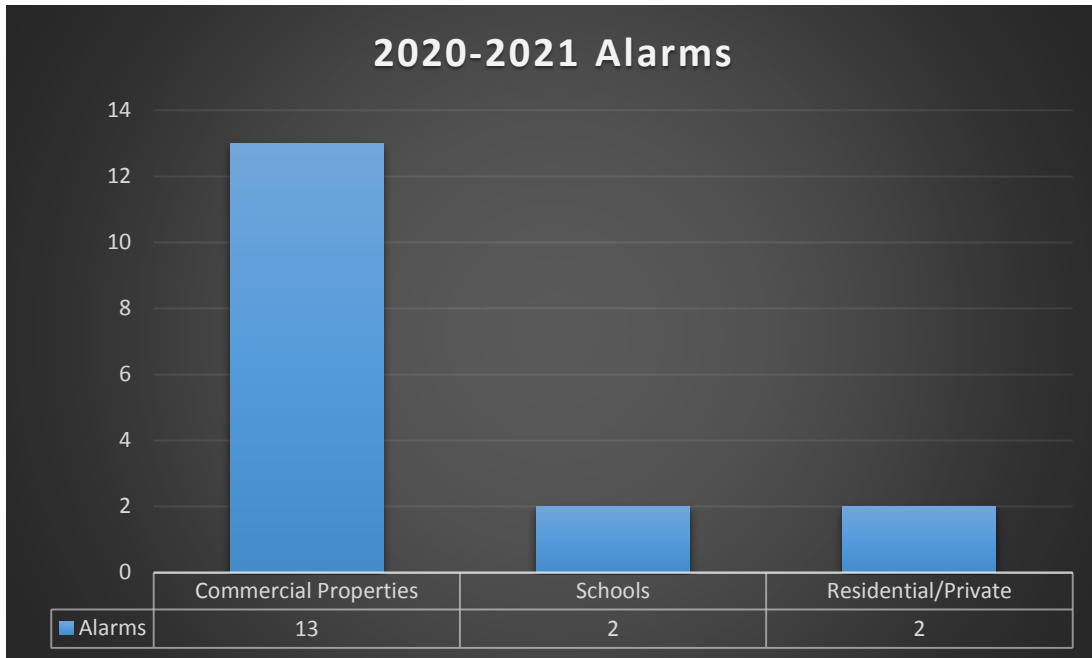
2020/2021

Property Description	3 rd Alarm	4 th Alarm	5 th Alarm	Sub Alarms	total
Commercial Prop G	\$50	\$50	\$43.48		\$143.48
Commercial Prop H	\$50	\$50			\$100
Commercial Prop I	\$50				\$50
Commercial Prop J	\$50				\$50
Commercial Prop K	\$50				\$50
Commercial Prop L	\$50				\$50
Commercial Prop M	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$200
Commercial Prop N	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$200
Commercial Prop O	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$150	\$300
Commercial Prop P	\$50				\$50
Non-Profit A	\$50				\$50
Church A	\$50	\$50			\$100
Private/Property A	\$50				\$50
					\$1393.00



2019/2020

Property Description	3 rd Alarm	4 th Alarm	5 th Alarm	Sub Alarms	total
Commercial Prop E	\$50	\$50			\$100
Commercial Prop H	\$50	\$50			\$100
Commercial Prop I	\$50				\$50
Commercial Prop M	\$50	\$50			\$100
Commercial Prop N	\$50	\$50			\$100
Commercial Prop O	\$50				\$50
Commercial Prop Q	\$50				\$50
Commercial Prop R	\$50				\$50
Commercial Prop S	\$50				\$50
School B	\$50	\$50			\$100
School C	\$50				\$50
Private Prop B	\$100				\$100
					\$900



CONCLUSION

The Town of Amherst Alarm bylaw was drafted in a time when the use of residential/commercial alarms were not as widespread as they are today. In 1999, requiring a permit for each alarm may have been manageable, but at this time, the majority of residences and businesses have some form of alarm system and it would require a significant increase in resources to issue and track alarm permits. At this time, requiring a permit for alarms is not likely feasible. In recent years, while we still see multiple false alarms at certain addresses, we have not seen the same very high numbers as a result of repeated false alarms due to faulty systems that are not being fixed. This may be a result of the calls just not coming to the Police, or may be a result of better technology. In either event, the town’s billing for false alarms is not excessive and, when compared to some other smaller municipalities, each invoice is much lower than as prescribed in other bylaws. My recommendation is that if a decision is made to keep the Alarm bylaw, that any reference to ‘permits’ such as in section 3 be removed and or edited so that permits are not required and references to ‘permittee’ changed to ‘owner/lessee’. Any recommendations for change require a referral to council for any action to be taken.

TOWN OF AMHERST

BY LAW
RESPECTING INTRUSION, ROBBERY AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

SHORT TITLE

1. This By-Law may be cited as the “Alarm By-Law”.

DEFINITIONS

2. In this By-Law:
 - (a) “Alarm Coordinator” means the person appointed by the Treasurer to administer the Alarm By-Law.
 - (b) “Alarm System” - means any mechanical or electrical device which is designed or used for the detection of an unauthorized entry into a building structure or facility, or for alerting others of the commission of an unlawful act, or a fire detection device which emits a sound or transmits a signal or message when activated, but does not include:
 - (a) personal alerting devices
 - (b) a device that is installed in a vehicle
 - (c) residential smoke detector
 - (c) “Audible Alarm” - means an alarm system which generates an audible sound on the premises where it is activated;
 - (d) “Automatic Calling Device” - means any device, or combination of devices, that will upon activation, either mechanically, electronically or by any other automatic means, initiate a telephonic or recorded message which is designed to be transmitted over regular telephone lines;
 - (e) “False Alarm” - means a response to an alarm by the Amherst Police Department or Amherst Fire Department resulting from the activation of an alarm system where an emergency situation does not exist;
 - (f) “Monitored Alarm System” - means an alarm system where the signal of an

- intrusion, the commission of an unlawful act, or the detection of a fire is received by a third party;
- (g) "Town" - means the Town of Amherst;
 - (h) "Owner/lessee" - includes an occupant, lessee or person having possession or control of the property in question and also includes prime facie the person whose name appears on the assessment role for the Town as the assessed owner.
 - (i) "Permittee" - means the holder of an alarm system permit;
 - (j) "Personal Alerting Device" - means any device carried on one's person that when activated is designed to emit a sound or transmit a signal or message;
 - (k) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the Town of Amherst or his designate.

PERMIT REQUIRED

- 3. (1) No owner/lessee shall install, keep, use, permit or suffer the installation, keeping or use of an alarm system unless there is a valid and subsisting alarm system permit for that system.
- (2) An applicant for an alarm system permit shall apply to the Treasurer on a form as described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- (3) Alarm system permits shall be issued by the Treasurer.
- (4) An alarm system permit shall be issued in the name of the owner/lessee of the building or property which the alarm is intended to protect.
- (5) An alarm system permit is required for each alarm system that is installed in any one location.
- (6) An alarm system permit may be transferred or assigned to a new owner/lessee of the property on submission to the Treasurer of a fully completed permit application form as described in Schedule "A".
- (7) The permittee shall be responsible for informing the Treasurer or his designate of any and all changes in the information contained in the permit application.

AUDIBLE ALARM SYSTEMS

4. (1) No person shall install, maintain or use an audible alarm that is capable of being sounded outside of the premises continually for a period of greater than fifteen minutes after each separate activation except for an alarm system designed or used to detect heat, smoke or fire.

FALSE ALARMS

5. (1) No person shall cause, permit, suffer or allow false alarms to emanate from a location where an alarm system is installed.
 - (2) Alarms activated in the following manner are hereby deemed **not** to be false alarms;
 - (a) Where the owner can demonstrate that the alarm was caused by a storm, lightning, earthquake or other violent act of nature; or
 - (b) Where the Alarm Co-ordinator is satisfied that the occurrence is isolated and due to a mechanical failure that has since been corrected by a qualified contractor, proof of which has been provided.

AUTOMATIC CALLING DEVICES

6. (1) No person shall use, maintain or install, or permit the use, maintenance or installation of any automatic calling device which is programmed to transmit a message to any telephone number assigned to the Amherst Police Department, Amherst Fire Department or any dispatch or communication centre responsible for the receiving and dispatching of alarm calls to these agencies unless a contract has been entered into with the Police/Fire Department to provide an alarm monitoring service.

MONITORED ALARM SYSTEMS

7. (1) When a third party is responsible for monitoring an alarm system for intrusions only, that third party shall verify that the alarm activation is not accidental by contacting the premise where the alarm is installed prior to notifying the appropriate police agency. If a police agency is dispatched prior to verification, there will be no waiver of fee if the call is cancelled subsequent to police being dispatched.
 2. Where the original alarm activation signal is received by a third party who then notifies the Amherst Police Department or the Amherst Fire Department of the alarm, the third party shall supply the alarm permit number to the police/fire dispatcher receiving the call.

FEE FOR FALSE ALARMS

8.
 1. On the occurrence of a third and for each subsequent false alarm during any one calendar year, the permittee will be required to pay a fee of \$50.00 for each such occurrence.
 2. Where a fee is charged in accordance with this by-law, the Town shall invoice the permittee of the real property. The fee shall be payable within 14 days.
 3. An invoice issued under this by-law shall be due upon receipt and payable to the Town.
 4. All fees collected become the property of the Town.

NOTIFICATION TO OWNERS

9.
 - (1) Upon the first occurrence of a false alarm, a notice will be provided to the permittee of the subject real property that a false alarm has occurred and advised of the fees to be imposed for more than two (2) false alarms in any one calendar year.
 - (2) The notice required by this section shall be in writing and delivered by hand or regular mail to the subject property or the address in the permit. A notice sent in accordance with this section shall be deemed to have been received.

APPLICATION

10. This by-law applies to all alarms in use within the Town whether installed before or after the coming into force of this by-law.

PENALTY

11.
 1. A person who contravenes any provision of this by-law shall upon summary conviction be liable to a minimum penalty of \$50.00 and a maximum penalty of \$1,000.00 and in wilful default of payment of the penalty the offender may be imprisoned for a maximum period not exceeding ninety days.
 2. Every day during which a contravention of or failure to comply with the by-law continues is a separate offence.

SCHEDULE "A"

I, _____, do hereby apply for an alarm permit pursuant to the "Alarm By-Law" for the Town of Amherst.

I acknowledge that I have been made aware that in the event of over two (2) false alarms in any calendar year, I must pay a fee of \$50.00 per false alarm.

This fee must be paid within a period of fourteen (14) days following the date of notice.

APPLICANT: **Full Name:** _____
 Address: _____ **Phone:** _____
 Signed: _____

The following persons are to be contacted in order of priority should an alarm be activated from our location:

1. **Full Name:** _____
 Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

2. **Full Name:** _____
 Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

3. **Full Name:** _____
 Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

TOWN OF AMHERST
P.O. BOX 516
AMHERST, NOVA SCOTIA
B4H 4A1

DEAR _____,

THE AMHERST POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO A FALSE ALARM
AT YOUR PROPERTY LOCATED AT
ON _____, 199 .

THIS IS TO ADVISE THAT MORE THAN TWO (2) FALSE ALARMS IN ANY CALENDAR
YEAR WILL RESULT IN A \$50.00 FEE LEVIED FOR EACH FALSE ALARM.

IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER, PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO CONTACT TOWN OF AMHERST CORPORATE SERVICES.

YOURS TRULY,

GREG HERRETT
TREASURER

TOWN OF AMHERST
P.O. BOX 516
AMHERST, NOVA SCOTIA
B4H 4A1

DEAR _____,

THE AMHERST POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO A THIRD FALSE ALARM AT YOUR PROPERTY LOCATED AT _____ ON _____, 199 .

THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY RESPONDED TO TWO (2) ALARMS TO THIS PROPERTY ON _____, 199 AND ON _____, 199 .

WE THEREFORE REQUEST PAYMENT OF \$50.00 AS PER OUR PREVIOUS LETTER.

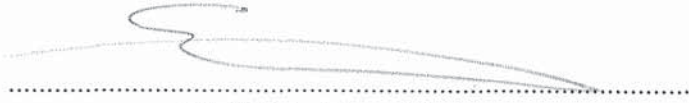
IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE TOWN OF AMHERST CORPORATE SERVICES.

YOURS TRULY,

GREG HERRETT
TREASURER

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a by-law duly passed at a duly called meeting of the Council of the Town of Amherst duly held on the 27th day of September A.D., 1999.

GIVEN under the hand of the Town Clerk and under the corporate seal of the said Town this 6th day of October A.D., 1999.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ed Childs", is written over a horizontal dotted line. The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the width of the line.

Ed Childs, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SUBJECT: BYLAW RESPECTING INTRUSION, ROBBERY AND
FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

Notice is hereby given that, following second reading given at a regular meeting held September 27, 1999, the Amherst Town Council approved the adoption of a BYLAW RESPECTING INTRUSION, ROBBERY AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.

The objective of this bylaw is to encourage those who hold an alarm system permit to maintain their equipment in a responsible manner so as to lessen the incidents requiring response by the Police and/or Fire Departments to false alarms.

Copies of this new bylaw may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk, Confederation Memorial Building, Ratchford Street during regular business hours.

Ed Childs
Town Clerk

Amherst Daily News
October 6, 1999

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TOWN CLERK

Chief's Report
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
January 26 2022

This report covers the month of December 2021



TRAINING

Use of Force Instructor Courses (December 6th to 17th): Cpl Jeff Walsh and Cpl Derek Hebert attended the Provincial Use of Force Instructor's Course held in Truro NS and taught by the Atlantic Police Academy. This training opportunity provided both members with the ability to train our own members the annual mandatory use of force curriculum. A third week is to be scheduled later in 2022. In addition to the regular syllabus, Cpl Hebert attended the CEW (TASER) Instructor course during the weekend between the regular training.

Delay of Training/Courses: As a result of the increasing risk associated to Covid-19 and the Omicron variant, several scheduled courses/training opportunities that were scheduled for January and February 2022 have been postponed. These include:

- First Aid/CPR Recertifications (All members);
- PROS Course (affects the hiring of a new dispatcher and a current part-timer officer who requires the course);
- CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) – Affects up to 10 APD member and Cumberland RCMP members;
- Stop Stick (Train the Trainer) – Stop Sticks are utilized by police to immobilize vehicles that are involved in hazardous pursuits.

PERSONNEL:

Part-Time Constable resignation: Constable Robert Edgar, who was employed on a part-time basis, submitted his resignation in December and finished his last shift with the Amherst Police Department on December 22nd, 2021. Constable Edgar had been hired in August 2021 and had been covering shifts vacant as a result of long-term illnesses/shortages.

OPERATIONAL

Covid-19: The Covid-19 pandemic continues to be concern for our community well-being and for our first responders. We continue to utilize PPE and Public Health guidelines to protect our members and staff from exposure ensuring that masks, social distancing and other protocols are followed strictly. During the month of December, we had several shortages as a result of off-duty exposures but were able to ensure that minimum staffing requirements and coverage was maintained. We continue to monitor the effects of Covid-19 in our community and explore every opportunity to ensure that our members and staff are protected and can continue to serve and protect our community.

Mental Health/Addictions/Homelessness Issues: Over the past few months, our department has seen a sharp increase in the amount of time and resources utilized to respond and proactively deal with occurrences surrounding mental health/addictions and homelessness issues. In many cases, our members and our Crime Prevention Coordinator, Melanie Siddall, work closely together along with other community partners to explore possible solutions to some very complex problems. In several cases, the individuals are not originally from this area, do not have any family support available and in addition to being homeless, suffer from severe mental health and substance use disorders. In cases where support or programs may be available to assist, the individual still has

the ability and the right to walk away and refuse the help offered. On many occasions our staff, often working closely with other community groups, have made complex arrangements for treatment and support only to have the person, (most likely as a result of their severe mental health and addiction issues) refuse help and walk away. In many cases, the layers of trauma they've experienced, combined with their mental illness and drug use often leaves them very paranoid, mistrustful of others and feeling 'unworthy' of the assistance offered. While these are not generally 'police problems' it is the police who are often left to try to solve these kinds of problems as those suffering often engage in high risk or problematic behaviours. Our system is not well-designed to deal with such complex and severe issues.

Fleeing Police/Impaired Driving: A 22-year-old male from Amherst is facing several charges that include impaired driving, fleeing Police and driving without a license after a report was received in the early morning hours of December 25th that a male was on a motorcycle in front of the Police Station revving the engine loudly and cursing and swearing. The motorcycle was spotted on Havelock Street and police noted that the driver appeared to be having a hard time operating the motorcycle safely. When the police emergency lights were activated, the driver accelerated away quickly but continued to have issues driving and was blocked by police in a nearby parking lot. The driver again attempted to flee but was not able to do so before one of the police officers was able to approach and turn the motorcycle off. The male was arrested and read the breathalyzer demand. He complied with the demand and both breath samples were well over the legal limit. He has been scheduled to appear in court at a later date to answer to the charges.

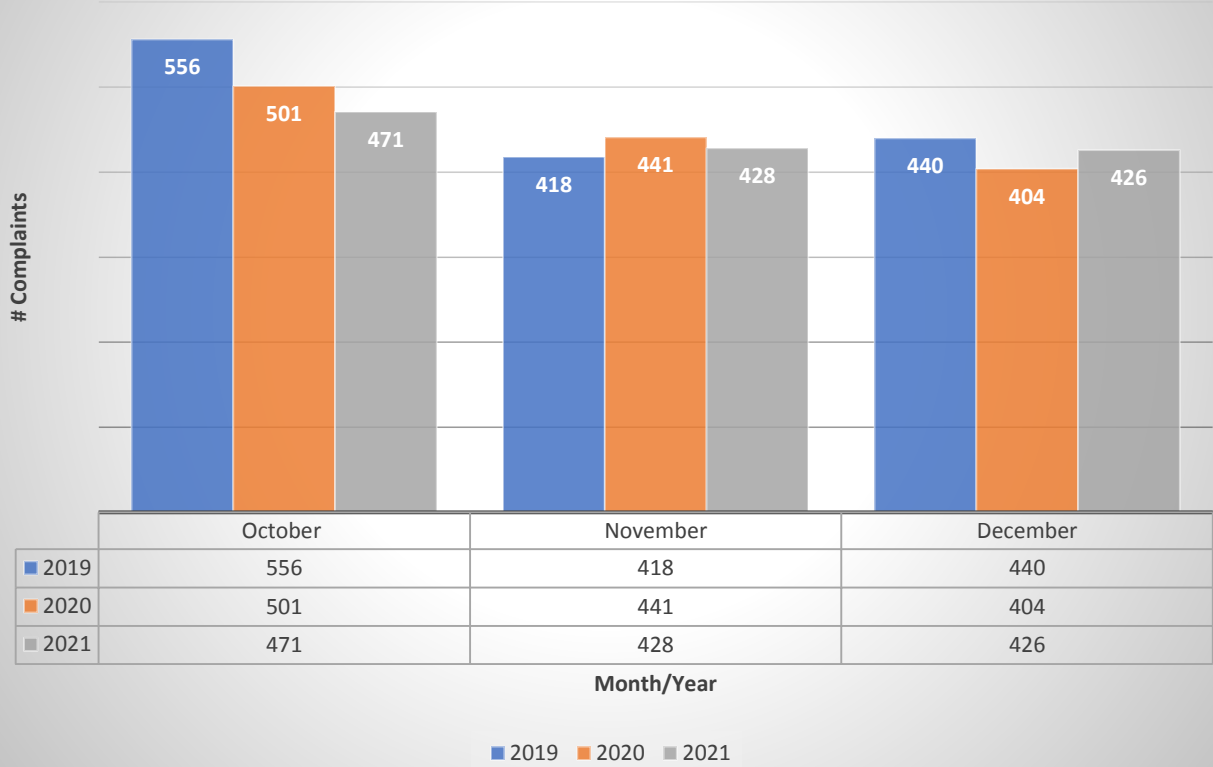
CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE

Constable Harrison and Crime Prevention Coordinator Melanie Siddall continue to work closely and engage with the schools in other crime prevention initiatives which continues to be challenging due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. As noted, Melanie has been spending a considerable amount of her time working on homelessness, mental health and addiction related issues in our community, working very closely with our community partners to find solutions and support for those in need.

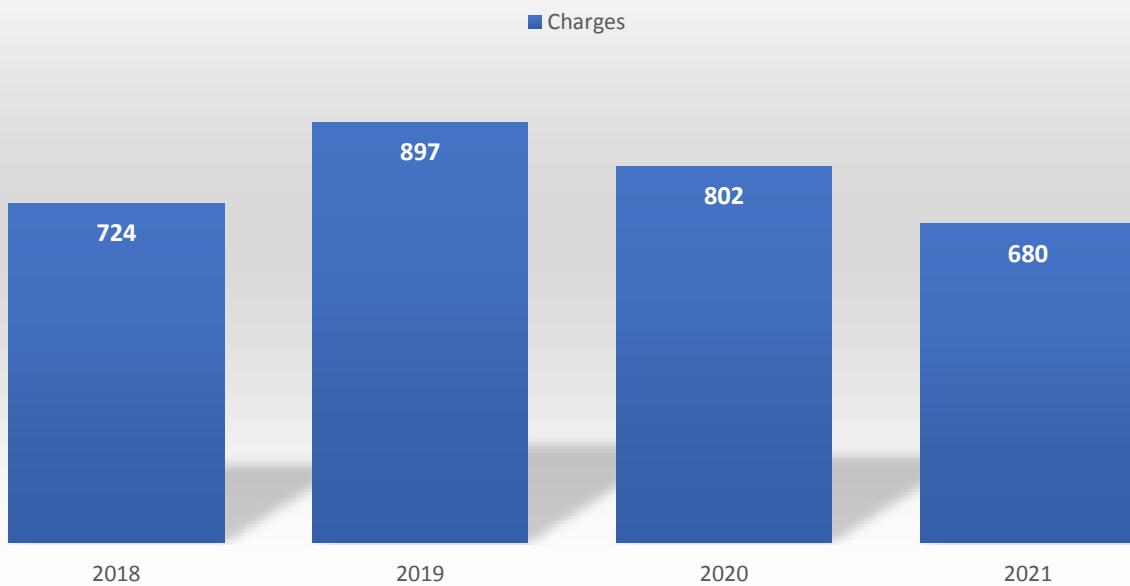
OPERATIONAL STATS – DECEMBER 2021

Occurrences:	426	Criminal Code Charges:	107
Impaired by Alcohol:	3	DSA:	2
Impaired by Drug:	0	CBCA:	3
Traffic Tickets:	27	PPA:	0
HPA:	0	Traffic Written Warnings:	15
Vehicle Checks:	79	LCA:	2
Foot Patrol Hours:	11 hrs, 50 min	Bike Patrol Hours:	0

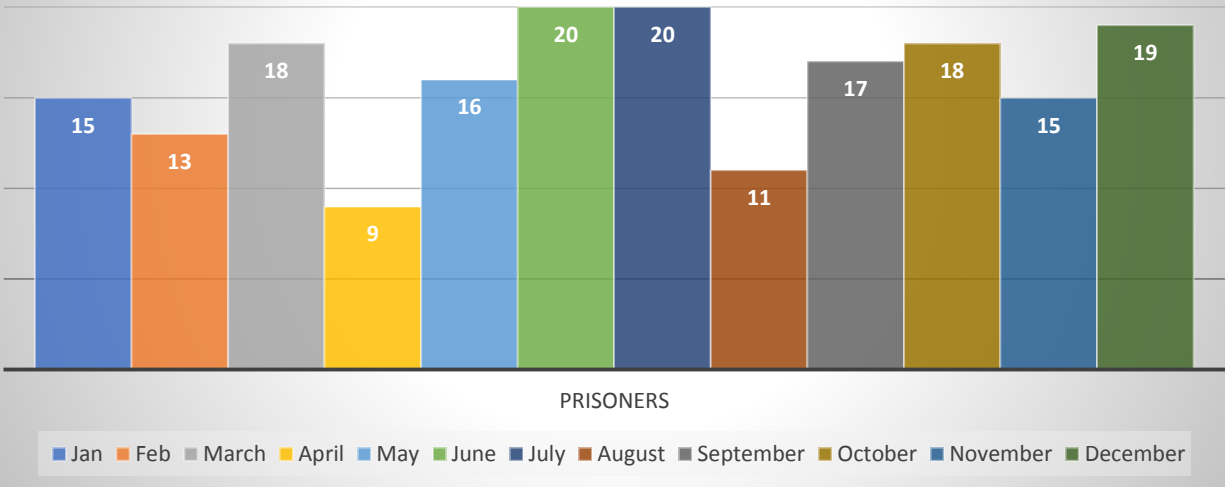
APD Occurrences - 2019, 2020, 2021 Months of October, November & December



Criminal Charges - 4 Year Comparison 2018-2019-2020-2021



2021 - Prisoners Held



Prisoners Held - 2018-2019-2020-2021

