



Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Agenda

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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7. Adjournment

Town of Amherst
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes

Date: September 30, 2020
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present Commissioner Paul Calder, Chair
 Commissioner Sandy Fairbanks
 Commissioner Darrell Jones
 Commissioner Vince Byrne
 Commissioner Sheila Christie
 Commissioner Steve Wells
 Commissioner Roy Pettigrew

Staff Present Chief Dwayne Pike
 Deputy Chief Tim Hunter
 Staff Sergeant Brian Gairns
 Deputy Clerk Natalie LeBlanc
 Municipal Clerk Kim Jones

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement for physical distancing, 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 Fairbanks

Seconded By Commissioner Christie

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved By Commissioner Byrne

Seconded By Commissioner Jones

That the minutes of the June 10, 2020 meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

3. Discussion / Information Items

3.1 Capital Budget Update

Deputy Chief Hunter provided a capital budget update, as included in the agenda package.

4. Reports

4.1 Chief's Report

The Chief's report was reviewed, as included in the agenda package.

5. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be determined due to the municipal election on October 17, 2020, and Committee appointments expiring October 31, 2020.

6. In Camera

Moved By Commissioner Jones

Seconded By Commissioner Christie

To go in camera.

Motion Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved By Commissioner Jones

Seconded By Commissioner Pettigrew

To adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

Paul Calder
Chair

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

Date: January 14, 2021
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present Commissioner Paul Calder, Chair
Commissioner Sandy Fairbanks
Commissioner Roy Pettigrew
Commissioner Hal Davidson
Commissioner Sheila Christie

Members Absent Tim Hunter, Deputy Police Chief
Commissioner George Baker
Commissioner Steve Wells

Staff Present Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Kimberlee Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

Others Present Councillor Dale Fawthrop
Councillor Lisa Emery
Councillor Leon Landry

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement for physical distancing, this was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. **In Camera**
Moved By Commissioner Fairbanks
Seconded By Commissioner Pettigrew
To go in camera.

Motion Carried

3. **Adjournment**
Moved By Commissioner Fairbanks
Seconded by Commissioner Pettigrew
To adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

Paul Calder
Chair

MEMORANDUM

TO: Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Date: February 18, 2021
Subject: Capital Budget Approval – 2021/2022

Prior to the Capital Budget being approved by Council, The Amherst Board of Police Commissioners are required to review and approve the items that have been identified as Capital needs for the Amherst Police Department. Capital expenditures refer to the use of funds to purchase or pay for an asset that is expected to be used for longer than a single reporting period or fiscal year and usually exceed \$5,000. Capital purchased usually include vehicles, equipment or projects that can depreciate over time. Operational budgets on the other hand, are expenditures or costs that occur within the specified time frame of a fiscal year.

For the 2020/2021 fiscal year, Capital spending included the purchase of Ballistic Helmets for our carbine operators, the replacement of the Street Crime Vehicle and the purchase of 2 Watchguard In-Car Video systems. The total approved Capital Budget for these items was \$73,000. The replacement of Vehicle #6 was also carried over from the 2019/2020 fiscal year into 2020/2021 for another \$55,000.

For the 2021/2022 Capital Budget, we have identified 3 items for the Police Department:

- The purchase of 12 sets of Hard Body Armour for our Carbine Operators
- The purchase of a Smart-board or interactive board for the Francis Smith Community Room;
- The replacement of Patrol Unit # 2

Hard Body Armour

We have identified the need to purchase 12 sets of hard body armour at a cost of \$21,000. At any given time, the Amherst Police Department has at least 15 members trained as carbine operators and over the past few years, the Police Department has obtained Carbine Rifles to address an identified deficiency in the capability of the weaponry issued to APD officers to respond to high-risk incidents. The Carbine enhances the ability to respond to incidents involving rifles, barricaded persons, hostage taking and active shooters. The increased ballistic capacity, in comparison to 9 mm pistol issued to APD officers, is capable of stopping a more heavily armed or armoured offender and can be deployed at a greater distance. With the increased risk to our members, additional protective equipment is required. The standard protective gear issued by Canadian Police agencies consists of a ballistic vest, designed to go over the officer's regular body armour, and a ballistic helmet, both of which, provide enhanced protection. The purchase of 15

Ballistic Helmets were approved in the 2020/2021 Capital Budget. Eight Ballistic vests (Hard Body Armour) were purchased in 2016 and have been in use. The recommendation is that ballistic plates in the vests be replaced every 5 years. With the addition of extra carbines to the initial 5 that were originally purchased, 12 sets of Ballistic Armour need to be purchased to ensure that our members can respond in appropriate numbers and remain engaged during multiple operational periods when dealing with high-risk incidents. The ballistic vests can be adjusted to fit most officers; therefore, body armour can be shared among the members. Many agencies are now issuing hard body armour to all front-line members because of recent events.

Smart Board/Interactive Board for the Francis Smith Community Room

Over the past two years we have shifted our training focus and have attempted to host training to control spending while also ensuring that we can train more of our members. This has meant that we have relied heavily on the facilities in our own department and by using the Francis Smith Community room for training purposes. The training room has a media projector and interactive board that was moved from our previous location at 45 Victoria Street. It has outlived its use and the projector lens is severely damaged resulted in loss of pixels on the screen. Although we have tried, we are unable to fix the issue or get replacement parts. The size of the room requires a screen that is suitable and a second screen at the half-way point of the room so that all can view without difficulty. This room is routinely used by Police Department staff, but is also open for use by Town Staff for meetings and training sessions and can be rented out by other groups or agencies. There is no fee for non-profit agencies or community groups who wish to use the room. The estimated cost of a new SmartBoard/Interactive board is \$27,000. This item has been on the Capital budget list for APD for the past 4 years, but was removed as a result of other priorities.

Replacement of Patrol Unit #2

To ensure the department's fleet is able to meet the demands of 24/7 policing the marked patrol vehicles are replaced after three to four years of service. This process was developed through a review of the vehicle replacement practices of other Police Agencies, including other NS Municipal Police Agencies, and the RCMP. Unit #2 will have been in service for close to 4 years as of 2021 and it is estimated the mileage will exceed 200,000km by mid-summer of 2021. The amount requested includes the cost of the new vehicle, removal of equipment from the current vehicle and installation of equipment in the new vehicle. Two years ago, Ford announced that they will no longer be producing cars, including the police service vehicles. As a result, the tender response may be limited as only one supplier will be able to provide an all-wheel drive police service sedan. The other option may be to purchase a Police Service SUV, which will come at a higher price. Should an SUV be purchased, all new equipment will need to be purchased as the old equipment will not fit into the SUV. The estimated cost of vehicle replacement is \$65,000. Vehicle #3 was also due to be replaced, but has been moved to the 2022/2023 fiscal year with the caveat that we will be able to order it during this year, with a delivery date for April 2022, which would fall into the following fiscal year.

Recommendation

We are requesting that the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners approve the 2021/2022 Capital Budget of the Amherst Police Department which includes \$21,000 for Hard Body Armour, \$27,000 for a Smartboard/Interactive Board system for the Francis Smith Community Room and \$65,000 for the purchase of a new Police Vehicle and necessary equipment to replace Patrol Unit #2. We are also seeking approval to order a second replacement vehicle for Patrol Unit #3, which would be delivered and paid for in the 2022/2023 Capital Budget.

**Capital Budget
Amherst Police Department
for the year ended**

Projects	Project Budget	Funding Sources	
		General Operating	Long Term Debt - General

YEAR 1 - March 31, 2022			
Patrol Vehicle #2	65,000	65,000	
Ballistic Plates - Hard Body Armour - Carbine - 15 sets	21,000	21,000	
Smart Board - Community Room	27,000	27,000	
Subtotal	113,000	113,000	-

YEAR 2 - March 31, 2023			
Patrol Vehicle #3	65,000	65,000	
Patrol Vehicle #1	65,000	65,000	
Dispatch Console and Software	100,000	100,000	
Subtotal	230,000	230,000	-

YEAR 3 - March 31, 2024			
Patrol Vehicle # 6	65,000	65,000	
Body Armour 17 Units	35,000	35,000	
Subtotal	100,000	100,000	-

YEAR 4 - March 31, 2025			
Patrol Vehicle #5 - SUV 4WD	75,000	75,000	
Crime Prevention Vehicle	40,000	40,000	
Ballistic Helmets x 15	9,750	9,750	
Subtotal	124,750	124,750	-

YEAR 5 - March 31, 2026			
Patrol Vehicle #2	65,000	65,000	
Patrol Vehicle #3	65,000	65,000	
APD Server	26,000	26,000	
Subtotal	156,000	156,000	-

Commitment for police vehicle is needed in the year ended March 31, 2022 so that procurement can begin. Delivery time is extensive and is expected to occur in the year ended March 31, 2023.

**Capital Budget
Amherst Police Department
for the year ended**

Projects	Project Budget	Funding Sources	
		General Operating	Long Term Debt - General

YEAR 6 - March 31, 2027			
Patrol Vehicle #1	65,000	65,000	
Ballistic Plates - 15 sets	21,000	21,000	
Subtotal	86,000	86,000	-

YEAR 7 - March 31, 2028			
Patrol Vehicle #6	65,000	65,000	
Body Armour 17 units	35,000	35,000	
Subtotal	100,000	100,000	-

YEAR 8 - March 31, 2029			
SCEU vehicle	45,000	45,000	
DNA Dryer	15,000	15,000	
Subtotal	60,000	60,000	-

YEAR 9 - March 31, 2030			
Police Vehicle #2	65,000	65,000	
Police Vehicle #3	65,000	65,000	
Subtotal	130,000	130,000	-

YEAR 10 - March 31, 2031			
Vehicle #1	65,000	65,000	
Gym Equipment	15,000	15,000	
Subtotal	80,000	80,000	-

MEMORANDUM

TO: Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Date: February 18, 2021
Subject: Training – 2021/2022

Training for 2020/2021 was greatly impacted by the pandemic and the restrictions that have been put into place in regards to gathering limits and social distancing. While we were able to complete much of the mandatory training required such as firearms and carbine training, but other Use of Force Training that was scheduled, which included Taser training, had to be postponed because of social-distancing issues.

In the fiscal year of 2020/2021, we did manage to train people in the following areas:

ACE (African Canadian Experience) Training – Chief Pike and Sgt Graham

Drug Stigma Awareness for Law Enforcement (CPKN) – All Members

Infectious Disease and Pandemic Preparedness (CPKN) – All members and Staff

PROS Supervisors Course – Cpl Derek Hebert, Cst Michelle Harrison and Cst Jade Pratt

Surveillance Training (1 Day) – Cpl Hebert, Cst Haggerty, Cst Merrium, Cst MacKenzie, Cst Munro, & Cst Deuville;

Carbine Instructors Course – Cpl Derek Hebert

TMR2 Training – Dispatch and Admin Staff (Via Zoom)

Carbine Training (2 days) – All Carbine members

Firearms Training (1 Day) – All members who are not carbine operators

We also have Phased interview training scheduled for 6 of our members in February 2021 and are expected to have at least 2 members attend the “De-escalation” Train-the-Trainers Course in March. For the most part this will conclude our training for the fiscal year.

For the 2021/2022 fiscal year, we are hoping to accomplish numerous training goals. These goals may be impacted by the pandemic, but we are hoping that restrictions will ease up and risks can be mitigated, allowing us to move forward.

Many of our training goals involve training multiple members/staff and keeping costs low by hosting the training and selling seats to other agencies. We first started doing this in 2019/2020 by hosting Phased interview Training and Intoxilyzer Training. Hosting training means that we can save money normally spent on accommodations, meals and travel and enables us to train multiple people for a price less than it would normally cost us to send one person away on training. For example, in September of 2019, we trained 10 of our members in Phased Interviewing. The cost was less than it would have cost to send one person to the Police Academy for a week. Our hopes are to continue with these kinds of initiatives which will ensure that our members get

practical and necessary training, while making the best use of a dwindling training budget. Our training budget does not only cover the cost of tuition for courses, but also is used to pay for travel, accommodations, meals as well as annual training ammunition and materials and Taser Cartridges used for training. Ammunition costs have been roughly \$6500-\$7000 per year with taser cartridges costing approximately \$2400 with the expectation that these costs will increase due to a change in training standards.

For the 2021/2022 year, our hopes are to provide training in most of the following areas, but we may be limited by course availability, costs or operational requirements:

1. **Use of Force Instructor Course:** Both Cpl Walsh and Cpl Hebert are required to attend the 3-week Use of Force instructor Course. While this is an Atlantic Police Academy course, we are hoping to find a local venue to host this so that instructors can travel back and forth to PEI and it would allow our members to attend without having to worry about travel, accommodations and meals. Once this course is completed, minimal yearly updates will be required that will focus on the mandatory training set for the year only;
2. **Immediate Action/Rapid Deployment:** This year, included in the mandatory training is IARD, also known as 'active shooter' training which focuses on dealing with an active and deadly threat as a team or alone. This training incorporates scenario-based training and works hand-in-hand with our regular exercises that we complete during firearms training. This training is done in house and is presented by our Use of Force instructors;
3. **Containment Training:** This training was developed in-house with assistance from the Ontario Provincial Police Emergency Response Team. In recognizing the need to ensure that we have the capability and the resources to contain a threat, our members all received initial 3-day training which is then followed up every second year. This training is delivered by our own instructors.
4. **CEW/Taser Recertification:** Our members are required to recertify on the Conducted Energy Weapon every 2 years. This requires that they engage in classroom and scenario-based training that focuses on judgement and legal articulation. Costs for the training cartridges are approximately \$2400 as each member must conduct 2 live shoots in order to be certified.
5. **Major Incident Response for Front line Supervisors (APD Hosting):** This four-day course will provide front-line supervisors with training to assume *initial* command of critical incidents and prepare them to understand a wide range of critical incident strategies including use of supports like Tactical Units and Crisis Negotiators. The course will also include managing a public order event and comprehensive high-level search. Designed for front line supervisors, the objective is to gain an understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of the Command Triangle, Critical Incident Commander, Crisis Negotiating Team, Tactical Team, Command Post, and Scene Manager in order to understand their own critical roles and responsibilities and become part of the communal team effort and effective resolution of critical incidents. We had previously scheduled this course in September of 2020 and planned to train 6 of our members, but had to cancel as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.
6. **ACE (African Canadian Experience) Training:** This course was developed by and for RCMP members in Nova Scotia and was recently made available to Municipal Departments. This training was initially designed for higher ranks and managers who are in a position to make changes and influence others in relation to police relationships with minority groups and to understand issues faced by minority groups. The curriculum

included presentations on Human Rights Legislation, History of African Nova Scotians, and open and frank discussions on topics such as equality, equity and white privilege. Ideally, this course will be made available for our regular members as the objectives and lessons are essential in promoting understanding and in building relationships with our community.

7. **Major Case Management Course:** As a requirement for our Major Case Files, our members require appropriate training to enable them to establish and coordinate management roles for major investigations. The roles in the command triangle include the Team Commander, Primary Investigator, and the file coordinator. Major Case Management also requires 'Field Investigators' to follow up on tasks. This course is often offered by the Canadian Police College or the Atlantic Police Academy, but we are looking at options for hosting locally to ensure that we can train more members at a substantially lower cost.
8. **SCRIBE Course** – During a major incident, SCRIBES play an important role in documenting the decisions that are made and the information that becomes available. This role does not have to be designated to a sworn member and we are looking at hosting this course locally and training admin/dispatch members so they can be part of a Critical Incident Team.
9. **Crisis Negotiator:** Our current crisis negotiator is Staff Sergeant Gairns who is currently the most senior member of our department. Crisis negotiators play a critical role in major events and are training in communicating and negotiating with suspects who may be barricaded or have hostages. Ideally our department would have 2 negotiators in the event that one member is not available or for extended operational periods. Our plan is look at options to host this course locally if possible.
10. **Incident Commander:** Critical Incidents can include hostage takings, barricaded persons, workplace violence, and other crisis situations. These events significantly impact public safety and require special organizational skills and abilities on the part of emergency response personnel. This course helps prepare senior police officials tasked with the critical incident command of police operations. It provides them with the knowledge, skills and commonly accepted practices and procedures essential to the effective and efficient planning and direction of such operations in crisis situations. While this course is 10 days at most training facilities, we are looking at options to host locally.
11. **DITC – Drug Investigators Techniques Course:** Drug law enforcement investigations often differ from traditional criminal investigations. In many cases the suspects are already identified and the purpose of the investigation is to build a case against the suspect, identify other members involved in the drug trafficking organization and seize as many drug-related assets as possible. This course is often paid for by the Department of Justice and is usually open to members of the Street Crime Unit.
12. **Warrant Course:** We are reviewing different options with this training. We have many members who are very competent at judicial authorizations and we have worked with Sgt Aaron Graham and Cpl Derek Hebert to develop an in-house course that we can offer to our members or other departments which will enable officers to understand the requirements and laws around warrant writing and provide them with hands-on experience and coaching.
13. **Source Course:** This course is usually hosted by the RCMP and made available to our members on the Street Crime Unit. This course focuses on the recruitment, management

and coding of human sources, drawing heavily on case law and legislation to ensure that information is reliable and usable.

14. **Surveillance Course:** While we have been able to offer some limited training to our members in the form of a single days training in surveillance, this particular course is usually hosted by the RCMP and offered to members assigned to the Street Crime Unit who spend long hours conducting surveillance. This course is normally a week long.
15. **SPAC** – Senior Police Administration Course: this course is offered by both the Canadian Police College and the Atlantic Police Academy and provides Senior Police Leadership with the skills and knowledge to provide leadership in today's policing environment with a focus on character-based leadership, coaching and mentoring, diversity and inclusion and communication. The main project throughout the course is the development of a business case, the topic of which is selected by the candidate and should be relevant to their police service.
16. **Containment/Emergency Response Training:** We are currently reviewing training options for our new Use of Force trainers, Cpl Walsh and Cpl Hebert. This includes any opportunities that may be available to help strengthen our carbine/containment program and our ability to respond to and manage critical incidents. Some of these initiatives may involve training or agreements with other municipal agencies or hosting training at APD.
17. **First Aid Training/Recertifications:** As a result of the Covid-19 restrictions, first aid training has been postponed until current restrictions are lifted. We are working with DOJ and Public Health to ensure that we can move forward with this training safely.

Chief's Report
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
February 2021

This report covers the month of December 2020 and January 2021



TRAINING

December 2020: There was no training scheduled for members during the month of December (largely as a result of Covid-19 issues),

PROS End-User Course: Constable Cameron BAKER attended RCMP HQ in Dartmouth from January 4th to January 8th on the PROs End-User Course. This course enables our officers to access and utilize the file maintenance system that our investigative files are stored on, and provides instruction on creating court files, adding entities, reports and exhibits and other items, as well as other documentation required for files.

ACE (African Canadian Experience) Training: From January 18th to 22nd, 2021, Chief Dwayne Pike and Sgt Aaron Graham attended ACE Training which was hosted by the Department of Justice. This training is designed for higher ranks and managers who are in a position to make changes and influence others in relation to police relationships with minority groups and to understand issues faced by minority groups. The curriculum included presentations on Human Rights Legislation, History of African Nova Scotians, and open and frank discussions on topics such as equality, equity and white privilege. Ideally, this course will be available again for other members.

PROS Supervisor's Course: Corporal Derek Hebert attended the PROS Supervisors Course at RCMP HQ in Dartmouth on January 26th and 27th. This 2-day course provides PROS users the ability to review and complete supervisory functions and tasks when reviewing investigational files. Corporal Hebert is currently the '2 IC' on his platoon and when the Sergeant is not working, he is the supervisor and reviews the files of the platoon members and provides direction, guidance and support to the shift members.

Phased Interview Training: The phased interview course is scheduled for February 22nd to the 26th at the Amherst Police Department. Six of our members will receive this 5-day training which will be delivered by members of the RCMP Truth Verification Unit. This in-depth training provides members with the most up-to-date techniques in interviewing both suspects and witnesses and covered different kinds of interviews, case law and utilizes role playing and live interviews to assess and build on the skills and knowledge of each candidate. By hosting the training, we are able to train more of our members and share the costs with other departments. Hosting locally means a reduced cost in training, accommodations and meals. We are working with the Department of Justice and Public Health to ensure that all risks as a result of Covid-19 are mitigated.

PERSONNEL

Promotions: On December 15th, APD announced that 4 members of the department were being promoted to Corporal. Constables Mark McNair, Derek Hebert, Jeff Walsh and Randy Babineau all successfully completed the promotional process which consisted of several steps including a competency paper, cover letter and resume, written test and an interview board.

New Members: With the departure of Cst Destiny Merriam in November, we have hired 2 new part-timers, Cameron Baker and Wayne Gillam. Part timers are used to backfill for vacancies due to illness. Constable Gillam is a graduate of the RCMP in Depot and Cst Baker recently graduated from the Atlantic Police Academy and completed his on-the-job training with the Truro Police Department. Both completed firearms qualifications and orientation and have worked several shifts. Constable Baker is currently filling in for a long-term illness on B Platoon.

Shift and Assignment Changes: As a result of the new corporals being installed on the platoons, additional changes in staffing were made in January 2021. This included removing the Sergeant from MCU and replacing them with an 'Acting Corporal'. At this time, we still have 5 Sergeants (one has been off on extended sick leave and is not being paid by the town) and will reduce this to 4 via attrition. Until that happens, Cst Tom Wood has been assigned to the Major Crime Unit as an Acting Corporal. Sergeant Aaron Graham has returned to uniform patrol. With Cst Wood going into MCU, Cst Charlie Munro, who is part time, has been assigned as our Crime Prevention Officer. He is supervised by Tom Wood who will assist and guide him as he takes on this new role.

With Cst Derek Hebert being promoted to Corporal, he has also returned to Patrol after spending close to 3 years in Street Crime. Constable Stefan Deuville has been reassigned from patrol to Street Crime to replace Cpl Hebert, joining the other APD member, Cst John Haggerty.

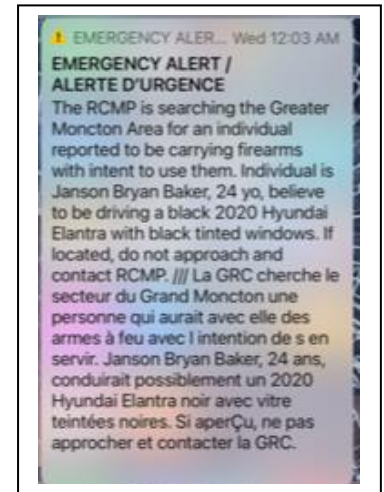
OPERATIONAL

Explosions: A 46-year-old Amherst male was arrested on the morning of December 9th 2020 in relation to explosions that occurred in Town. The first explosion was reported to police dispatch shortly after 10 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020. Responding officers found debris from a detonated device on Rupert Street, near the intersection with Agnew Street. The second explosion occurred in the Agnew Street area at about 2:40 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020. Responding officers located debris from a device that had been detonated. No one was hurt and property damage was minimal. Officers also found a second explosive device at the nearby Rotary Centennial Park that had not detonated. The RCMP Explosive Disposal Unit safely detonated that device Wednesday morning after they had examined it. Shortly after the second explosion, were able to identify a suspect and had him in custody. The accused returns to court on January 12, 2021.



Theft of Public Works Trailer: During the early morning hours of December 30th, 2020 Amherst Police had discovered a dual axle flat bed trailer and a truck stuck in the ditch on the upper end of Church Street, near Robert Angus Drive. Police discovered the trailer was stolen from the Public Works property in the industrial park. Police also located numerous 'break in' tools inside the truck resulting in the arrest of both parties. Both parties were remanded into police custody the evening of December 30th for a show cause on December 31st, and subsequently released on strict conditions to appear in Amherst Provincial Court later next month.

Arrest of NB Shooting Suspect: On January 6th, members of the Amherst Police Department, with the assistance of the Cumberland Integrated Street Crime Unit arrested Janson Baker, a suspect in a shooting in Riverview NB. BAKER was the subject of an Alert that was sent out in southern New Brunswick. A vehicle associated to Baker was located in the downtown area and confirmed by Police as being the suspect vehicle. The suspect was not observed and his whereabouts were unknown. The car had been parked hours earlier. As a result of this, we worked closely with the RCMP to gather information and intelligence in efforts to determine the whereabouts of the suspect, who, at this time, could have been anywhere. Discussions between APD and RCMP determined that the best course of action would be to have the RCMP issue a province-wide alert as the whereabouts of the suspect was unknown. Shortly after the Alert was released, Police observed people in the area of a residence close to the location of the vehicle. The suspect was identified and was arrested without incident by Amherst Police.

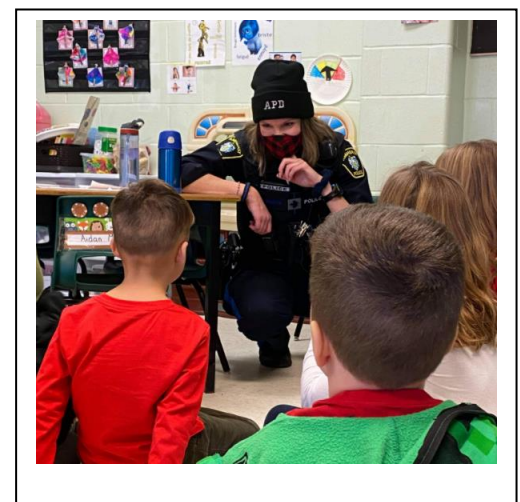


New Drug Found During Seizure: As a result of a search and seizure conducted by The Cumberland Integrated Street Crime Unit, on November 26th, 2020, Health Canada has identified one of the substances seized as “Isotonitazene” which is an opioid similar to fentanyl and is dangerous if not handled properly. When seized by police, this drug was in the form of white triangular shaped pills with “M” on one side and the number “8” on the other. A purple powder that was seized was also confirmed to contain isotonitazene.

Two Charged with Drug trafficking offenses: On January 14th, The Cumberland Integrated Street Crime Unit, searched a vehicle and a residence in Amherst resulting in a seizure that included methamphetamine, crystal meth, cocaine, crack cocaine and various prescription pills. A 32-year-old female and a 52-year-old male were arrested and charged and are scheduled to appear in court at a later date to answer to the charges.

CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE

Through the month of January, both Cst Munro and Cst Harrison continued to work a modified schedule as a result of Covid-19 protocols. Instead of working 8 hour shifts 5 days a week, both continued to work four (4) twelve (12) hour days supporting the platoon during dayshifts. By the first of February however, their schedules have been adjusted to weekdays as they are starting to resume some of the roles and responsibilities of these positions. As school/youth liaison, Cst Harrison has been able to access the schools on a regular basis and Cst Munro, with the assistance of Cst Wood, has been resuming some of the Crime Prevention programs keeping in mind Covid-19 protocols and restrictions. Prior to Christmas break, Cst Harrison made several visits to schools prior to Christmas break to visit with students and has increased her role within the schools and with the youth.



OPERATIONAL STATS – December 2020

Occurrences:	404	Criminal Code Charges:	56
Impaired by Alcohol:	0	CDSA:	1
Impaired by Drug:	1	CBCA:	2
Traffic Tickets:	14	PPA:	6
HPA:	3	Traffic Written Warnings:	7
Vehicle Checks:	77	LCA:	2
Foot Patrol Hours:	3 h 44 m	Bike Patrol Hours:	0

OPERATIONAL STATS – January 2021

Occurrences:	384	Criminal Code Charges:	97
Impaired by Alcohol:	2	CDSA:	7
Impaired by Drug:	0	CBCA:	1
Traffic Tickets:	7	PPA:	0
HPA:	0	Traffic Written Warnings:	8
Vehicle Checks:	99	LCA:	2
Foot Patrol Hours:	5 h 47 m	Bike Patrol Hours:	0

Quarterly Stats 2020

1st Qtr = January 1st - March 31st								3rd Qtr = July 1st - September 30th 4th Qtr = October 1st - December 31st			
2nd Qtr = April 1st - June 30th											
Offence Category	2020 1st Qtr	2019 1st Qtr	2020 2nd Qtr	2019 2nd Qtr	2020 3rd Qtr	2019 3rd Qtr	2020 4th Qtr	2019 4th Qtr	2020 Comparison 4th period ending	2019 Comparison 4th period ending	%
Assault	21	33	54	51	58	59	45	52	178	195	-8.7%
Break & Enter - Business	4	1	2	1	4	2	6	0	16	4	300.0%
Break & Enter - Residence	12	8	11	19	12	46	21	23	56	96	-41.7%
Domestic Incident	48	42	77	50	63	68	50	61	238	221	7.7%
Impaired Driving	12	14	9	15	23	19	20	11	64	59	8.5%
Liquor Act Offences	3	11	8	16	6	16	9	8	26	51	-49.0%
Other Criminal Code	100	89	123	120	157	118	122	115	502	442	13.6%
Possession of Stolen Prop.	9	0	3	1	3	2	5	9	20	12	66.7%
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	-100.0%
Sexual Assault	0	6	1	2	5	4	4	3	10	15	-33.3%
Spousal Partner Abuse	2	7	6	10	12	14	5	5	25	36	-30.6%
Theft	54	38	33	62	72	101	60	61	219	262	-16.4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	1	3	3	5	4	5	2	14	10	40.0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	20	7	13	13	11	16	4	17	48	53	-9.4%
MVA SOT's	70	151	30	131	43	120	41	58	184	460	-60.0%
LCA SOT's	2	9	4	9	8	16	6	8	20	42	-52.4%
Traffic Warning Issued	65	214	13	193	23	150	24	67	125	624	-80.0%
Vandalism (Mischief)	0	7	3	7	7	20	1	7	11	41	-73.2%
Occurrences	1157	1194	1332	1438	1647	1795	1665	1414	5801	5841	-0.7%
Vehicle Checks	342.5	690	198	545	196	506	189	330	925.5	2071	-55.3%
Foot Patrol Hours	131h 35m	205h 11m	17h 26m	305h 26m	21h 10m	145h 30m	21h 25m	111h 26m	191h 36m	767h 33m	-75.1%
Bike Patrol Hours	0	0	0	1h 30m	0	0		0	0	0	

Red indicates a decrease
Blue indicates an increase

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