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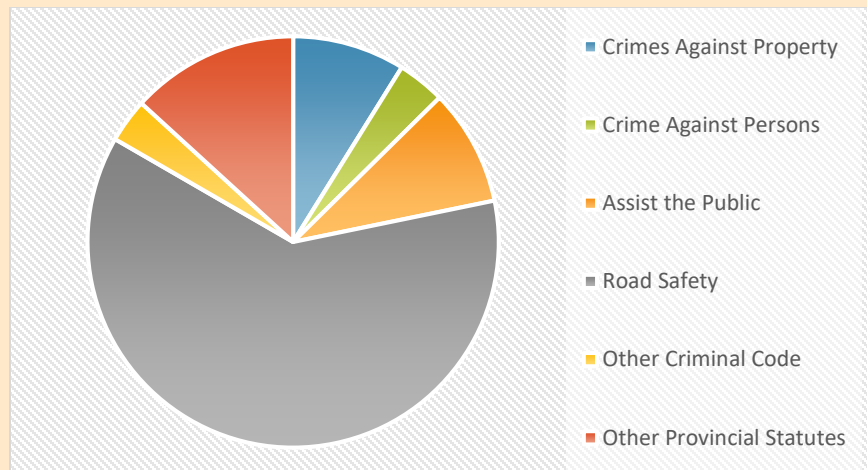
PICTOU COUNTY DISTRICT RCMP-GRC

June 2022



The Month in Review

Pictou County District RCMP responded to 578 calls for service during the month of June 2022. Below is a chart showing the nature of those calls:



****Some calls of a sensitive nature are not included in the above chart***



On June 3rd Pictou County District RCMP were dispatched to an altercation on a roadway in Pictou Town between a pedestrian and a vehicle driver. The 56 year old pedestrian died at the scene after being struck by a pick up truck. 40 year old Vernon Edward Gallant of Pictou was charged with second degree murder and was remanded into custody. He will appear in Pictou Provincial Court on July 14th.

RCMP continued with attempts to locate missing person Chrissy Power throughout the month. The investigation has been turned over to Saint John Police Force in New Brunswick.



On June 17th, Pictou County District RCMP conducted a crime reduction/road safety initiative "Don't Fear the Night". Two teams of RCMP gathered information on areas of repeated calls for service, outstanding arrest warrants, prolific offenders and those under judicial conditions. The teams accomplished the following results:

- 11 Provincial Statute Tickets
- 19 Warnings
- 8 Vehicle Defect Notices
- 12 Checkstops
- 3 vehicles towed
- Large quantity of alcohol seized
- 1 arrest warrant executed, resulting in remand, 2 others arrested and released with court date.
- 4 judicial release conditions checked, resulting in 1 charge of breach.



RCMP Marine Security Operations Centre (MSOC) vessel stopped by Caribou Ferry Terminal while on patrol. MSOC provides Canada with marine security and identifies potential threats to the security and safety of Canada.

On June 21, Herbert Allison Best was charged with two counts of sexual assault on a youth. He was released on conditions not to frequent locations where people under the age of 18 are known to frequent, unless in the immediate and continuous presence of a responsible adult over 25. Best will appear in Pictou Provincial Court on August 3 at 9:30 AM.

Pictou District RCMP hosted an Advanced Water Training certification course for RCMP in the North East District of Nova Scotia. Six newly trained RCMP members will be on the water this season patrolling Pictou Harbour and the Northumberland Strait.



Safe Roadways

Pictou County District RCMP completed eighteen check stops throughout the month in the following areas: Westville Road, Thorburn, Lower Barney's River, Merigomish, River John, Pictou Town, Pictou Landing, Granton Abercrombie, Little Harbour, Alma, Priestville, Garden of Eden, Pine Tree and Seafoam.

On June 11th, a 28 year old male was arrested for care or control of a conveyance while impaired by alcohol in Merigomish. Being in care or control of a conveyance means the person has voluntarily assumed care of control over a motor vehicle; Meaning they are either in control of the vehicle, or they could set the vehicle in motion.

RCMP were dispatched to highway 104 in Sutherlands River on June 18th for a traffic hazard of animals on the road. Cst. Josh Penton let this guy go with a stern warning to stop horsing around on the highway and released him to his parents.



A 19 year old woman was charged with impaired operation of a conveyance on June 23rd. Officers responded to a complaint of a vehicle hitting the shoulder of the road and then crossing over the opposing lane of traffic and resting in the ditch along highway 104 in Marshy Hope. The driver will appear in court on August 29th.

On June 26th Pictou RCMP were dispatched to a collision on West River Road in Pictou Town where a car struck a telephone pole. The investigation revealed that the 54 year old male driver was impaired at the time of the crash. He will appear in court on September 12th to face charges of impaired operation of a conveyance.

In Our Community

On June 9th, Cst. Gagnon visited Salt springs Elementary. He met with four classes from Grade P-5 at the school. Topics discussed included inclusion, being respectful to others, and finding a trusted adult when needed.



On June 10th, Cpl. Natasha Farrell and Cst. Dave Gagnon attended Northumberland Regional High School for 'Take it Outside'. Cpl. Farrell had her face painted to celebrate PRIDE month, while School Liaison Officer, Cst. Gagnon, got to know the new 'kid' at school.



RCMP members attended the annual "Walk to Remember" along the Jitney Trail on June 12th to raise awareness of mental health.

Cst. Murnaghan visited Primary students before they make the journey to grade 1. Students had a tour of the police cruiser. Cst. Murnaghan brought some stickers and tattoos to hand out to his new friends.





Cpl. Sally Rice had some encouraging words for runners participating in the Johnny Miles race on June 19th.



S/Sgt. Addie MacCallum & Cst. Dave Gagnon are shown laying stone in Pictou Landing First Nation. Pictou District RCMP members fundraised internally to purchase a gift for the community as a sign of Peace and Friendship between the RCMP and the community of Pictou Landing First Nation.

The RCMP members were under the skilled supervision of Tuppers Trucking and Shaw Brick during the project, who donated their time and equipment to help see this project through.



Cpl. Farrell, in partnership with EHS and local Fire Departments, took part in a mock collision scenario at Northumberland Regional High School in Alma as part of a Safe Grad initiative. The graduating class watched the scenario unfold with their classmates as the actors.

Meet Your Mounties



NAME: [Caio Fucsek](#) **RANK:** [Constable](#)

YEARS OF SERVICE: [2 months](#)

WHAT PROVINCES HAVE YOU WORKED IN? [Nova Scotia is my first post.](#)

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIALIZED SKILL? [I speak Spanish and Portuguese.](#)

DESCRIBE YOUR JOB: [I am a General Duty Police Officer. I protect the public, detect and prevent crime and perform other activities directed at maintaining law and order.](#)

WHAT ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM WORKING IN PICTOU COUNTY SO FAR? [The scenery and being near the ocean.](#)

WHEN YOU ARE NOT WORKING, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? [I go to the gym, play soccer and enjoy camping.](#)



Did You Know?

Early history of Mounties on horseback

From its inception in 1873, the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) relied on skilled riders to carry out police duties across the Prairies. Patrolling the vast and sparsely inhabited area, NWMP members were frequently the only government officials new settlers would encounter and were essential to preventing prairie fires. To break the monotony of endless riding drills, members of the Force commonly competed amongst themselves and performed tricks on horseback. In 1876, some of these tricks and exercises were performed at Fort Macleod, Alberta. This is believed to be the first public performance of what would eventually evolve into the Musical Ride.

Later that year, the Riding School at Depot burned down, and by the time it was rebuilt, key personnel needed to organize the Ride had been transferred or had left the Force. There is no record of another Musical Ride until 1901.

In 1901, the Ride performed in Brandon, Manitoba and Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan. After this time, Rides were performed occasionally at agricultural exhibitions, fairs and horse shows. On July 28, 1908, a Musical Ride was performed in Quebec City as part of that municipality's 300th anniversary celebrations. The Prince of Wales attended, becoming the first member of the Royal Family to witness the Ride. This was also the first time a Musical Ride was performed outside of Western Canada. Musical Rides continued to be performed for the public until the start of the First World War in 1914.



The Musical Ride performs in up to 50 communities across Canada each year between the months of May and October. It travels to each province once every 4 years to ensure as many Canadians possible can experience this spectacle.

Cst. Heidi Stevenson (in photo) was a member of the Musical Ride.

This summer the Musical Ride is coming to the Maritimes. If you would like to see the musical ride in person, the following dates have been scheduled for Nova Scotia:

Bridgewater	July 20 to 21
Lawrencetown	July 23 to 24
Antigonish	July 27 to 28
Oxford	August 11 to 12

Additional Canadian dates can be found at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride