

Police Advisory Board

Meeting Notes:

- The Police Advisory Board met on September 27th with Corporal Jeff LeBlanc.
- The Board continues to await news from the Province of NS on its recommendation to appoint John Chant as the Minister’s appointee to the Board.
- 1 new member at the Meteghan Detachment (“Bob”).
- Corporal LeBlanc presented a report summarizing several activities and statistics from April 1, 2021, to September 1, 2021, including (but not limited to):

Road Safety

○ Speeding	162
○ Checkpoints Conducted	85
○ Number of Vehicles Checked	1,608

Crime

○ Assault	31
○ Harassment	10
○ Uttering Threats	20
○ Theft	34
○ Break and Enter	15
○ Wellbeing Checks	16
○ Mental Health Act	27

- On June 24th, police executed a search warrant at a home in Maxwellton in relation to a drug trafficking investigation. Police searched the home and found a loaded handgun, numerous rifles, ammunition, drug paraphernalia and cash. A 44-year-old man was arrested at the scene without incident and later released on conditions.

- In July, a six-month long joint drug trafficking investigation conducted by RCMP members from the Shelburne, Yarmouth, and Meteghan Detachments resulted in the arrest of eight people for drug trafficking offences. One person from Church Point was charged with two counts of trafficking cocaine.
- As for the ongoing lobster dispute, RCMP continue to focus on public order and safety. Planning regarding a potential response is ongoing. Members continue to monitor social media, liaise regularly with DFO, and engage in dialogue with both commercial and indigenous fishers.
- Despite ongoing efforts, the use of ATVs (i.e., 4-wheelers) remains an issue. Liability is a concern as well as the safety on all involved. A quick overview of the Off-Highway Vehicle Act was provided to the Board.
- The process for dealing with complaints was discussed. Corporal LeBlanc stated that complaints should never simply be dismissed and members of the public wishing to report a complaint should ask to speak with a member.
- A question was asked about standard response times for non-urgent calls. Corporal LeBlanc indicated there is no standard per say as response times will vary based on circumstances, location, timing, and availability of resources.