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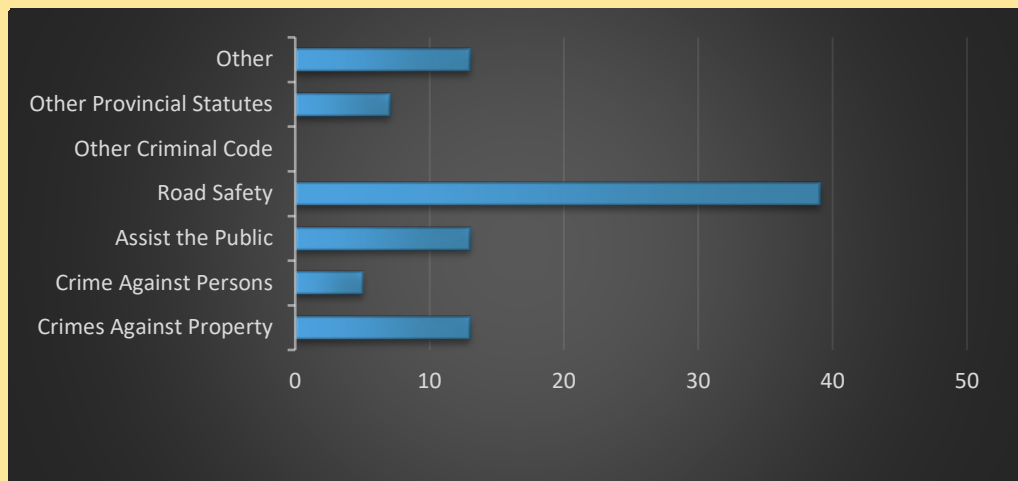
February 2026



Photo from the Black Cultural Centre in Cherry Brook, NS.

The Month in Review

Guysborough County District RCMP responded to 90 calls for service during the month of February 2026. Below is a chart showing the nature of those calls:



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

News Stories

On February 13, Guysborough County District RCMP, with assistance from Antigonish County District RCMP & the Antigonish-Guysborough Street Crime Enforcement Unit, conducted a targeted traffic stop on a vehicle in Antigonish County. The initiative was part of an ongoing drug trafficking investigation, & the vehicle was believed to be returning to Canso from Ontario when it was stopped.

Officers safely arrested a man and a woman & seized a quantity of shatter, psilocybin, hashish, cannabis & cash, approximately 175,000 unstamped cigarettes, & 18 bottles of alcohol. A 61-year-old woman & 60-year-old man, both of Hazel Hill, were released on conditions & are scheduled to appear in Antigonish Provincial Court on May 27. The pair will face multiple charges for the illegal sale of cannabis and tobacco products.



On February 16th, a vehicle was reported stolen from Guysborough & later connected to a theft of a travel trailer in Colchester County the following day. On February 18th, Pictou District RCMP recovered the stolen vehicle and arrested a Pictou County man & women. Arthur William Cross & Emily Rae have been charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime valued at over \$5000, & Possession of Break & Enter Tools. The pair been remanded into custody and will appear in Pictou Provincial Court at a later date.

Serving Our Community



On February 26, the Nova Scotia RCMP and the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia (BCCNS) announced a new, dedicated space for African Canadian Experience (ACE) Workshop programming as part of BCCNS's Capital expansion.

Established in 1983, the BCCNS is the first and largest museum dedicated to Black History and the African Nova Scotian legacy in Canada.

All Guysborough District RCMP employees attend the ACE Workshop and learn about an important part of Nova Scotia's and Canada's diverse history.

The RCMP's ACE Workshop was created in 2018 by five employees of Nova Scotia RCMP.

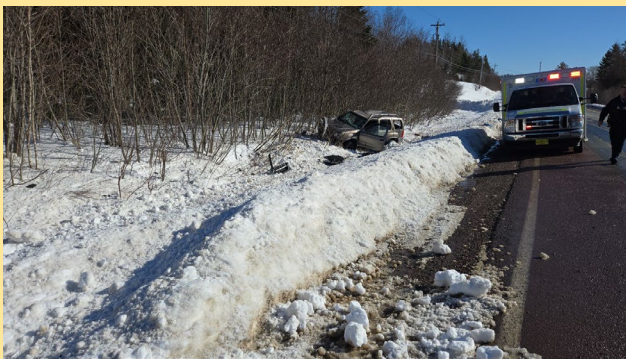
The ACE Workshop helps the RCMP and partner agencies deepen awareness of African-Canadian history and lived experiences. It seeks to "raise awareness about diversity in the workplace and equips individual employees with the knowledge and skills needed to proactively and effectively support a workplace that is inclusive, diverse, free of discrimination and Anti-Black Racism. The workshop also assists those in understanding obstacles and negative circumstances faced by those in the African-Canadian Community."

Now, with a permanent home for this work, its impact can grow even further. The dedicated space reflects a long-term commitment by the RCMP to cultural understanding, community connection, and meaningful education.

Road Safety

On February 9th, Guysborough District RCMP responded to a complaint of a suspected impaired driver in Drum Head. A community member took the vehicle keys from the impaired person in an attempt to stop them from driving. Despite this, the driver, started his truck and drove away. RCMP located the truck on Highway 316. The driver was given a roadside breath demand, to which he failed. The 43-year-old man was transported to the RCMP detachment where it was determined his blood alcohol level was over the legal limit. The man will appear in Antigonish Provincial Court on March 4th to enter a plea.

On February 20th, Guysborough District RCMP responded to a single vehicle collision on Highway 7 in Aspen. Eyewitnesses to the collision stated the vehicle was travelling at a high rate of speed and toward oncoming traffic prior to it leaving the road and flipping before coming to a stop. The 48-year-old female driver was showing signs of impairment. She was transported to hospital, where RCMP continued their investigation of impaired operation of a conveyance. The investigation is on-going.



Recognizing impaired driving. Common signs include:

- Swerving or drifting between lanes
- Tailgating or driving too closely to other vehicles
- Erratic braking or sudden stops
- Ignoring traffic signals or signs

If you suspect an impaired driver:

- Keep your distance
- Take note of vehicle make, model, color & license plate
- Pull over to a safe location
- Call the police

Seven check stops were completed during the month in the communities of Guysborough, Larry's River, Sherbrooke, Spanish Ship Bay and Canso.

Thirteen drivers were charged during the month of February for driving above the posted speed limit.

In Nova Scotia, speeding fines are as follows:

- **First Offense:** \$237.50 for driving 1 km/hr - 15 km/hr over the posted speed limit.
- **Second Offense:** \$295 for driving 16 km/hr - 30 km/hr over the posted speed limit.
- **Third Offense:** \$410 for driving 31 km/hr - 49 km/hr over the posted speed limit.

Points on Record: Three points will be added for the first offense, and four points for subsequent offenses.

In Our Community

Guysborough District RCMP members attended the Special Council meeting and Flag raising for African Heritage Month, followed by a ceremony at the CLC.

In attendance for the RCMP were Chaplain Heather Manuel, Sgt. Natasha Farrell, Cst. Garfield Levy, Insp. Ken Walcott



Cst. Garfield Levy, Rosie, and Insp. Ken Walcott after the Special Council Meeting & Flag Raising for African Heritage month.



Cst. Hudak spent some time at the CLC during the Family Day Skate.



RCMP employees donned their ceremonial dress for the African Heritage Gala held at the CLC. In attendance was Cst. Noah Nudo, Supt. Mike Ingles, Chaplain Heather Manuel, Insp. Ken Walcott, Cst. Garfield Levy.

Sherbrooke RCMP attended the Heart and Stroke Luncheon at the Lion's Club. They are seen here with CAO & St. Mary's District Councillor's



DID YOU KNOW?

As part of ongoing efforts to modernize the RCMP uniform, the RCMP is starting to roll out new navy-blue uniform shirts on a province-by-province basis.

Starting in March 2026, frontline RCMP officers in Guysborough District will begin to wear their new navy-blue uniform shirts. Over the next 18 months, the uniform shirts will become available to officers in other provinces as part of the scheduled rollout.

Members of the public should note that RCMP officers may still wear the previous grey uniform shirts for the foreseeable future, meaning they can be seen wearing either the grey or blue shirts on duty.

The RCMP understands that seeing a new uniform colour may cause confusion. The RCMP also understands that there have been recent incidents of individuals impersonating police. If you have any concerns about the identity of the police officer you are interacting with, you can ask the officer for identification.

You can also contact your local detachment's non-emergency line or Operational Communication Centre to determine if there is a police officer at your location.

New uniform shirts will look like the photos below.

