

Barrington RCMP Detachment Advisory Board Report

Second Quarter Report

July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026

From the Cruiser

"From the Cruiser" is an initiative designed to keep residents informed of policing activities within their community. Residents are reminded to contact the RCMP if they have a crime to report or if they have questions related to policing in their area.

The Barrington RCMP Detachment is currently fully staffed, with all positions filled.

Across Western Shelburne County, there were **405 calls for service during the second quarter of 2026**, compared to **670 calls for service during the same period in 2025**, representing a significant decrease in overall police calls for service.

Calls for Service by Crime Type

Barrington Detachment Area

(July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026)

Crime Type	2026	2025	Change
Assault	15	15	No Change
Harassment/Threats	14	7	↑ 7
Sexual Assault	3	0	↑ 3
Break and Enter	4	2	↑ 2
Fraud	4	3	↑ 1
Mischief	18	17	↑ 1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	2	↑ 1
Theft Over \$5,000	1	1	No Change
Theft Under \$5,000	8	5	↑ 3

Assistance/911	12	40	↓ 28
Mental Health	25	32	↓ 7
Wellbeing Checks	26	18	↑ 8
Sudden Deaths	6	3	↑ 3

Note: Details regarding certain calls for service cannot be included in this report due to privacy considerations and the need to protect the integrity of ongoing investigations. The following narrative highlights crime trends and public safety issues within the Municipality of Barrington.

Crime Overview

Assaults

A total of **15 assaults** were reported during the quarter, consistent with the same period last year. Five (5) investigations resulted in criminal charges.

Domestic violence continues to be a concern within our communities. Female spouses and intimate partners remain among the highest-risk groups for victimization. Statistics Canada indicates that approximately two out of every five women will experience intimate partner violence during their lifetime.

If you require assistance or support, please contact:

Nova Scotia Domestic Violence Support Line 1-855-225-0220

Shelter Safe www.sheltersafe.ca

If you are in immediate danger, call **911**.

Break and Enter

There were **four (4) break and enter complaints** reported during the quarter. All files were investigated and several have since been closed. While suspects were identified in some cases, there was insufficient evidence to support criminal charges at this time.

Residents are encouraged to secure their homes, garages, sheds, and businesses and to report suspicious activity immediately.

Harassment and Threats

There were **14 reports of harassment and threats** during the quarter, an increase from seven (7) during the same period last year.

Many harassment investigations involve the use of social media platforms and electronic communications. Residents are reminded to exercise caution when communicating online.

Parents are encouraged to monitor their children's use of smartphones, social media, and internet-enabled devices to help prevent cyberbullying, threats, harassment, and online exploitation.

For additional resources, please visit:

- **MediaSmarts** – Canada's Centre for Digital Media Literacy
www.mediasmarts.ca
- **CyberScan Program** – Province of Nova Scotia
www.novascotia.ca

Sexual Assaults

Three (3) sexual assaults were reported during the quarter.

One investigation was concluded after the victim chose not to proceed. The remaining investigations were completed in accordance with the evidence available and applicable legal standards.

The RCMP remains committed to supporting victims throughout the investigative process and ensuring access to appropriate victim services.

Mental Health Act Calls

Police responded to **25 mental health-related calls for service** during the reporting period. Officers provided assistance and support to individuals experiencing mental health crises. These incidents were generally non-criminal in nature.

Available Mental Health Resources

Services available through Nova Scotia Mental Health and Addictions include:

- Community Support Services for Children and Adolescents
- Opioid Recovery Program
- Community Support Services for Adults
- Adult Community Mental Health and Addiction Services

For assistance:

Phone: 1-855-922-1122

Website:

www.mha.nshealth.ca/en/clinics/roseway-hospital

Thefts

A total of **nine (9) theft occurrences** were reported during the quarter, including thefts over and under \$5,000.

Two thefts involved local businesses. In two investigations, complainants elected not to proceed with criminal charges following police investigation.

Residents are encouraged to secure valuables and promptly report thefts to police.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

Three (3) vehicle thefts were reported during the reporting period.

One vehicle remains unrecovered. Another investigation was determined to be unfounded after police investigation.

Vehicle security remains an important component of crime prevention throughout Shelburne County.

Wellbeing Checks

Officers conducted **26 wellbeing checks** during the quarter and provided assistance to residents where concerns for health, safety, or welfare had been identified.

Mischief

There were **18 reports of mischief** during the quarter.

The majority involved minor property damage or disputes relating to personal property. All complaints were investigated.

Suspicious Persons and Vehicles

Police responded to **19 reports of suspicious persons or vehicles**.

All complaints were thoroughly investigated, and each was determined to have a legitimate explanation with no criminal activity identified.

The RCMP continues to encourage residents to report suspicious activity, as community reporting remains an essential component of crime prevention.

Sudden Death Investigations

Six (6) sudden deaths were reported during the quarter.

All incidents were investigated in consultation with the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service. No criminal involvement was identified.

Traffic Enforcement and Road Safety

Traffic safety continues to be one of the greatest public safety concerns facing residents throughout Shelburne County.

Of the **405 calls for service received during the quarter, approximately 57% were related to traffic complaints, enforcement activities, and motor vehicle incidents**.

The Shelburne District RCMP continues to increase both traffic enforcement and public education initiatives aimed at improving roadway safety.

Traffic Enforcement Activity

During the second quarter, officers responded to **231 traffic-related complaints and enforcement occurrences**, resulting in:

- **99 Summary Offence Tickets (SOTs)**
- **132 Warnings Issued**

- **2 Roadside Suspensions**
- **1 Impaired Driver Charged**

Residents are reminded that safe driving habits help reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities on our roadways.

Vehicle Security

As a reminder for all residents:

- Lock your vehicle whenever it is unattended.
 - Do not leave your vehicle running while conducting errands.
 - Never leave your keys inside your vehicle overnight.
 - Park in well-lit areas whenever possible.
 - Remove valuables from sight or secure them in the trunk.
 - Do not hide spare keys inside the vehicle.
 - Utilize factory-installed vehicle alarm systems.
 - Consider GPS tracking devices or AirTags for added security.
 - The longer it takes to steal a vehicle, the less attractive it becomes to offenders.
 - Report vehicle thefts immediately by calling 911.
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Home and Property Security

Residents can help protect their property by:

- Installing quality outdoor lighting.
- Locking doors and windows when away from home.
- Using deadbolt locks and strong locking systems.
- Considering keypad or smart-lock technology.
- Installing alarm systems and surveillance cameras.
- Using trail cameras around rural properties.

- Posting signage indicating cameras or alarms are present.
 - Maintaining records of valuables and serial numbers.
 - Securing garages, sheds, and outbuildings with proper locks.
 - Using tracking devices for ATVs, trailers, and equipment.
 - Utilizing timers for lights when away from home.
 - Having trusted individuals monitor property during extended absences.
 - Avoiding social media posts that advertise vacations or reveal security vulnerabilities.
 - Contacting the RCMP immediately following any theft or break and enter and avoiding disturbance of potential evidence.
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Illicit Drug Activity

The Shelburne District RCMP continues to investigate illicit drug activity throughout the region.

Residents of the Municipality of Barrington are encouraged to report suspected drug activity, suspicious behaviour, or any criminal activity to the RCMP. Callers may remain anonymous if they choose.

The Southwest Nova Street Crime Enforcement Team remains committed to disrupting the trafficking and distribution of illicit drugs throughout Southwestern Nova Scotia.

Persons Wanted on Active Warrants

Currently, the Shelburne/Barrington RCMP have **12 active arrest warrants** issued by the Nova Scotia Provincial Court for various individuals.

Anyone with information regarding persons wanted on outstanding warrants is encouraged to contact their local RCMP detachment or Crime Stoppers.

Closing Remarks

The RCMP remains committed to serving the residents of Shelburne County and strengthening community partnerships that contribute to public safety and community well-being.

Staff Sergeant Jeff LeBlanc encourages residents to reach out with concerns, suggestions, or ideas regarding new community policing partnerships and initiatives.

Thank you.

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Conclusion

The second quarter of 2026 saw an overall reduction in calls for service across Western Shelburne County compared to the same reporting period in 2025. While decreases were observed in several categories, increases in harassment complaints, vehicle thefts, sexual assaults, break and enters, and wellbeing checks reinforce the need for continued prevention efforts, community awareness, and proactive policing.

The Barrington RCMP Detachment remains committed to working collaboratively with residents, municipal partners, and community organizations to ensure Barrington and the surrounding communities remain safe places to live, work, and visit.