

Traffic Stops Lead to Cocaine and Tobacco Seizures

Two traffic stops in Colchester County have led to the seizure of cocaine and unstamped tobacco. On May 26, 2023, at approximately 5:30 a.m., a member of RCMP Northwest Traffic Services was conducting speeding enforcement near the Cobequid Pass Toll Booth when they observed a vehicle travelling at 120km/hr in an 80km/hr zone. A traffic stop was initiated and the officer observed that the driver was displaying signs of impairment. The driver, a 52-year-old Bedford man, was arrested for impaired operation and a search of the vehicle was conducted incidental to arrest. During the search, officers noted what appeared to be cocaine inside of two duffel bags that were in the footwells behind the passenger and driver's seats. Both bags had been within reach of the driver.

The man was transported to the Bible Hill Detachment and a search warrant was subsequently executed on his vehicle. During the search, officers located and seized 40kg of cocaine.

The man submitted to a Standardized Field Sobriety Test which he passed and he was later released on an Appearance Notice. He

will be facing a charge of Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking and will appear in Truro Provincial Court at a later date. The man was also issued a Summary Offence Ticket for speeding which carries a fine of \$237.50.

On May 27, at approximately 10:30 a.m., members of the Cumberland County District RCMP and Colchester County District RCMP responded to an impaired driving complaint on Hwy. 104. The vehicle was located at the Hwy. 104 and Hwy. 102 interchange and a traffic stop was initiated. Officers noted that the driver, a 66-year-old Ontario man, was displaying signs of impairment. The man provided a sample of breath into an Approved Screening Device which resulted in a 0mg% result, indicating that he did not have alcohol in his system. As the impaired driving investigation continued, officers located unmarked prescription medication on the man and unstamped tobacco was observed in his vehicle. He was arrested and his vehicle was seized.

EHS was contacted to ensure that the man was not experiencing a medical event and, once cleared by paramedics, he was transported to the Bible Hill Detachment.

A search warrant was executed on the vehicle, a Ford Econoline, and officers located over 643,000 unstamped cigarettes. The man also submitted to a Standardized Field Sobriety Test, which he failed and a subsequent Drug Recognition Examination, which he also failed, indicating that he was impaired by a drug.

He was later released from custody and will be facing charges of Impaired Operation of a Conveyance and Illegal Possession of Tobacco Products and Raw Leaf Tobacco. He will appear in Truro Provincial Court at a later date. Below are photos of the seized cocaine and seized tobacco.



The May 1 funding presentation at the Masconic Lodge Hall, Bible Hill to Colchester East Hants Hospice Society of Truro, N.S., The Colchester East Hants Health Center Foundation & the Cobequid Special Olympics included (L-R) Front Row: Stacey Harrison, C.E.O. Hospice Society; Sharon Crowe, C.E.O. Hospital Foundation; Leo Sheepwash, Coach Cobequid Special Olympics; Special Olympian, Virginia. Back row (L-R): Gary Bishop, Member of Truro 43; Terry Freeland, Coach, Cobequid Special Olympics; Special Olympian, Jacob; Special Olympian, Doug; George O'Leary, Master of Truro 43 and Barry Stone, Past Master of Truro 43. (Contributed)

By Gary Bishop

Truro Masonic Lodge # 43 & the Nova Scotia Masonic Foundation were able to provide funding to the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society of Truro, N.S., The Colchester East Hants Health Center Foundation & the Cobequid Special Olympics at the Masonic Lodge hall located in Bible Hill, N.S. on 1 May 2023.

The monies to be used for: Patient comforts on the Palliative floor of the Hospital, via the Hospice Society. To secure detection equipment for the treatment of Covid via the Hospital Foundation & to help the Special Olympians to participate in sport events via the Cobequid Special Olympics.



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Preserving Military History Since 1997

By Annette Sharpe, Volunteer

The Debert Military History Society (DMHS) began in November 1997 when a small group of concerned citizens felt it was important to preserve the military history of the former Camp Debert. It also set out to restore the former Canadian Forces Station Debert Military Museum which closed in 1996 when the military pulled out and turned the base over to provincial government.

Built in the 1939-1940 era, Debert was a staging area for the estimated 30,000 soldiers being shipped overseas to fight for our freedom in World War II. For many of them, Debert was the last Canadian base they would see. Many stories and poems (some not too flattering) were written about Debert at the time. Many of them are preserved for your viewing.

DMHS was incorporated as a registered charitable not-for-profit organization in March 1998 and planning for the museum got underway. On June 1, 1998 a lease was signed with the Colchester Park Development Society for the use of Bldg. #213, a wartime H-Hut, only one of 10 left in Canada, which has been continually upgraded and open during the summer months and Nov. 11. Fundraising is our prime source of revenue and upkeep of the museum the biggest challenge with 2022 bringing in a new roof, new doors and exterior painting ongoing.

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