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Weather



TODAY:
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 14



TUESDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 22
LOW OF 10



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 25
LOW OF 12



THURSDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 25
LOW OF 12



FRIDAY:
60 PER CENT
CHANCE OF
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 28
LOW OF 17

Potton welcomes participants from the Sûreté du Québec summer cadet program



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

The Sûreté du Québec cadet program is back in various districts of the MRC Memphremagog this summer and they have hired over 200 cadets for a period of 10 weeks from May 30 to Aug. 7, 2022 with a possible extension to Sept. 30 for certain areas. The cadets selected in 2022 are students or graduates in police techniques.

This summer program is an opportunity for the cadets to gain community experience. Potton is part of the area being covered on both sides of Lake Memphremagog which excludes the areas where the Memphremagog Police offer regular surveillance (Magog, Austin, Orford and St. Catherine de Hatley). The cadets assigned in our area are Mégan Destremps from Sherbrooke who is in her second summer here and Alexandre Ouellet originally from St. Bruno who is in his first summer in the Memphremagog area having done his first two summers in the MRC des Sources.

The two are based at the station in Memphremagog and depart from there every morning to go to the region they are serving for the day. The hope of the program is to help the students to gain experience in communities;



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contact with residents, approaching individuals and groups and building a link between of trust and dialogue between the SQ and the communities served.

Mégan is about to enter her third year at the Cegep de Sherbrooke in Police Technologies. She is a young woman with a deep love for the area she grew up in and as an avid swimmer, she especially loves the region where there is so much access to the water.

"I do love being in the region and could see myself working here in the future," said Megan. "I do however realize that in the profession I am choosing as a police officer, I can be required to go to a variety of regions and I am up for the challenge in whatever the future brings."

Alexandre is a nineteen-year-old young man who recently graduated from College de Maisonneuve in Police Techniques. He now awaits his call to attend the "École nationale de police du

Québec." a training academy for police officers in the Canadian province of Quebec. The academy, located in the city of Nicolet, replaced the Institute de police du Québec in 2000.

"I really enjoy the opportunity to discover the different communities in one of the most beautiful places in the world," said Alexandre. "I also enjoy the different people I am meeting and exchanging with."

The two were quick to share their desire to learn a second language and the opportunity to improve their ability to communicate with more people. They noted that most of the communities they are working in are very bilingual.

During our interview I was quick to note the positive attitude, inviting smiles, ease of expression and pride in their chosen field of these two bright young people. If they represent the face of our future public safety, we are in good hands.



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