

Information Report to the Board from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police

Info Item 4

Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting -- September 18, 2017

Personnel

- Human Resources (HR) completed a competition for the rank of Sergeant.
- There was one new hire of a civilian employee, one HR co-op student.
- There were two retirements, one civilian employee and one Constable.

HRP Staffing Levels

- Central Division has 118 members and one vacancy.
- West Division has 93 members and one vacancy.
- East Division has 104 members and three vacancies.
- Criminal Investigation Division has 136 members and one vacancy.
- Administration Division has 155 members and four vacancies.

Training

- HRP is currently conducting annual firearms recertification training from September 6 to October 27. This year's theme is "Cars and Cover."
- In October, HRP has scheduled Fair and Impartial Policing training with all senior managers required to attend a one-day session. There will also be a Train-the-Trainer component so that all officers receive this training during Block Training in 2018.

Operations

Notable Investigations

- **Homicide**

Investigators with the Special Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division arrested a third person in relation to the homicide of Nadia Gonzales. Officers identified a third suspect who has been charged with one count of first degree murder.

- **Aggravated Assault**

On July 20 police responded to an injured person call in Halifax. The 51-year-old victim was transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries and later died. Investigators with the Special Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division continue to investigate this matter.

- **Home Invasion**

On September 6 patrol officers arrested a 22-year-old Halifax man in relation to a break and enter and assault in Dartmouth. The man was later released without charges and the investigation is ongoing.



- **Theft**

After a hit and run in Halifax, which resulted in a search warrant being issued, a man and woman have been charged with numerous theft-related charges. When searching the residence, officers observed a large quantity of construction tools that were linked to multiple thefts from construction sites. Police identified the owners and returned the items.

- **Criminal Negligence**

Police responded to a parkade on University Avenue for a report of a toddler locked in an unattended vehicle on August 18. The officers couldn't locate any adults in the immediate area and determined the child was in distress. Officers broke a vehicle window to remove the child, who was checked and medically cleared by paramedics. Police arrested a 44-year-old Bedford man without incident on August 26.

Crime Trends

- **Street-Level Robberies:** Three street-level robberies noted in East Division from August 1 to September 11, 2017. They do not appear to be connected to one another but extra patrols have been requested to prevent future incidents.
- **East Division Comstat:** All Comstat-related offences in East Division decreased during the past Comstat period by 60 incidents. Notably thefts from motor vehicles decreased by 59.46 per cent, break and enters decreased by 27.78 per cent, robberies decreased by 66.67 per cent and weapons related offences decreased by 62.50 per cent.

Outreach Initiatives and Projects

- HRP implemented a Back to School Safety campaign the first week of September which included #backtoschoolsafety tips shared on social media networks.
- Operation Fall-Back was launched September 1, as university students headed back to class. The campaign, now in its 13th year, was created in response to concerns raised by citizens. It aims to reduce noise complaints, property damage and public intoxication in the south end of Halifax.
- Community connections were shared on social media including photos of Cst. Shawn Currie 'patrolling' with the Halifax boy who, in 2015, he issued a 'parking ticket' and Cst. Jason Wilson who took part in Police Officer Storytime at Bedford Public Library.
- Members of the Community Relations and Crime Prevention Unit participated in numerous community events including the Mayor's Welcome Party for International Students and Stand Up Against Bullying Day.

Public Relations and Communications

- The PR Unit distributed a media release and responded to traditional and social media queries for the Criminal Record Check reimbursement. An email was also established so contacted individuals with questions could connect with HRP.

Audits

- No new information to report.



Buildings

- No new information to report.

Policies

- Drugs and Report to Justice and Detention Order are in their final stages.
- Upcoming policies remain the same as previously reported.
- The Reconciliation Team expects to complete the work of the Drug Exhibit Audit by December 31, 2017.

Police Diversity Advisory Committee

- Constable Amit Parasram is coordinating the inaugural meeting for September 21, 2017.
- The committee is looking to identify a youth member.

