

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

Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting – November 20, 2017

Personnel

- There were two new civilian hires: Wellness Program Specialist and Crossing Guard Supervisor (90-day term).
- There were two civilian employees resignations.
- There were three sworn members who retired.

Training

- HRP Training Division is currently conducting annual C-8 firearms recertification training.
- 2018 Block Training is now being developed:
 - Rapid Deployment will be mandatory in 2018, and will be a full-day training. It is currently being developed.
 - The second day will be Fair and Impartial Policing.
- A schedule for the class of new lateral hires, which starts November 27, is being created.

Operations

Notable Investigations

- **Robbery**

Officers arrested two men in relation to a robbery that occurred in Dartmouth on October 17. Police charged both men with one count each of robbery and aggravated assault.

- **Attempted Murder**

Investigators in the General Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division have charged a man and a woman in relation to a stabbing that occurred in Dartmouth on October 29.

- **Assault/Weapons**

Investigators with the General Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division charged two men in relation to a weapons call. On November 6, police responded to a Victoria Road address in relation to an assault with a weapon call. The two men, who are known to one another, were both taken into custody. Both men sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Crime Trends:

- **Thefts from motor vehicles:** Since November 3, police received 15 reports of items stolen from inside unattended vehicles in the areas of Clayton Park, Kearney Lake, Bedford and Spryfield. In most cases, thefts occurred in the evening, attractive objects were left in plain sight and vehicles were left unlocked.

Outreach Initiatives and Projects

- The Twitter account maintained by Halifax Regional Police Traffic Unit (@HRPTrafficCop) endeavoured to create more interactions with followers by tweeting sections of the *Motor Vehicle Act* along with the fine amount. For example, license plate legibility and driving with an obstruction on vehicle window.
- On November 7, a media advisory was issued to warn citizens of a rash of thefts from vehicles in the areas of Clayton Park, Kearney Lake, Bedford and Spryfield. The release was shared on HRP's social media channels.

Public Relations and Communications

- PR Unit coordinated with Traffic Unit to produce a short video to share tips on winter road safety. The video was posted to HRP's social media accounts on November 3 in recognition of the provincial road safety theme, Winter Road Safety. The video has been viewed more than 7,000 times on Facebook alone.
- Campaigns for Halloween Safety and National Community Safety and Crime Prevention Month were created and shared with the Community Relations and Crime Prevention Unit for implementation.
- PR Unit did a media release and social media to promote the three HRP officers who received awards at this year's Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement (AWLE) conference.

Audits

- Four staff members from Audits recently completed a week-long auditing course, *Auditing in a Law Enforcement Environment*, which was presented by Jacobsen Consulting Inc. and offered by the Department of Justice.

Buildings

- A draft business case has been completed, which incorporates feedback from the Executive Management Team (EMT). A full EMT presentation of the business case by consultant is scheduled for December 5.

Policies

- Two policies - Drugs and Report to Justice and Detention Orders - are in their final stages.
- Upcoming policies include Search and Strip Search, Use of Force, High Risk Prisoners and Major Crime/Cold Case/Homicide.

Police Diversity Working Group

- The committee met on November 1.
- The committee continues to recruit two youth members, 16 to 25-years-old, to be part of this working group.
- Meeting minutes will be posted to a newly created HRP webpage.
- Next meeting will be held January 10.

