

Estimated Timeline- Follow-up from Drug Exhibit Inventory

Priorities

The team continues to investigate the whereabouts of the identified exhibits in the following order:

- 1) **Cash seizures**
- 2) **Large drug amounts and all Fentanyl seizures**
- 3) **Smaller drug amounts**
- 4) **Other items and paraphernalia**

*Note that no firearms have been identified as unaccounted for.

Staffing

- The Review Team consists of a sergeant, a seconded constable, and one police member on modified duties.

Current Status

Small drug items, paraphernalia and other items: As previously reported, these items have been entered into a spreadsheet and digitally researched. Some of these items were located as they were part of large drug item files or cash files. The majority of these files were not researched with the courts which would have been an insurmountable task due to file volume. This would not have provided any further information to reconcile our RMS. After completing the digital review the team is confident that all items are in keeping with the audit findings, large drug item review, and cash item review.

Members have been working on the cash and large drug discrepancies between evidence and Versadex records. As of December 06, 2017:

- Located items at Supreme court; 8 items of pills totalling 357, 186.93g of marihuana, and 2 items of cocaine totalling 84.7g.
- Completed Burn 4 on December 4, 2017.

The team has completed the 2017 physical inventory using the newly acquired hand-held device in the drug vault (HP3) and money vault (HP4). The new device allowed the team to conduct a proper inventory and an immediate reconciliation of our inventory. The device allowed the team to print and save the digital reports from all items scanned.

The team scanned 4,148 items in the drug vault (HP3) which showed 18 missing items within 3 files. Within one week the team located 17 of the 18 items. 6 items (1 file) were in the Halifax Provincial court, these showed improper movement within the RMS. 11 items (1 file) were improperly tagged, these were physically located and tagged with the investigator. 1 item (1 file) was not located, this item is from a no-

case seizure consisting of 0.50g of hash oil, which the team believes was destroyed but missed during the scan.

The inventory of the money vault showed the team scanned 128 items. All items were accounted for. One tag had to be reprinted and one file needed the property screen updated.

The team will compare the 2016 inventory results with this year's inventory for the January 2018 Board of Police Commissioners meeting. The below statistics show where we started and the work completed to date.

Total items in the drug vault:

- 2016 Inventory identified that there were 7,976 items located inside the drug vault.
- 2017-Dec-06 report identifies that there are 4,148 items inside the drug vault.

Two drug sergeants have conducted four exhibit destructions this year at the proper facility:

- Burn 1 – June 2017, 250kg (3,238 items) destroyed. This burn included the backlog items that were identified in the first physical inventory.
 - Burn 2 – August 2017, 220kg (725 items) destroyed.
 - Burn 3 – November 2017, 300kg (1,772 items) destroyed.
 - Burn 4 – December 2017, 150kg (854 items) destroyed.
- A file in RMS is created for each burn with a full printed report of the items destroyed and all documents are scanned to the digital file. This is then audited by the Staff Sergeant in SES.

Review Team has completed:

- Researched all files inside the drug vault to identify what can be destroyed. This was a follow up method from the 2016 physical inventory where hundreds of requests were made to Health Canada for authorization for destruction.
- Verified \$1,070.00 was tendered in Dartmouth Provincial court and later sent to Supreme court.
- 2017 physical inventory
- To audit the K-drive the team met with Dr. Giacomantonio to devise a plan. Dr. Giacomantonio helped to come up with a way to better capture the entire file. Drug NCOs will contact Dr. Giacomantonio to create an audit list quarterly. This enables the drug unit to create the audit list outside of the drug office to ensure a random sample.

In-progress:

- Compare results of 2016 inventory with 2017 inventory.
- Sample the K-drive to test compliance with the changes that have been made. The team spoke with Dr. Giacomantonio about sample size.

Review Team's Updated Projected Time Line

Next 4 weeks (from December 11th to January 15, 2018):

- Compare results with the original inventory with the SES supervisor and address any issues.
- This comparison will identify any outstanding gaps that will be addressed.
- Report on results of review including trends identified that led to discrepancies in records.
- Report to the Board of Police Commissioners on any future steps.