

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

Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting - December 11, 2017

Personnel

- One new civilian, a Functional Analyst, was hired.
- Two civilians moved to new positions: a Cybercrime Specialist and 90-day acting Policy and Business Initiatives Coordinator.
- Two civilians and one constable resigned.
- Three sworn members retired.

Training

- S/Sgt. Mark MacDonald and Julie Moore met with an organization to move toward courses for the training members on adult education techniques.
- The newest class of lateral-entry constables is currently in training for a three-week period.
- Developing Rapid training for the annual block training which will run from January to May 2018.
- Scheduling trainers for block training.

Operations

Notable Investigations

- **Assault**

Police responded to a report of an unconscious man found lying on the ground with head injuries in Halifax. The man was transported to hospital with what appeared to be life-threatening injuries. Officers assigned to the General Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division are continuing the investigation.

- **Search Warrants**

On November 23, officers in the Special Enforcement Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division, with the assistance of the Halifax RCMP Street Crime Unit members and HRP patrol officers, executed four separate search warrants. A 35-year-old man and 22-year-old woman have been charged with various crimes.

- **Traffic in Cannabis**

On November 25, in response to ongoing public complaints and following an investigation, officers in the Special Enforcement Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division executed a search warrant where officers seized a quantity of marijuana, edible cannabis products, hash, a quantity of cash and drug paraphernalia. Three men were arrested at the scene without incident.

Other

- **Traffic Stop**

On November 21, members of the Central Quick Response Unit and patrol officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle whereby the driver was found to be in possession of a quantity of marihuana and was arrested without incident. A vehicle search led to the location of a telescopic baton, cash, a quantity of hash and drug paraphernalia. A 36-year-old man has been charged.

- **Stabbing**

Police responded to a report of a man who had been stabbed in downtown Halifax on November 22. Police determined that this was not a random act and on November 24 arrested and charged a 33-year-old man.

- **Robberies**

Three people – one woman and two men – were charged in relation to a robbery that occurred in Dartmouth on November 22. The three suspects took a sum of money and some personal items from the victim.

Police have charged a 31-year-old man after a robbery that occurred in Dartmouth. On December 2, a man was approached by two males and asked to cash a cheque for them. The man agreed and after withdrawing funds for himself, the man was assaulted and one of the suspects withdrew further funds from the victim's account.

On November 25, police responded to a report of a robbery with firearms at a convenience store in Halifax. Two males entered the store wearing masks and armed with long guns. The suspects fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money. Investigators with the General Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division are investigating.

- **Break and Enter**

On November 26, officers responded to a report of a break and enter in progress at an apartment in Halifax. Two suspects forced their way into an apartment and left with valuables. Investigators with the General Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division are currently investigating.

Crime Trends

- **Break and enter trend:** All three divisions have seen commercial break and enters where windows are smashed and tills targeted. Three people have been charged with regards to incidents in Dartmouth.



Outreach Initiatives and Projects

- The Halifax Regional Police Traffic Unit, as well as patrol members, will focus on the fight against impaired driving during the month of December through the Operation Christmas initiative, which is a province-wide annual campaign that aims to reduce impaired driving and encourage motorists to practice safe winter driving.
- “Merry Beary” was introduced on HRP’s social media channels this month. The HRP bear helps to highlight the breadth of HRP’s work and skillset, and the excellent work being done by employees.
- HRP and Halifax Shopping Centre celebrated the spirit of the season at the 13th annual CopShop event December 6. Fifty-one local children, who were selected based on need or recognition of specific academic, sports achievement or volunteer efforts, were paired with 60 HRP employees who served as their personal shoppers.
- HRP participated in the 28th anniversary of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women with attendance at the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on The Status of Women. Dolly Mosher, HRP Victim Services Coordinator, spoke at the event held at the Province House on December 6th.
- December 6 marked the 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. HRP officers attended the Fort Needham Memorial, Halifax Fire’s Nine Bell Memorial Service and a Memorial Service at Mont-Blanc Cannon Park.

Communications

- The PR Unit helped create public awareness through its multiple platforms for the many community events HRP hosts/attends in December including the the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, commemorations of the Halifax Explosion, Operation Christmas and CopShop.
- HRP issued a public statement about a potential threat related to Halifax malls. The statement clarified that HRP became aware of information about a potential threat, which led us to deploy resources to Halifax Shopping Centre on November 24. There was no threat established and no public safety risk to citizens of HRM.

Buildings



- Members of the HRP Executive Management Team received a proposed new facilities business case presentation on December 5. HRP is expecting to bring it forward to the Board of Police Commissioners meeting on February 26, 2018.

Policies

- Five policies – Missing Persons, Charge Files, Crown Briefs and Case Disclosure, Identification of Criminals, 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, Major Crime/Cold Case/Homicide.

Police Diversity Working Group

- The next committee meeting will be held January 10, 2018. The committee expects to meet at the Mi'kmaw Friendship Centre and participate in a blanket exercise, which is a teaching tool that explores the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada.
- Since the last meeting, the PDWG's meeting minutes have been posted to their newly created webpage - <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/police/about-halifax-regional-police/police-diversity-working-group> - which is also accessible from the Board of Police Commissioners' web page.

