



## Information Report from the OIC Halifax District HRM Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### November Training:

- 33 Members received training in November 2017, accumulating a total of 688 hours. Examples of training received were Community Conflict, Crisis Intervention, Human Source Development and Block Training.
- Did you know....Block Training is a five-day training session held at the RCMP's Training Centre in Burnside where members come in from all over the Province including Halifax District and take part in a week of intensive training. This involves tactical first aid, scenario-based Immediate Action Rapid Deployment training to deal with an active shooter, Carotid, Baton and Pepper Spray re-certification as well as simulated firearms training. Block training started in October and will continue every week through to April, 2018.

### Victim Services:

- The RCMP Victim Services program in Halifax District is overseen by a Coordinator and includes a roster of 8 volunteers. They follow up with victims of crime via telephone to offer support and referral services. The range of incidents they respond to is very broad and can include suicide, sudden death, assault, domestic violence, sexual assault, break & enter, etc.

For the month of November - Stats for **Victim Services:**

- The Victim Services Coordinator reviewed 338 files this month.
- Victim Services volunteers followed up on 37 files.
- There were 3 files referred to the Domestic Violence Case Coordinator as High Risk.
- There were **0** files referred to the Department of Justice's Victim Services.

## **Domestic Violence Case Coordinator DVCC:**

High Risk - A designation given to Domestic Violence investigations that have scored 7 or higher on the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) tool which have a substantial concern of potential homicide of either partner.

Critical Development - During the life span of a High Risk file, a development where risk escalates, triggers further information sharing / action planning between service providers. i.e. release from custody, breach of conditions, upcoming court date etc.

Case Conference- A meeting involving service providers and individuals at risk for safety planning purposes.

- Number of new High Risk Files: 10
- Number of critical developments: 2
- Training: DVCC attended ODARA training as a train the trainer.
- Metro DV Court: attended 2 planning committee meetings.
- Number of Case Conferences: 1
- Ongoing Case Management file total : 105

## **District Updates:**

1. In Halifax District, Operation Hawkeye initiatives are ongoing in hopes of preventing thefts from motor vehicles. Citizens are reminded to put all items including change out of site and to lock vehicle doors.
2. Impaired Driving initiatives and checkpoints are the Road Safety focus for December and during the recent National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day on December 2nd, RCMP members checked over 740 vehicles and are happy to report that no charges resulted.
3. In North Preston at Nelson Whynder Elementary School, Cole Harbour members conducted a school zone proactive check stop at the crosswalk in support of the Heads Up Halifax initiative. There were around 50 vehicles checked there.
4. On November 27th, Halifax District RCMP took part in the filming of a documentary in North Preston. This event focussed on the community and the RCMP's involvement providing positive role models that are giving community members hope. The producer, Jaren Hayman, was looking to get the perspective of the RCMP on the community and the role we are playing to making positive changes. It was a huge success that took a great deal of hard work. It is hoped the production will be completed by the early spring and we will advise when it will be aired.

**Lower Sackville** – In the month of November, Lower Sackville RCMP have ongoing investigations regarding numerous Break, Enter and Thefts from businesses including two large thefts from construction sites.

On Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Sackville RCMP assisted in an illegal tobacco investigation helping to seize over \$200,000 in contraband cigarettes that have a significantly higher tax value.

On Nov 20<sup>th</sup> there was a report of someone pointing a green lazer at two incoming planes at Halifax International Airport. Sackville members searched the area without success. A media release was issued on the severity and potential catastrophic consequences that this could cause.

Also on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, there was a report of a suspicious vehicle with 4 males driving around the Fall River area. The Police Service Dog tracked and located two of the male youths after an extensive pursuit resulting in numerous charges.

**Cole Harbour** – There was a sharp increase in thefts, thefts from motor vehicles and mischief to property in the Eastern Passage zone of Cole Harbour. Several initiatives for Operation Hawkeye including officers going door to door and checkpoints in the area had a positive impact on the crime.

Recently as well, in Cole Harbour, a traffic stop generated from a radar checkpoint resulted in a significant seizure of over 6 lbs. of cannabis, 148 grams of resin, 500 cannabis oil capsules and approximately \$46,000 in cash. The driver was charged with Possession for the Purpose, Breach and issued a SOT for speeding. His vehicle was seized as well.

**Tantallon** – Break & Enter Business, suspects entered a business and stole a significant amount of merchandise; still under investigation by the Integrated General Investigation Section.