

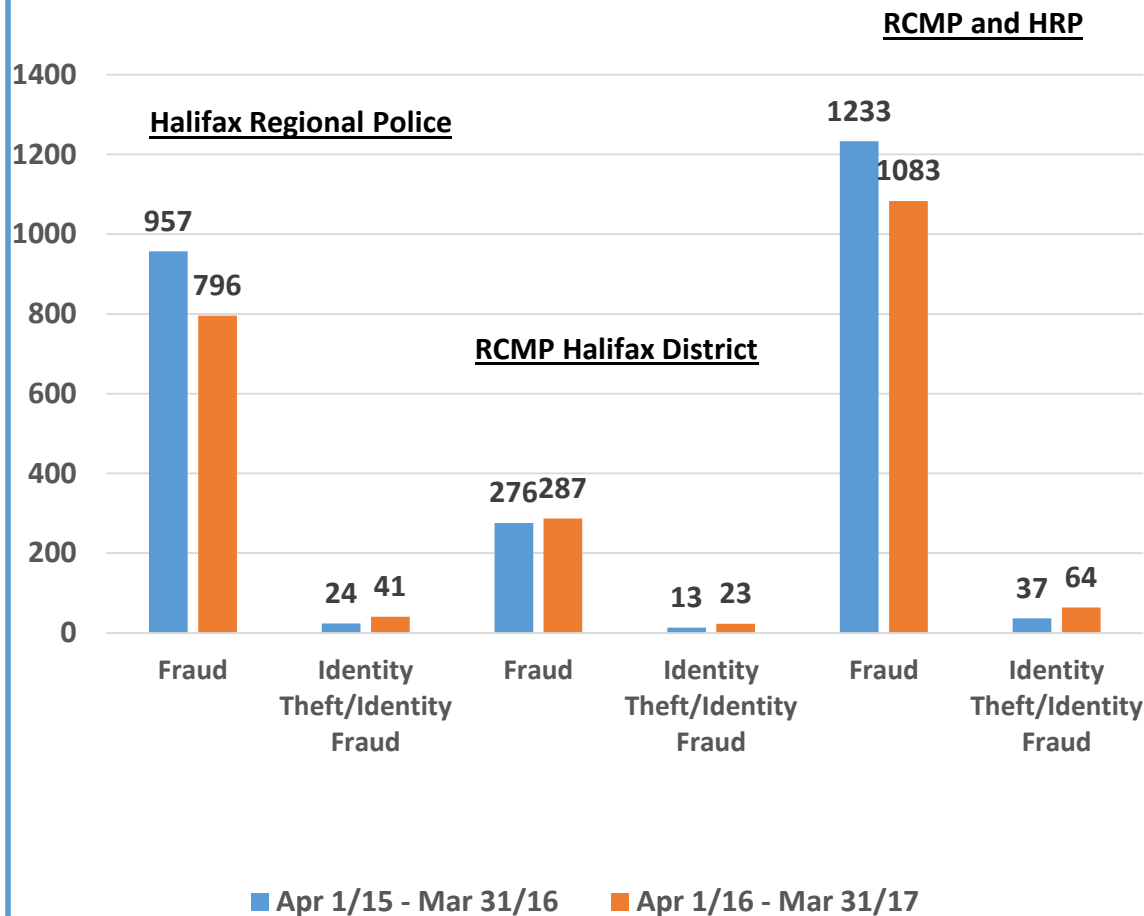


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HRM Fraud Related Offences



Overall HRM experienced a 12% decrease in general Fraud related incidents between 2015/2016 and 2016/2017, however, there was a slight increase in these reported incidents in the RCMP Halifax District areas.

Identity Thefts and Identity Frauds, however, increased by 73% across HRM.

Police have seen an increase in fraudulent activity where callers portray themselves as members of different businesses and agencies and demand money or items of monetary value. Often there are threats involved where the caller states that if the complainant does not immediately do as requested there will be repercussions. Telephone scams of these types can result in individuals providing their personal information which can lead to occurrences of identity theft.



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Flat Stanley



Halifax District had a visitor from Texas in March, his name is Flat Stanley. The basic principle of The Flat Stanley Project is to connect a child, student or classroom with other children or classrooms around the world. Students send out "flat" visitors, created by the children, through the mail, Kids then talk about, track, and write about their flat character's journey and adventures. Here Flat Stanley came from Texas to Cole Harbour where he was a Mountie for a Day! Community Policing Officer Jennifer Botham, took Flat Stanley to briefing, as a "ride along", writing up files and ending the day with a work out! The month of March also included initiatives by Hfx. District such as, Preston RCMP TrySport for Women, Seniors Safety, Citizenship Ceremonies, Atlantic Girls U18 Hockey Tournament and Safety Talks on Terrorism to local Churches.



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Community Outreach

HRP promoted and participated in various community outreach initiatives including St. Patrick's Day parade, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Justice Scores for Wishes, Bowl for Kids Sake and #STARTBYBELIEVING.



Voluntary Surrender

HRP is promoting Voluntary Surrender via social media. It encourages individuals who have a warrant for a non-violent offence to turn themselves in to police at the end of April.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Resolve warrants for non-violent offences

Saturday, April 29, 2017
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Dartmouth North Community Centre
105 Highfield Park Drive

People who have warrants for non-violent offences may turn themselves in to Halifax Regional Police at the Dartmouth North Community Centre.

Voluntary Surrender participants will have their warrants resolved so police will no longer be looking to arrest them. Voluntary Surrender is not an amnesty program, participants will still need to appear before the court.

Call 902-490-5989 for more information or to find out if you have an outstanding warrant.

halifax.ca/police/VoluntarySurrender.php

People with any type of outstanding warrant(s) are welcome to participate in Voluntary Surrender. However, unlike those with warrants for non-violent offences, individuals with warrants for violent offences may be taken into custody.

HALIFAX

Recruitment Campaign (ERC)

HRP launched a recruitment effort for permanent part-time Emergency Response Communicators to work in the Integrated Emergency Dispatch Centre. Information sessions were held in Halifax and Dartmouth, a media release was sent and a social media campaign was launched.



Fraud Prevention Month #FPM2017

March 2017 marked the 13th anniversary of the annual education and awareness campaign helping Canadians recognize, reject and report fraud.

Fraud Prevention Month was promoted by HRP and RCMP via a Community Herald article and HRP's official website. #FraudFriday was used on HRP's social media channels to provide tips, common scams and details on reporting scams and frauds.

