

Information Item No. 3

Information Report from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police for the HRM Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting on April 24, 2017

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Personnel:

- HR is currently processing 11 experienced police officers to fill vacancies for late May.

Hires

- Five (5) civilians were hired: 1 Support II – Court; 1 Digital Forensic Examiner; 1 Crime Analyst (Term); 1 full-time Emergency Response Communicator (formerly CCRT); and 1 Crossing Guard
- One (1) sworn police officer was also hired

Resignations

- Three (3) civilians resigned: 1 Administrative Support; 1 part-time Emergency Response Communicator (formerly CCRT); and 1 Intercept Monitor

Retirements

- Two (2) sworn police officers and one (1) civilian retired

Training:

- The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission released an online training video for retail stores. While the video is retail-based, the principles are transferable to frontline service staff. Some of the topics covered in the 10-minute video include good customer service, respect and setting a positive example. The video was uploaded to the HRP Intranet Training Section and an email was sent to all HRP employees advising them of such.
- Upcoming courses: CPIC Training, Public Relations, Tema Conter, The Bike Course, ICIR and Block Training.

Operations:

Notable Major Investigations:

Human Trafficking Charges

An investigation was started on April 2, 2017 in regards to a male who influenced two females (ages 14 and 17) for the purposes of prostitution. A search warrant was executed on April 6 and Duncan WRIGHT was arrested and charged with the following offences:

- Human trafficking of a person under the age of eighteen x 2
- Sexual assault x 3
- Sexual interference

- Invitation to sexual touching
- Receiving material benefit from sexual services x 2
- Material benefit from trafficking a person under the age of eighteen x 2
- Householder permitting sexual activity x 2
- Making child pornography x 2
- Distributing child pornography
- Possession of child pornography x 2
- Keeping a common bawdy house x 2

Counterfeit American Currency

Between February 24 and March 20 police received multiple reports of counterfeit American currency being used at different businesses, denominations were \$20, \$50, and \$100. The Financial Crime Unit was investigating and on March 28' a traffic stop was conducted where the male occupant of the vehicle was arrested and charged with five counts of possession of counterfeit money and five counts of using counterfeit money for five of the cases. Three other investigations remain ongoing.

Crime Trends:

Arsons 1 Alderney Drive (17-44948 and 17-40099)

There were two reports of arson at this location within a 10-day period (March 18 and March 28). In both incidents, there were suspicious fires located in the common room areas. There were no injuries in either incident. Investigators are reviewing both incidents to determine if they are related. Investigation is still ongoing and at this time there have been no new incidents.

Thefts from Motor Vehicles in East Division

Thefts from motor vehicles have continued in East Division over the past few weeks, with 28 incidents reported between March 22 and April 12. Of these 11 incidents occurred within Zone E5 and 8 of these occurred during the overnight hours on April 4/5.

Outreach Initiatives/Projects:

- Members of HRP participated in various community outreach events including Justice Scores for Wishes, in support of Make a Wish Atlantic Provinces Canada, and Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake.
- HRP launched its first-ever Voluntary Surrender project, which encourages individuals who have a warrant for a non-violent offence to turn themselves in to police on April 29.

- HRP encouraged citizens, organizations, community groups and media to take the #STARTBYBELIEVING pledge to end the cycle of silence and sexualized violence in support of April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- A recruitment strategy was implemented for Emergency Response Communicators (formerly CCRT). HRP issued a media release, updated website, held information sessions and implemented a social media campaign.

Communications:

- An advisory released on April 11 announced the retirement of Deputy Chief Bill Moore from Halifax Regional Police effective June 30, 2017.
- HRP issued a media release in a continued effort to address traffic safety issues and educate citizens on the rules of the road. During the month of April, the HRP Traffic Unit and Patrol Officers focus on speeding enforcement and aggressive driving.
- To broaden the PR Unit's knowledge and understanding of social media two members attended the Social Media the Internet and Law Enforcement (SMILE) conference.

Audits:

- As reported separately to the Board.

Buildings:

Facility Review Project:

- A meeting held in late March to review data that was collected from various functional units within HRP.
- Work continues on the business case for a new HRP facility with consultants. The consultants are preparing a report, which will be delivered to the Chief and the Executive Management team in early May for review.

CID Building Update:

- CID moved into 50 Garland section by section. Personnel moved by section with the last group (SIS) arriving April 10.
- Work continues with HRM Corporate Accommodations for outstanding issues with the new site as well as the expiration of the Brunswick Street lease at the end of April.

Policy:

Recently distributed policies:

- Warrant Policy
- Jurisdiction of a Warrant Policy

- Arrest Warrant Policy
- Research Policy
- Carbine Deployment Policy

Upcoming policies:

- Strategic Communications Policy
- Evidence Policy
- Sexual Assault Policy
- High-Risk Prisoner Policy