

**Information Report from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police
for the HRM Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting on February 27, 2017**

Personnel:

February Stats:

- HRP hired five civilians in February, which included 2 Civilian Communications Radio Technicians; 1 Victim Services Business Support; 1 Crime Analyst; 1 Statistics Clerk.
- There was one civilian resignation, 1 Crime Analyst.

January Stats:

- HRP hired eight civilians in January, which included 1 HR co-op student; 3 Crossing Guard Supervisors; 2 Confidential Criminal Information Processing Clerks; 1 Victim Services Case Worker (Term); 1 Crossing Guard.
- There were three civilian resignations in January; 1 Crime Analyst; 1 Confidential Criminal Information Processing Clerk; 1 Statistics Clerk.

Training:

- N/A

Operations:

Major Investigations:

- On February 7, 2017, police received notification that UPS was in possession of two packages of marijuana. Guns and Gangs were tasked with the investigation, which resulted in two searches being conducted, one at a residence and the other at a storefront on Dresden Row. Eleven arrests were made and multiple charges laid.
- On February 11, 2017, two robberies that occurred at a Shell Gas Station (2:00 a.m.) on Robie Street and a C shop (2:00 p.m.) on Young Street. Suspect demanded cash in both, no weapons were seen and no injuries occurred. PR Unit released photos of suspect and as of today the suspect has not been identified.
- On February 15, 2017, the Guns and Gangs Unit, West QRU and Patrol executed a search warrant on a residence. The search resulted in the seizure of suspected fentanyl tablets, cocaine, crack cocaine and cannabis resin, drug paraphernalia and cash. Two individuals were arrested and charged.

Crime Trends:

West:

- Over the month of February there have been a number of thefts from motor vehicles. Although these incidents began in the Bayers Lake area, they have expanded to other areas in West Division. In the majority of these incidents, the suspect smashed a window in the vehicle and stole property that was in plain sight.

East:

- Notable trend in Zone E3 and E4 in which daytime residential break and enters occurred. An individual was identified and arrested in relation to these incidents.
- Two commercial break and enters have been identified with similar MO on February 16 and February 21, 2017. Suspect has smashed the front glass doors of two gas stations targeting cigarettes. Matter is currently under investigation by GIS.

Outreach Initiatives/Projects:

- With the support of Halifax Pride, Halifax Regional Police announced it will revamp its participation in the Halifax Pride Festival this year. HRP will increase its participation in the 2017 Halifax Pride Festival but not participate in this year's parade. As part of this change, Chief Blais was invited to address a roundtable during the February 18th Convention of Fierté Canada Pride, the first time a police chief has ever addressed this group.
- HRP was pleased to participate in a pilot project of Public Safety Canada, the RCMP and the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators to test use of roadside screening devices for drug-impaired driving, with checkpoints conducted in January and February.
- HRP was invited by the Honourable Kelly Regan, MLA Bedford, to share information at the Seniors Community Connect in Bedford on February 4. Our Senior's Home Safety volunteers staffed a booth and shared information to help seniors stay safely in their homes and reduce risk of victimization.

Communications:

- HRP introduced new criteria for issuing media releases and advising the public through our social media channels about individual vehicle/pedestrian and vehicle collisions and vehicle crashes. The most notable change is that we will be issuing releases for individual vehicle/pedestrian collisions in the event of a fatality or when there are significant injuries to the victim, and no longer when a victim is transported to hospital for observation or for injuries that are considered to be minor. The new practice balances the effort that goes into issuing release with the anticipated public interest and impact on public safety.

Audits:

- Please refer to the Information Report on the Drug Exhibit Audit Update, which identifies missing/misplaced items and recommendations arising from the audit. Further updates will be provided under this heading.

Buildings:

Facility Review Project:

- N/A

CID Building Update:

- The CID building project continues to progress. The blizzard of February 12/13 resulted in 1.5 days of lost work, however, the project is still on schedule for completion.
- There will be a buffer for two weeks in March to allow for the security equipment installation.
- We remain on track for a mid to late March move-in.

Policy:

- Restorative Justice policy is awaiting approval from Deputy Chief Moore and Chief Blais.
- TMR2 updates are approved and online.
- IES Fire Dispatch Policy Manual is completed and online.
- Funeral Policy and Guidelines are approved and online.
- Changes to Ride-Along policy have been approved and are now online.