

Information Report for the OIC Halifax District RCMP
HRM Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting
February 27th, 2017

January Training:

- 37 Members received some form of training in January 2017, accumulating a total of 1,672 hours. Examples of training received were Block Training, Major Crime Techniques etc.

Victim Services:

- The RCMP Victim Services program in Halifax District is overseen by a Coordinator and includes a roster of 12 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 January, 2017 - Stats for **Victim Services:**
 - The Victim Services Coordinator reviewed 551 files during this period.
 - Victim Services volunteers followed up on 52 files.
 - There were **0** files referred to the Department of Justice's Victim Services for follow up.
 - Three high risk files identified, no new alarms installed.

Sackville

On January 14th a residential Break & Enter occurred where the house was ransacked while the home owners were away. The call initially began as a report of a MVA of a vehicle sliding on ice into a parking lot on Cobequid Rd. Investigation revealed a break and enter had occurred at a nearby house and that the vehicle in the MVA was stolen from that residence along with a TV and jewelry. Two individuals were caught a short time later after fleeing from the accident, both were charged accordingly.

On Jan 17th in the Lower Sackville area a crime spree began in the evening hours near the Mayfair Avenue area, where here a youth was reported to be impaired by alcohol and/or drug. This was followed at the same time of reports of a male trying doors of a house, and another report around the corner of a car broken into and interior being set on fire. A suspect was eventually located a short time later while fleeing out rear of a nearby school door with master keys to classrooms. The suspect was arrested and charged for Breach Conditions, Mischief, Arson, Attempt Theft Auto, and Break/Enter/Theft.

Cole Harbour

On 2017-02-08, RCMP ERT Team and Halifax District RCMP assisted members of the integrated drug section for a search warrant at a residential address in Cole Harbour. 5 Occupants were arrested and are facing numerous weapons and drug-related charges. During the search police located an AR 15 assault rifle, a 12 gauge shotgun, two .22 hand guns and a SKS 7.56 mm rifle, as well as a large quantity of drugs and cash.

Tantallon

Two separate residential Break & Enters occurred in the Hammonds plains zone on Feb 15 and 16th. Two males were arrested and charged in relation to these.

Eastern Shore

North Central office received a complaint of a residential Break & Enter in the Dean area of the eastern shore where a number of firearms were stolen from the residence. The investigation is ongoing.

Trends

On Jan 24th a Construction trailer parked by a restaurant under construction in the Hammonds Plains area was broken into and several thousands of dollars of tools stolen. There was video of a suspect vehicle from a nearby business and the file is still under investigation. There is a trend across the province of construction sites being targeted for sometimes high end tool thefts. A media release was done encouraging construction sites to take extra measures in marking equipment and securing construction site locations.

Communications:

The African NS community brought Coach Ken Carter (from the movie Coach Carter) to Halifax the weekend of Feb 11-12, 2017. The rationale for his return visit was Coach Carter's name came to mind in response to discussions about how we allow the community to show its strengths and resilience through youth empowerment and engagement with community. Previous visits he inspired youth and young adults to see themselves as academic scholars, athletes and entrepreneurs. The RCMP assisted in being his tour guide in ensuring all his scheduled activities.

On Feb 19th in conjunction with African Heritage Month. Halifax Districts Sgt. Craig Smith arranged to mark the 50th anniversary of the first Black RCMP member to join Canada's national Police Service. A panel discussion with retired African-Nova Scotian police officers that had 3 retired officers from both the RCMP and Halifax Regional Police.

Upcoming Initiatives/Projects:

Halifax District continues the process of developing a more robust service delivery model for victims of Domestic Violence. It will include a collaborative approach from Victim Services, Domestic Violence Coordinators and Community Policing. Watch for updates on these initiatives.