

**Information Report for the OIC Halifax District**  
**HRM Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting**  
**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**December Training:**

- 39 Members received training in December 2017, accumulating a total of 814 hours. Examples of training received were Mgt. Dec. Program, Trauma Informed etc.

**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 December - Stats for **Victim Services:**

- The Victim Services Coordinator reviewed 318 files this month.
- Victim Services volunteers followed up on 40 files.
- 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:**

**Home Invasion/Robbery** - Two men wearing masks forced their way into the residence in Middle Sackville at approx. 2100 hrs. They tied up the home owner and choked him before robbing him of money and his cell phone. They left in an unknown direction. This file is still under investigation by the Integrated RCMP/HRP General Investigation Section.

Break & Enter to mailboxes on Danny Drive in Beaverbank, someone broke into the mailboxes, pried open the package doors, locks broken and on the ground. Unknown if any mail was missing, this file is still under investigation.

Mid December Sackville RCMP provided assistance to Service Nova Scotia on a file for possession of contraband cigarettes on Hwy 102. Officers stopped a vehicle inbound on Hwy 102 with illegal cigarettes. Vehicle stopped and subject from Ontario arrested with 50 cases of cigarettes owing \$40k in taxes.

Stolen Snow blowers: Two business in Sackville area had break and enters targeting Snow blowers. The first business reported someone broke in overnight and stole 7 brand new snow blowers, then the next day 2 more snow blowers stolen from outside a business in Lower Sackville, suspects cut the cords / chains during daylight hours and loaded them into a vehicle. Both files are still being investigated.

A local Pharmacy was broke into overnight in December in Sackville. Where an unknown amount of product was taken. The police service dog was deployed without success and the file is still under investigation.

Cole Harbour Community Policing Officer is a minor hockey coach and had some bullying issues on his team. As a result started a “**Pink Tape Campaign**” – As an officer and a coach he felt the best way to deal with it was in the dressing room. The officer went out and purchased pink hockey tape and at the end of his talk every kid in the dressing room had taped the blade of their hockey sticks with pink tape before going on the ice for a game. The gesture has been wildly successful with requests from other local minor hockey teams. The RCMP are now dealing Hockey Nova Scotia in hopes that it may become a part of their program. This is an excellent example of respect in sport and involvement in the community by the officer.

Theft from home under Construction on Theresa Court in Cole Harbour. Theft of doors and windows and flooring for a house under construction. A truck was witnessed leaving the scene. The investigation into this matter continues.

Mischief/Property Damage – Three bus shelters along Shore Rd. in Eastern Passage had their windows smashed, City Field contacted to clean up each bus shelter, no suspects. The RCMP remind citizens to call in suspicious behavior in their communities.

In response to recent thefts and thefts from motor vehicles - One member and 7 citizens on patrol issued over 1000 operation Hawkeye flyers between Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour in one day.

Eastern Shore - Lost hiker: A female became lost on Crowbar Trail off the Myra Rd. About a half hour walk in the trail with only 14% battery left on her phone. K9 and Ground Search and Rescue were activated and the officer with his K9 located hiker after a short period of time. All were ok, but RCMP remind citizens to be prepared when going into the woods.

Sheet Harbour had a Break & Enter into a Church in Watt Section. Minor damage. The suspect(s) lit small fires at the prayer stand, on alter clothes and hymnals. This file is still under investigation.

North Central and other areas of the eastern shore had multiple seasonal residences broken into in late December. Similar targeted items at all locations. These break and enters are possibly connected to similar occurrences in the Pictou County area. Citizens are reminded to check on seasonal residences regularly and to ensure that valuables are not left there over the winter months.