

**Information Report for the OIC Halifax District  
HRM Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**December Training:**

- 35 Members received training in January 2018, accumulating a total of 896 hours. Examples of training received were Aboriginal Perceptions, Health & Safety 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 January 2018 - Stats for **Victim Services:**

- The Victim Services Coordinator reviewed 358 files this month.
- Victim Services volunteers followed up on 55 files:
  - Domestic Related Offences/Disputes = 30
  - Family Related Offences/Disputes = 5
  - Non Domestic Uttering Threats/Harassment = 7
  - Sexual Based Offences = 4
  - Suicides / Sudden Deaths = 2 / 3
  - MVA Fatal = 4

**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: 5
- Number of critical developments: 5
- Training: Nil
- Metro DV Court: (starts Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Number of Case Conferences: 1
- Ongoing Case Management file total : 44

## **District Updates:**

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> storm - Officers were deployed strategically throughout the district in anticipation of extremely high/damaging winds throughout the District. Storm resulted in three major road closures as a result of washouts, Lawrencetown Rd and St. Margaret's Bay rd. that were taken over by TRA for traffic control and Shore Rd in Eastern Passage. Many spectators putting themselves in harm's way during this storm.

In early January a pilot whale beached at Rainbow Haven Beach. The whale was still alive and fisheries were advised. There were many people from the community there to help and this received a lot of media attention, the whale gave the officer a friendly high 5 to the ankle with his tail as it returned to the ocean with the help of fisheries officers.

January Jan 12<sup>th</sup> - Three Tantallon members conducted a 90 minute "Move Over" pro-active on Hwy 103 between Exits 5 & 3. This initiative resulted in 6 Move over Summary Offence Tickets (SOTS), 2 No Insurance SOTS, and 5 Warnings for speeding. RCMP remind travelers that the "Move Over Law" requires motorists to slow down to 60 Kilometers an hour and move to the other lane if safe to do so when passing any emergency vehicle with emergency equipment activated.

Jan 22 Robbery 463 Sackville Drive Salvation Army Thrift store, suspect demanded money from the safe. Left unknown direction with a sum of money. This file is still under investigation with the Integrated General Investigation Section.

In late January a 67 yr old female received call on computer problem and allowed them access for \$299 to fix, they deposited \$12999 – then they told her to withdraw \$12000 and wire same to them but don't tell the bank. She came to RCMP and had a large sum of money withdrawn from her bank accounts. Luckily her bank recognized this as fraudulent activity and stopped the payments. It could have been a very bad outcome. The Halifax District RCMP would like to remind people many of these strategies result in the victim of the scam sending money to the suspects in a way that is not recoverable. We are asking the public to be critical when receiving calls from unknown sources. If you feel you are receiving a call from a would-be fraudster, ask them for a call-back number or hang up and **check with your local police** or financial institution **before** providing any financial information or sending any money. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre can also provide tools and resources to educate Nova Scotians about fraud: <http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>