



## Information Report for the OIC Halifax District HRM Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **February Training:**

- 64 Members received training in February 2018, accumulating a total of 985 hours. Examples of training received were Conflict Resolution, Counter Terrorism, Cybercrime Workshop and Block Training which includes Immediate Action Rapid Deployment Training, Triage First Aid, Pepper Spray, Baton and Carotid Control as well as PriSM Firearms Simulator Training.

### **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 February 2018 - Stats for **Victim Services:**

- The Victim Services Coordinator reviewed 301 files this month.
- Victim Services volunteers followed up on 54 files:
  - Domestic Related Offences/Disputes = 27
  - Family Related Offences/Disputes = 3
  - Non Domestic Uttering Threats/Harassment = 17
  - Sexual Based Offences = 9
  - Sudden Deaths = 3
  - Other = 5

### **Domestic Violence Case Coordinator DVCC: Activity Report - February 2018**

**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: 5

Training: Nil

Metro DV Court: (starts March 7)

Number of Case Conferences: 1

Ongoing Case Management file total: 52

**Other District Updates:**

- On February 2<sup>nd</sup> there was an abandoned camp set ablaze in Sheet Harbour, suspected Arson, this file is still under investigation.
- In early February there was a Break Enter and Theft at Taylor Lumber Co. (sawmill) in Middle Musquodoboit. A suspect was later interviewed and charged in this file.
- On February 12<sup>th</sup> RCMP Lower Sackville responded to Sunnyvale Crescent for a shots fired complaint. There were several houses where damage was found from apparent gunshots. No one was injured and this file is SUI by the Integrated General Investigation Section.
- In Tantallon area on February 14<sup>th</sup> there was a Firearms Call – Staff at Hammond’s Plains Consolidated School reported hearing what sounded like multiple rapid fire gunshots outside of the school. Hold & secure plan was put in place as well as a Multi-member response. Officers located 2 males target shooting with a .22 rifle on a dead end street approximately 1 km. behind the school.
- During the last week of February Halifax District RCMP and Halifax Regional Police were investigating multiple thefts of spare tires from Jeep Wranglers in parking lots throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality. These are similar offences to those that have taken place in New Brunswick, PEI and throughout the Province of Nova Scotia.
- A joint ATV checkpoint was conducted on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with Sheet Harbour RCMP and N.S. Conservation Officers within close proximity to an active ATV rally. Two 7 Day Impaired driving suspensions issued.
- On March 9<sup>th</sup> in Sackville at three adjacent sites where woodland is being harvested for future development had equipment damaged. Fire extinguishers

were emptied into CAT, John Deere and Hyundai Harvesters. A window was broken in one and a wrench set stolen from a John Deere Forwarder, SUI.

**Other Items of Note:**

**Eagle Feather Ceremony:**

- On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Halifax District Detachments were all presented with their Eagle Feather in a ceremony held at RCMP HQ in Burnside. Each detachment across the Province now has its own Eagle Feather which can be used in the same way as a Bible or affirmation and may also be offered as a comfort for a client when interacting with employees at a detachment. All clients including victims, witnesses and police officers have the option to swear legal oaths on an Eagle Feather.



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<p>Nova Scotia RCMP offers clients providing a statement three options: to swear on a Bible, affirm or affirm with an eagle feather.</p> <p>The eagle feather is also available as comfort for a client.</p> <p>For more information on the eagle feather visit: <a href="http://rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns">rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns</a></p>	<p>La GRC en Nouvelle-Écosse offre trois options à ses clients qui doivent prêter serment, soit la bible, l'affirmation solennelle, ou la plume d'aigle.</p> <p>La plume d'aigle peut également servir à réconforter un client.</p> <p>Pour plus de renseignements sur la plume d'aigle, consultez le site <a href="http://rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns">rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns</a></p>	<p>No'pa Sko'sia Nuji-kla'qa'lua'tiji ala'tu'titl ne'siskl wije'wmumkl wjit wen elui'tmasij; kis-lui'tmasin Kelu'k Klusuaqney, koqgwajapukuen kisma melkapukuen ewe'wt Kitpuey Pi'kun.</p> <p>Iknuuaten wen klan Kitpue'l Pi'kun kulaman ma'sespeta'sik.</p> <p>Me' ktu'-kijjitu'n koqoey wjit Kitpuey Pi'kun, kwile'n kinua'taqn etek: <a href="http://rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns">rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns</a></p>

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**Drug Recognition Expert (DRE):**

- A DRE course is being held May 7th to May 18th at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, NS, with certifications to follow in Jacksonville, Florida June 13th to June 19th, 2018. Nova Scotia has been allotted 11 seats on this course, and **five** of these seats are to be filled by RCMP members one of which will be from Halifax District.

**Cannabis Act Facilitators:**

- The Nova Scotia RCMP are hiring three (3) full-time Cannabis Act Facilitators this spring fully funded by the Federal government. This team, which will be strategically located throughout the Province, will facilitate the implementation of Bill C-45 in Nova Scotia. They will be responsible for delivering all applicable training related to enforcement and equipment. On selection, this team will be expected to become Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in the Cannabis Act with duties that will entail travelling throughout the province. Typical tasks may include conducting law enforcement training specific to Bill C-46 through a variety of means such as lectures, presentations and panel discussions.

**RCMP Nova Scotia Emergency Response Team:**

- The RCMP's Emergency Response Team is recruiting female members to its ranks. Our female members have largely been under-represented on our ERT teams so there is a recruiting drive to invite qualified female candidates to attend an ERT Familiarization Training Session here in Halifax on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Halifax District will be well represented as we have a number of female members who have applied and are very interested in joining the team. These members, if successful, will join our part-time ERT team with the potential, through succession planning, of joining our full-time ERT team.

**African Nova Scotian Experience Workshop:**

- The Nova Scotia RCMP are developing an African Nova Scotian Experience Workshop for piloting this fall. This builds on the current two-day workshop presently offered to members in the Province. The course will provide historical insight into the experience of African Nova Scotians, heritage specific to communities in this Province and will highlight communities in and around the HRM. Focus will be on those members currently serving in those communities, ie North Preston, etc.

**Detachment Upgrades:**

- Musquodoboit Harbour Detachment will be undergoing a significant renovation in the next several months. RCMP Property Management is working on the plans and will be contracting the work in the very near

future. This will entail improvements to the entrance, the member's work areas, secure interview rooms, the main office and the storage area.