

Information Report to the Board from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police

Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting - April 16, 2018

Personnel

- There was one new civilian employee (Crime Analyst) who was hired.
- There was one civilian employee who resigned.
- Two sworn officers retired.

Training

- Sgt. Ken Burton and Ms. Julie Moore have completed extensive paperwork for the Training Section to apply to be registered as a private school. Registering as a career college will increase the profile of HRP's 2019 Cadet Class and allow candidates to apply for student loans.
- Training conducted K-9 testing.
- Training assisted in the Emergency Response Team (ERT) testing and will lead ERT testing in the future. Currently, the BTOC (ERT) course is taking place.
- Annual Block Training continues, and will need to be extended as all classes are full and there is a waiting list. A process will be implemented for future Block Training to ensure earlier classes are full to avoid this happening again.

Operations

- During the month of April, Traffic Services Unit is focusing its efforts on speeding and aggressive driving, which includes various motor vehicle offences such as: driving in excess of posted speed limit, speeding in school zones and careless driving.
- The HRP Traffic Unit plays a key role in the prevention of speeding through enforcement and education, which contributes to enhancing public safety in Halifax.
- The remainder of the month will see members of the Traffic Unit strategically placed in areas to further enhance visibility of issues and enforce the legislature.

Notable Investigations

- Investigators with the Special Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Division have arrested a 30-year-old man, a 52-year-old man and a 26-year-old man in relation to the January 19, 2018 homicide of Derek Miles.
- The Traffic Unit captured the speed of a vehicle travelling at 192 km/h on Rocky Lake Drive. The driver refused to stop and the vehicle was pursued. The vehicle was later located in the parking lot at 200 Waverly Road. A 20-year-old man was arrested for driving dangerously.
- Investigators in the Financial Crime Unit of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division charged a 40-year-old woman in relation to a fraud that occurred in Halifax last year. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that a bank employee had facilitated unauthorized email money transfers from a client's account

into her personal account. The woman removed over \$14,000 from the client's account.

- On April 7, police received a report from provincial government corporate security advising that there had been a breach of security on their network. Investigators with the General Investigation Section and Cyber Crime Unit of the Integrated Criminal Division executed a search warrant at an address in Halifax and took a person into custody in relation to this incident.
- On April 11, police responded to a report of a break-and-enter into a laundry room in Halifax. Plain clothes officers from the Quick Response Unit set-up surveillance and located the suspect on foot. A 34-year-old man from Halifax was arrested without incident. Investigators believe the suspect is also responsible for recent, similar break and enters.

Event Support

- **North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) 2020:** HRM is a formal partner along with the province in an official bid led by the Mi'kmaw Sport Council of Nova Scotia to host the NAIG in 2020. NAIG is a summer, multi-sport event for Indigenous youth athletes from Canada and United States. The games host approximately 4,500 participants from over 750 communities. If successful, the event will be the single largest sporting event held in the region to date. HRP's Patrol Support Office has been working to support the official Bid Committee and Advisory Group in terms of safety and security planning. This includes presentations to the final site selection team. The final site selection decision is expected within several weeks.
- **15th Annual Bluenose Marathon:** Final policing preparations are underway to support the marathon races occurring May 19 and 20. This year there will be races on both sides of the Harbour, via the MacDonald Bridge. Traffic delays and detours are to be expected and a significant number of additional officers will be on duty throughout the weekend including members deployed on motorcycles and bicycles to ensure a safe event for participants and spectators.

Communications

- HRP is launching a recruitment campaign, designed and delivered by HRP, for its 2019 Cadet Class, beginning early 2019. The recruitment team will host information sessions online and in person and will manage a newly created Twitter account to help answer questions and relay their personal policing experiences.
- Members of the Public Relations Unit are undergoing an Intranet Review as a first step to creating a more user-friendly and efficient internal communications tool. A draft is expected to be completed at the end of the month.



Policies

- Policies in progress: Sexual Assault Investigations, Invisible and Private General Occurrence Reports, Drug Policy, Fire Calls and Fraudulent Offences.

Police Diversity Working Group

- The committee is scheduled to meet again on April 18, 2018.

