

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

Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting – July 16, 2018

Personnel

- There were three new civilian employees hired (Traffic Support (Term), Junior Policy Analyst (Intern), Administrative Support).
- The 2019 HRP Police Science Program received 609 cadet applications of which 491 are active as well as 185 experienced police officer applications of which 85 are currently active.
- One civilian employee resigned.

Training

- Block Training is now complete and members are preparing for the upcoming pistol and C-8 qualifications.
- S/Sgt. Mark MacDonald is meeting with members of CID to prepare a Level 2 Investigator's course offering.
- HRP recently offered its annual bicycle training course to members. There were three general rider courses conducted. The Training Section had one trainer in the department and two more were trained in the last month.
- The first Tactical Bicycle course was completed. These members now have special training to work with the PSU team.
- To prepare for the 2019 HRP Police Science Program, PARE testing is underway and curriculum development and Training Centre construction continues.
- HRP's application to the Department of Labour, seeking designation as a Private Career College to better serve our cadets, is being reviewed by the Province and all looks positive for this to be completed.

Operations

- Members of the Traffic Unit will be working across the province for its involvement with the Law Enforcement Torch Run (July 26-31) in support of Special Olympics.
- The Traffic Unit is preparing operations for both the Pride and Natal Day parades.
- Members of the Traffic Unit will be sent for motorcycle training.

Notable Investigations

- Police are investigating the death of a woman who had been a resident at a long-term care facility. On May 23, police received a report that a resident at Parkston Care Facility in Halifax had passed away at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Investigators with the Special Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division are investigating to determine if her death was a result of criminal negligence.
- On June 26 at 5:30 p.m. police responded Andrew Street in Halifax in relation to a man who had been stabbed. Upon arrival it was learned there had been a disturbance involving people known to one another, which resulted in a man getting stabbed. The injured male was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. This incident is being investigated by members of the Integrated General Investigation Section.
- On June 29 at 6:15 p.m. police responded to a report of a robbery at an apartment on Victoria Road in Dartmouth. Two suspects, a man and a woman, entered an apartment and were confronted by a tenant. The suspects assaulted the tenant and fled on foot with a laptop, debit card and medication. Police searched the area and located both suspects in the 240 block of Victoria Road. A 46-year-old man and a 59-year-old woman, both from Dartmouth, were charged with robbery.
- On July 1 at 1:10 p.m. police responded to a report of gun shots fired at a vehicle on Gottingen Street in Halifax. Multiple officers responded to the scene and did not locate any injured persons. Investigators with the General Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division and Patrol are actively searching for the involved parties.
- On July 1 at 1:26 p.m. police responded to a report of a possible stabbing on Convoy Avenue in Halifax. On arrival, officers located a 23-year-old man with a stab wound to his arm. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arriving, but was located and arrested. A 23-year-old man faces weapons charges. The victim and the suspect are known to one another.
- On July 3 at 10:46 p.m. two patrol officers reported hearing what they believed to be several gun shots in the area of Uniacke Street. Several additional police units responded but did not locate a scene or any evidence of a shooting. Police continue to investigate.



Communications & Public Relations

- On July 9, HRP announced its new Public Information Officer (PIO), Cst. John MacLeod, a 19-year member of the Halifax Regional Police. He will liaise with media and communicate on behalf of HRP on a range of topics.
- To support the 2019 HRP Police Science Program recruitment campaign, a video series was launched on social media with officers sharing their own policing experiences. As well, a Facebook Live recruitment information session was held on June 28, which now has more than 7,000 views.
- As part of our focus on strategic communication capacity building, the HRP PR Unit continued social media capacity building by offering training sessions and Twitter workshops to various units, officers and staff last month.
- On June 15, HRP held the first Coffee with a Cop event in Atlantic Canada at McDonalds on Nantucket Avenue in Dartmouth. The event brought police and community members together – over coffee – in an informal environment to discuss issues and learn more about one another.
- On June 28, HRP welcomed six Big Brothers and six Little Brothers from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax for a behind-the-scenes tour of HRP's facilities. Youth and their mentors met with members of various units including Forensic Identification Section, Training and K-9.

Policies

- Business Initiatives: Performance Excellence Initiative – implement new Policy Development Process using lean tools/techniques. Q1 HRP Business Plan report, Strategic Plan 3 Year Report, Public Safety Strategy Report, HRFE/HRP Fire Calls SLA.
- Policies approved: Ride-Along.
- Policies in final review: ID/Secure Access, Search of Persons, Drugs and Currency,
- Policies drafted: Fraudulent Offenses, Conflict of Interest, Acoustic Hailing Device, Audit

