Information Report for the OIC Halifax District HRM Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting September 17th, 2018

<u>July – August Training</u>:

 13 Members received training in June 2018, accumulating a total of 226 hours. Examples of training received were Carbine Recertification, Controlled Energy Weapon 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 July – August, 2018 combined - Stats for Victim Services:

- The Victim Services Coordinator reviewed 770 files these two months combined.
- Victim Services volunteers followed up on 99 files:
 - Domestic Related Offences/Disputes = 53
 - Family Related Offences/Disputes = 2
 - Non Domestic Uttering Threats/Harassment = 14
 - Sexual Based Offences = 14
 - Sudden Deaths = 4
 - \circ Suicides = 4
 - Fatal MVA's = 2
 - \circ Other = 4

Domestic Violence Case Coordinator DVCC: Activity Report – July – August, 2018 combined:

<u>High Risk</u> - 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.

<u>Critical Development</u> - 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.

<u>Case Conference-</u> A meeting involving service providers and individuals at risk for safety planning purposes.

Number of new High Risk Files: 13

Number of critical developments: 9

Number of Case Conferences: 4

Ongoing Case Management file total: 173

District Updates:

Break & Enter and Thefts from Seasonal Properties Series: Halifax District has had a series of Break & Enters and Thefts from seasonal properties over the summer months predominately in the Tantallon area. Targeted items include boat motors, boats, ATV's, tools, as well as items usually found in sheds. The RCMP remind the public to use proper locking mechanisms on sheds and items left outside and if you have any information on any of these thefts to please contact the RCMP.

Fredericton Shooting: The RCMP in Nova Scotia provided significant resource deployment to Fredericton to assist with calls for service following the tragedy in that city back on August 10th. The RCMP participated in the initial response to this incident and the Major Crimes Unit out of RCMP HQ in Fredericton have taken the lead on the investigation. Locally, Halifax District RCMP provided resources in the way of marked police vehicles to assist with ensuring ongoing support to the both the citizens and officers in Fredericton.

Road Safety – Crime Reduction Activities:

From Jan. 1st to Aug. 31st, 2018 Halifax District had 168 Impaired Driving charges, which is a +18% increase over the 143 charges laid during the same period in 2017.

In Halifax District all Motor Vehicle Collisions combined are down **-3%** in the first eight of months 2018 compared to the same period last year.

Halifax District has experienced a **-38%** reduction in Pedestrian accidents in the first eight months of 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017.

Nova Scotia RCMP held a Move Over event on Wednesday, Sept 12th to mark exactly one year since Cst. <u>Frank Deschênes</u> was killed. Cst. Deschenes had stopped to help some motorists change a tire on the side of a highway in Memramcook, N.B. RCMP officers held information checkpoints across the province passing out information to motorists ensuring they understand their responsibilities under the province's Move Over law.