

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

Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting – October 15, 2018

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### Personnel

- There were five new civilian employees hired (two Crime Analysts, one Victim Services (term), one Crossing Guard Supervisor (term) and one Human Resources co-op student).
- There were two sworn police officers who retired.
- There were three civilian employees who resigned.
- The 2019 HRP Police Science Program received 1008 cadet applications of which 239 are active as well as 185 experienced police officer applications of which 63 are currently active.

### Training

- Firearms recertification and training is currently taking place.
- Planning is underway to offer non-commissioned officer (NCO) training and a Level 2 Investigator course.
- In preparation for the 2019 Cadet Class, the Training Section has facilitated several PARE testing days and hosted two information sessions for instructors of the recruit class.
- HRP took part in an emergency training exercise at Halifax Stanfield International Airport on October 9. This was a multi-agency effort that involved airport tenants, emergency response agencies and the Halifax International Airport Authority.
- HRP completed its first Firearms Instructor Training course, which was audited and accepted by the Province. The Training Section is now working on creating an in-house Use of Force program.
- In preparation for the upcoming cannabis legislation, various training components are being prepared and rolled-out.

### Operations

- During the month of October, the Traffic Services Unit will focus on Intersection Safety and enhance efforts on enforcement and education of violations surrounding intersections including light violations, stopping in intersections during traffic and crosswalk safety.

- HRP currently has 15 Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) with two more officers in training. This allows us to have at least three officers working per shift. There are 125 officers trained in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST).
- HRP has seven officers who instruct both DRE and SFST trainings.
- On September 22, members of the Traffic Unit worked with Special Olympics Canada, other municipal police agencies and the RCMP to facilitate the Law Enforcement Torch Run Truck Convoy. This is a significant event – this year raising \$146,000 for Special Olympics – that relies heavily on policing agencies to facilitate.
- Traffic Services members wrote a total of 895 tickets for the month of September.

### Notable Investigations

- On September 25, police charged a 24-year-old Halifax woman with robbery and wearing a disguise in relation to two Halifax robberies that occurred in July and September. On July 19 police responded to a robbery at the Irving Gas Station located on Robie Street in Halifax. A woman went into the store, used a stick as a weapon and demanded money from the clerk. On September 25, police responded to a robbery that occurred at Needs Convenience on Chebucto Road in Halifax. The suspect entered the store, with her face covered, and demanded money from the clerk. She stated that she had a weapon, but no weapon was seen.
- On September 26 shortly before 5 a.m., police responded to a robbery that had occurred at Ultramar Gas Bar located at 2816 Gottingen Street in Halifax. The suspect came into the store, had a short conversation with the clerk and then went around the counter demanding money. The suspect fled the area on foot with an undisclosed amount of money. Following an investigation, police located and arrested the suspect a short distance away.
- On September 27 at 7:40 p.m., police responded to a fire at Winners located at 650 Portland Street in Dartmouth. An article of clothing was set on fire inside the store. A 54-year-old Dartmouth man was arrested and charged with arson and breach of recognizance.
- On October 6 at approximately 2:22 a.m., police responded to a call involving a 27-year-old Halifax man who had reported he had been stabbed after an altercation with a woman known to him. He was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released. After an investigation conducted by investigators in the General Investigation Section of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division, the man was charged with forcible confinement, assault and theft.



## Crime Trends:

- Police are investigating several thefts from vehicles in the eastern region of Dartmouth.
- Thefts from motor vehicles are trending in the Keystone and Montebello neighbourhoods.

## Communications & Public Relations

- On September 26, HRP hosted another “Coffee with a Cop” event this time at the McDonald’s on Kempt Road. The event brought police and community members together in an informal environment to discuss issues and learn more about one another.
- A public education toolkit to create awareness about the human trafficking issue will be rolled out with HRP’s School Response Officers on October 23 in conjunction with National School Safety Week.
- The PR Unit, in coordination with the Training Section, has been supporting a variety of internal communication efforts in the lead-up to the cannabis legislation.

## Policies

- Policies in review: HRP Substance Policy.
- Policies in progress: Restorative Justice, Expected Death at Home, Homicide and Exposure.
- Policies for approval: Fraudulent Offences, Drugs and Currency, Social Media and Acoustic Hailing Device.
- Business initiatives: Strategic Planning Engagement Sessions, Healthy Livable Communities – Public Safety.

## Police Diversity Working Group

- The PDWG has been engaged throughout the HRP Strategic Plan Refresh and were invited to attend one of the sessions.
- The Police Diversity Working Group (PDWG) meets again on October 29.

