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Public Safety Strategy Q2 update BoPC Halifax Regional Municipality

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Key milestones



Municipal Mandate: Develop and Maintain Safe Communities

Under the HRM charter, the municipality has a legislative responsibility to develop and maintain safe and viable communities

There are three ways the municipality fulfills this mandate:

- **Upstream:** Enhancing protective factors that build resilience
- **Midstream:** Reducing risks factors that make harms more likely
- **Downstream:** Responding to harms/risk of harms

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Action Areas



COMMUNITY-LED PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP

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- Indigenous Community Safety Strategist
- Community Safety Education Coordinator
- Community Outreach coordinator (crisis intervention and community healing)
- Alternative Responses Strategist (Dec start)
- Research and Development Specialist (Dec start)
- Director, Programs and Partnerships (Dec start)
- Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association
- Youth Service system engagement + review
- Richard Preston Centre for Excellence
- YWCA
- Community YMCA
- ANS Justice Institute
- Claremont Centre for Community Safety
- Office of Addictions and Mental Health

Community Safety Department



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Safe City for Women and Girls program:

With YWCA/Trafficking Elimination Support System (TESS):

- Training for frontline HRM staff to recognize and respond to signs of commercial sexual exploitation (CSEC)
- Policy advice on where/how municipality can lead in preventing/responding to CSEC

With Leading Mobility + Halifax Transit

- Gender and Transit safety workshop to build capacity, understanding and connections needed to improve women's mobility



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Community Mobilization Teams Trainings since April 2023

- Grief and Bereavement
- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Non-violent Crisis Intervention
- Mental Health First Aid
- Emergency Preparedness
- Collective impact training with Environment and Climate Change Team



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Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training for HRM front line staff

- Fully accredited crisis prevention training program (Crisis Prevention Institute)
- Independent evaluation of process and impact led by Claremont Centre for Community Safety
- 123 HRM staff/elected officials certified in NCI since April from various divisions including: Housing and Homelessness, Ferry operations, Transit, Employee relations, Councillor Support, Regional Council, Legal and Legislative, CAO's office, By-law

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- With HRM Youth Division - Mobile Youth Support Team
- With Community YMCA - Asset Map for Newcomer Mental Health Supports
- With Richard Preston Centre of Excellence- collaborative community response to critical incidents



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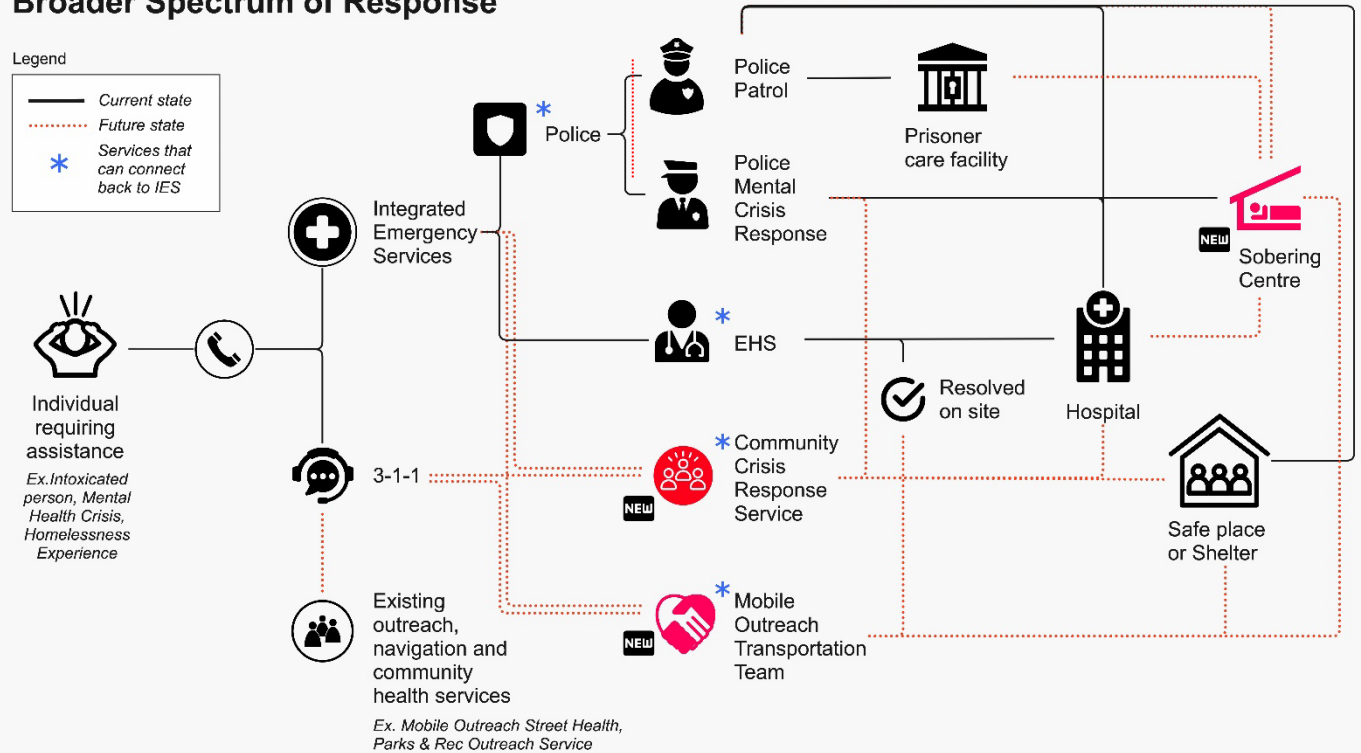
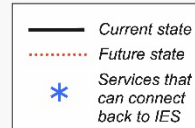


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Draft Future State Broader Spectrum of Response

Legend



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