



Item No. 3

Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality March 4, 2024

TO: Chair Kent and Commissioners of the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 29, 2024

SUBJECT: RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment Semi-Annual Crime Statistics July to December 2023

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This is a staff-initiated report.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 7(2) of the Police Board By-law, Halifax Regional Municipality By-law P-100.

BACKGROUND

The following information is submitted for the information of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC). The following statistical report is submitted to the board bi-annually by Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment (RCMP HRD).

DISCUSSION

The following information is submitted to the BoPC bi-annually and covers a six-month period of incidents reported to RCMP HRD districts from July to December 2023 [See Attachment 1].

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement was required for the purpose of preparing this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment Semi-Annual Crime Statistics July to December 2023.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment

Semi-Annual Crime Statistics

July to December 2023



Environmental Scan

General

I am pleased to share the following overview of HRD Crime Statistics for the last six months of 2023 and provide comparisons to the same period in 2022. Overall, I would say that our reported crime statistics have remained consistent with the same reporting period of 2022, and levels have returned to pre-Covid numbers. Crime type trends that are of concern to me are the ones that I am sure would be of concern to you. HRD is updating its Criminal Reduction Strategy and this data along with many other considerations will factor into the new strategy.

Persons Crime

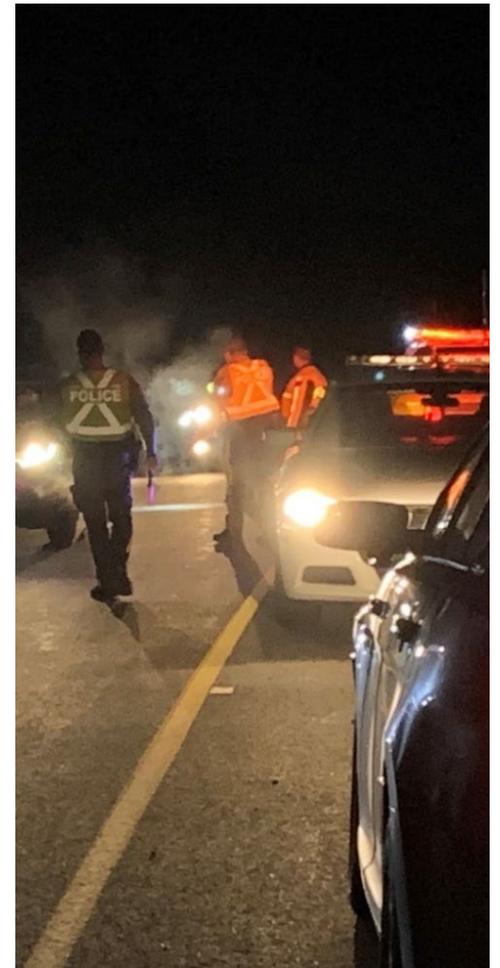
- Persons Crime accounted for 18% of Total Criminal Code in the second half of 2023, remaining consistent for the last two years.
- Assaults (all levels) accounted for 95% of Total Persons Crime from July to December of 2023 and remains the driver for the increase in the overall category.
- Robberies have doubled from 7 in the second half of 2021 to 15 in the second half of 2023, returning to pre-Covid numbers with 12 in 2018, and 15 in 2019 during the same period.

Property Crime

- Property Crime accounted for 45% of Total Criminal Code in the second half of 2023, remaining consistent when comparing the same period in 2022.
- Theft Over category increased from 14 in the second half of 2022 to 49 for the same period in 2023.
- Theft Under category makes up 61% of the Total Property Crime from July to December of 2023, and is the driving force for the upward trend.

Criminal Other

- Criminal Other accounts for 38% of Total Criminal Code in the second half of 2023, increasing from 37% in the same period of 2022.
- The top three occurrences that make up 60% of the Other Criminal Code category in the second half of 2023 are Mischief/Property Damage with 312, Uttering Threats with 210, and Bail Violations with 146.



Areas of Interest

JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

FIREARM SEIZURES



147

56 in 2022



DRIVING COMPLAINTS



2,239

2,329 in 2022



IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES



308

322 in 2022



MENTAL HEALTH OCCURRENCES

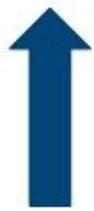


649

615 in 2022



FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS



271

259 in 2022



THEFT OCCURRENCES

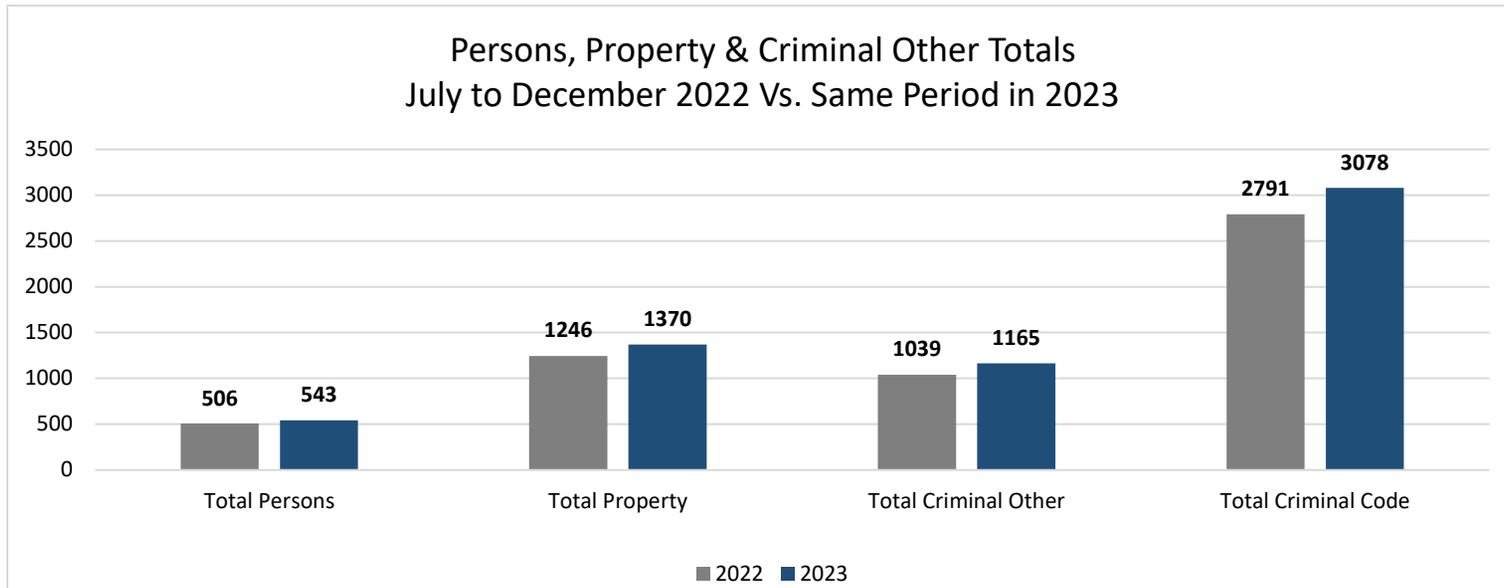


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784 in 2022



Crime Statistics Overview

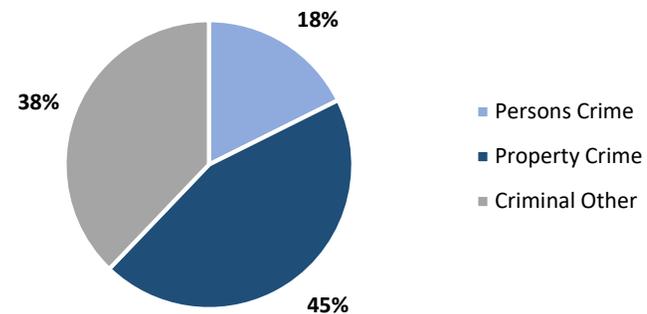


Total Criminal Code Breakdown by Category

July to December Three Year Comparison

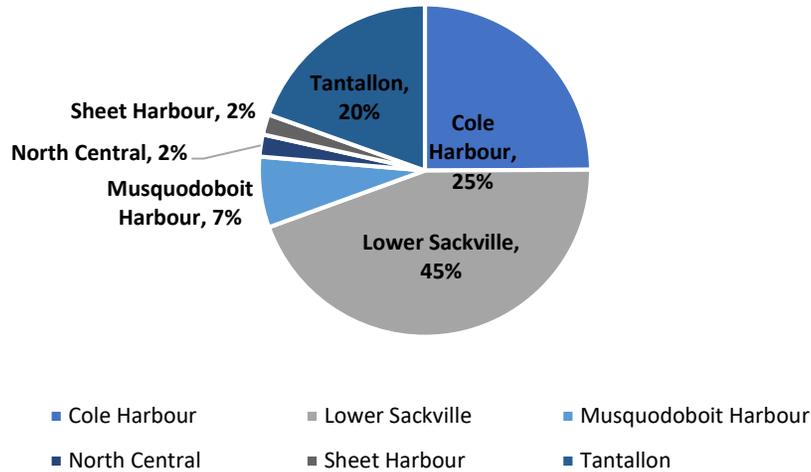
	2021	2022	2023
Persons Crime	18%	18%	18%
Property Crime	44%	45%	45%
Criminal Other	38%	37%	38%
Total Criminal Code	2,575	2,791	3,078

Total Criminal Code Breakdown by Category July to December 2023



Crime Distribution by District

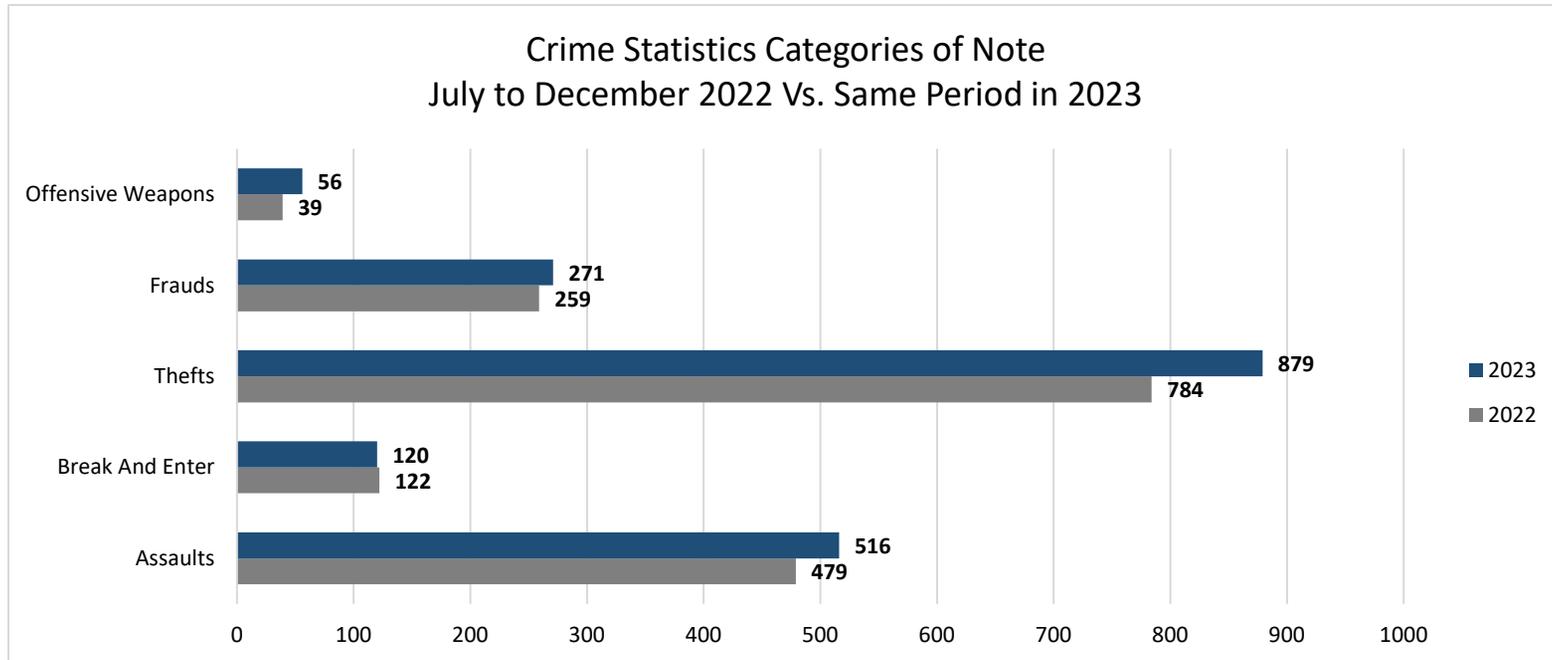
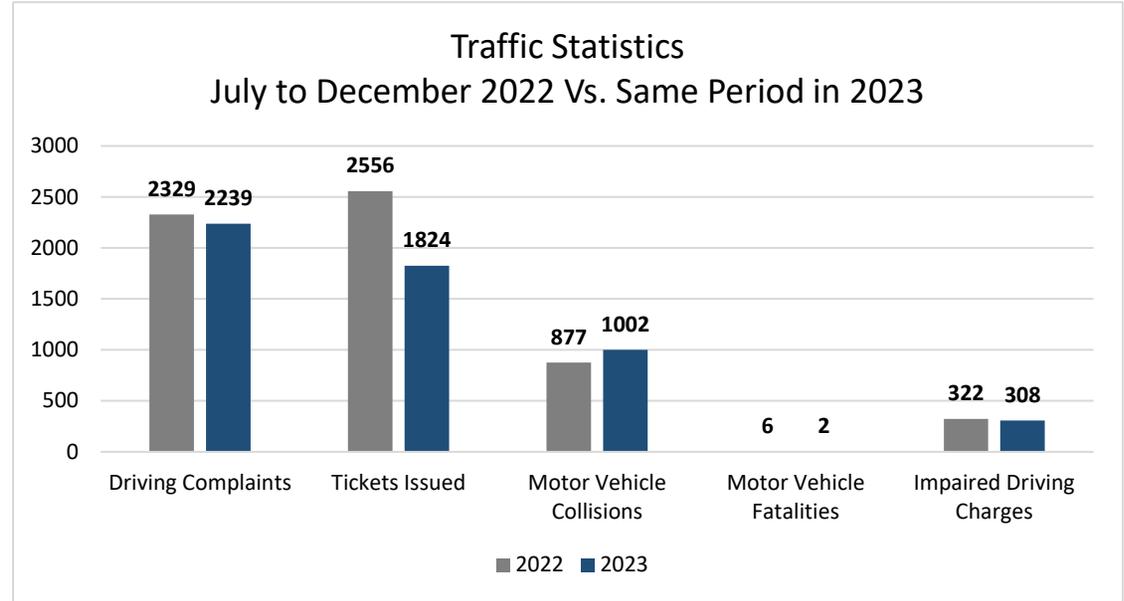
Crime Distribution by District
July to December 2023



District	Persons Crime	Property Crime	Criminal Other	Total	Percentage of Total
Cole Harbour	129	334	304	767	25%
Lower Sackville	238	619	514	1371	45%
Musquodoboit Harbour	41	97	74	212	7%
North Central	17	27	22	66	2%
Sheet Harbour	17	30	14	61	2%
Tantallon	101	263	237	601	20%
	543	1370	1165	3078	100%



Areas of Interest



**RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment
Semi-Annual Crime Statistics
July to December Comparison**

Halifax Regional Detachment	July to December			2022-2023 Comparison	
	2021	2022	2023	#	%
PERSONS					
Homicide	1	2	2	0	0.00
Attempted Murder	4	4	2	-2	-50.00
Robbery	7	13	15	2	15.38
Assaults	438	479	516	37	7.72
All Others	5	8	8	0	0.00
TOTAL	455	506	543	37	7.31
PROPERTY					
Break And Enter	127	122	120	-2	-1.64
Theft Motor Vehicle	55	66	74	8	12.12
Theft > 5000	25	14	49	35	250.00
Theft < 5000	661	770	830	60	7.79
Have Stolen Goods	14	15	26	11	73.33
Frauds	257	259	271	12	4.63
TOTAL	1139	1246	1370	124	9.95
CRIMINAL OTHER					
Morals	0	1	2	1	100.00
Offensive Weapons	21	39	56	17	43.59
Other Criminal Code	960	999	1107	108	10.81
TOTAL	981	1039	1165	126	12.13
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	2575	2791	3078	287	10.28
FEDERAL					
General	15	45	17	-28	-62.22
Drugs	32	26	45	19	73.08
TOTAL	47	71	62	-9	-12.68
PROVINCIAL					
General	843	833	835	2	0.24
Liquor	22	29	44	15	51.72
Traffic	2802	2556	1824	-732	-28.64
TOTAL	3667	3418	2703	-715	-20.92
TRAFFIC & COLLISION					
Criminal Code	203	158	217	59	37.34
Collisions	886	877	1002	125	14.25
Fatalities	7	6	2	-4	-66.67
Injured	147	155	150	-5	-3.23



**RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment
Semi-Annual Crime Statistics
Calendar Year Comparison**

Halifax Regional Detachment	Calendar Year			2022-2023 Comparison	
	2021	2022	2023	#	%
PERSONS					
Homicide	2	2	2	0	0.00
Attempted Murder	8	5	4	-1	-20.00
Robbery	15	27	30	3	11.11
Assaults	813	880	945	65	7.39
All Others	12	12	14	2	16.67
TOTAL	850	926	995	69	7.45
PROPERTY					
Break And Enter	212	209	224	15	7.18
Theft Motor Vehicle	105	115	126	11	9.57
Theft > 5000	45	41	78	37	90.24
Theft < 5000	1183	1519	1478	-41	-2.70
Have Stolen Goods	22	29	41	12	41.38
Frauds	484	492	577	85	17.28
TOTAL	2051	2405	2524	119	4.95
CRIMINAL OTHER					
Morals	0	1	3	2	200.00
Offensive Weapons	42	70	93	23	32.86
Other Criminal Code	1822	1936	2139	203	10.49
TOTAL	1864	2007	2235	228	11.36
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	4765	5338	5754	416	7.79
FEDERAL					
General	34	60	29	-31	-51.67
Drugs	61	55	71	16	29.09
TOTAL	95	115	100	-15	-13.04
PROVINCIAL					
General	1543	1648	1514	-134	-8.13
Liquor	37	50	65	15	30.00
Traffic	5437	5364	4176	-1188	-22.15
TOTAL	7017	7062	5755	-1307	-18.51
TRAFFIC & COLLISION					
Criminal Code	409	322	402	80	24.84
Collisions	1686	1744	1920	176	10.09
Fatalities	9	7	4	-3	-42.86
Injured	262	291	291	0	0.00



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Officer in Charge

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Regional Detachment



PARTNERS IN POLICING

