

September 3, 2025

Re: Item 10.2.6
Board of Police Commissioners
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Halifax Regional Police/ RCMP Halifax Regional Detachment
Semi-Annual Crime and Traffic Statistics - January to June 2025

Background

- The information in this presentation covers a six-month period of incidents which occurred in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) between January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025, and offers a comparison with the same period in 2024
- This is the first joint semi-annual crime and traffic statistics report prepared by HRP and RCMP HRD
- The next semi-annual crime and traffic statistics report will cover the period of July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025



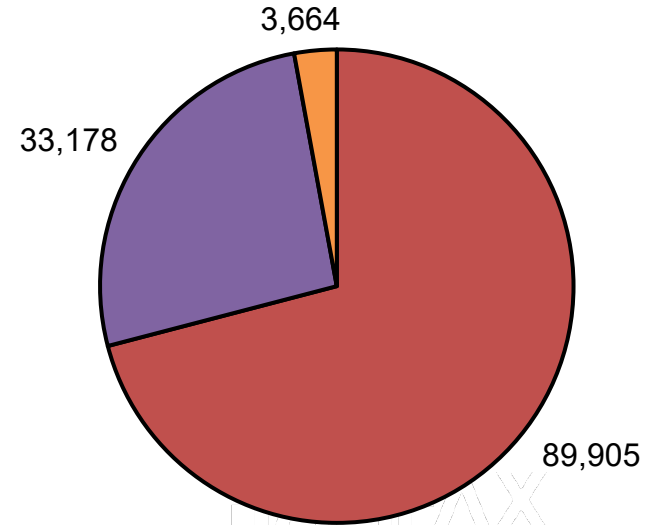
Calls for Service

- Public-generated calls for service include calls to police from members of the public, business organizations, partner agencies etc.
- Proactive calls for service include foot patrols, traffic stops, and proactive assignments e.g., checking on an individual subject to bail conditions, or high visibility patrol in an area recently subject to high levels of crime
- Online reports include certain non-emergency crimes or incidents which are reported through the online reporting form

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Calls for Service - HRM

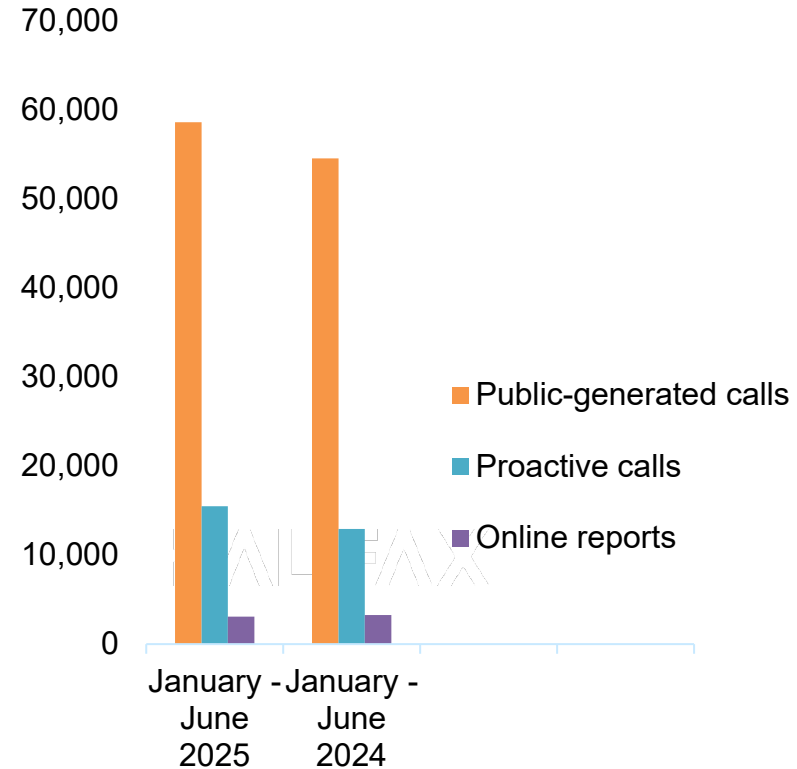
- Total calls for service: 126,747
- Public-generated calls: 89,905
- Proactive calls: 33,178
- Online reports: 3,664
- Overall, a 7% total increase when compared with the same period in 2024 (118,837)



■ Public-generated calls ■ Proactive calls ■ Online reports

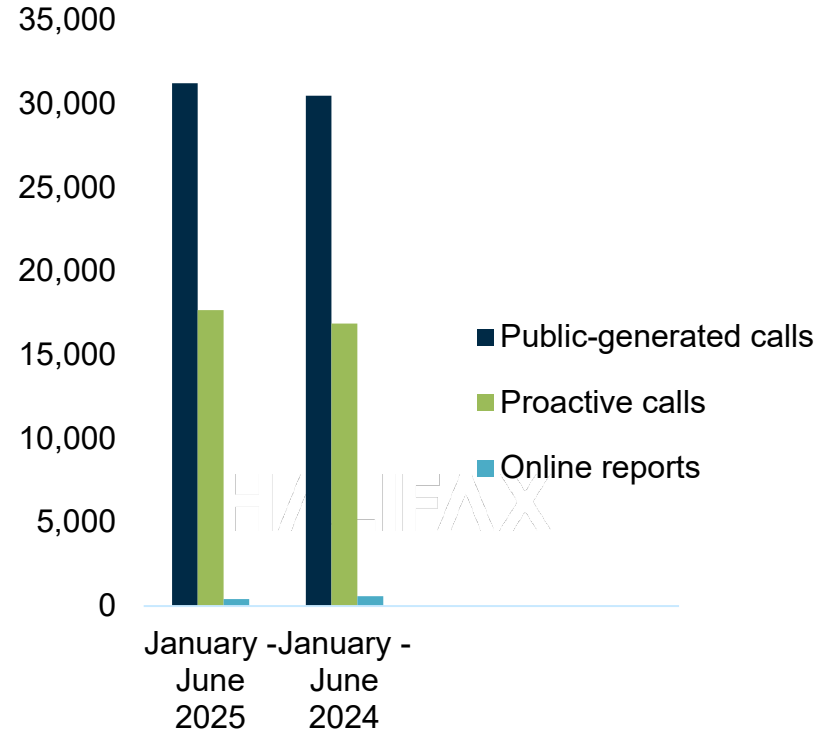
Calls for Service - HRP

- Total calls for service: 77,279
- Public-generated calls: 58,674
- Proactive calls: 15,500
- Online reports: 3,105
- Overall, a 9.1% increase when compared with the same period in 2024
- There was a 20% increase in the number of proactive calls, specifically foot patrols and proactive assignments. It is believed the Alternative Response Unit pilot and increased foot patrols for the purpose of enhanced community engagement, are contributing factors to the increase in proactive activity



Calls for Service – RCMP HRD

- Total calls for service: 49,331
- Public-generated calls: 31,231
- Proactive calls: 17,678
- Online reports: 422
- Overall, a 2.9% increase when compared with the same period in 2024
- There was a 5% increase in the number of proactive calls
- The enhanced use of Operation Breach and increased use of electronic monitoring are believed to be contributing factors to the rise in proactive activity



Top Ten Call Types

- Assist citizen
- Unwanted person
- Driving complaint
- Suspicious person
- Alarm – Commercial
- Motor vehicle accident (MVA) - Property damage
- Assist other agency
- Theft - Not in progress
- Wellbeing check
- Other Criminal Code



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- Motor vehicle accident (MVA) - Property damage
- Alarm - Commercial
- Assist other agency
- MVA - Injury/ Fatality
- Suspicious person
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- Wellbeing check
- Alarm - Residential



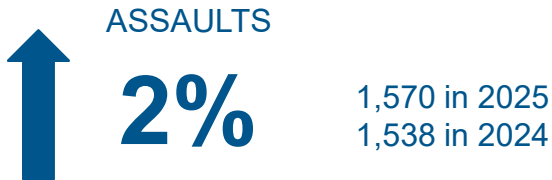
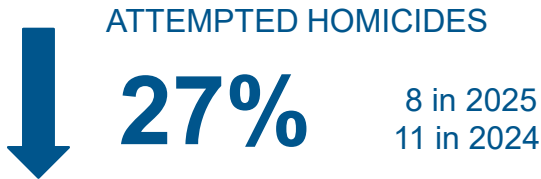
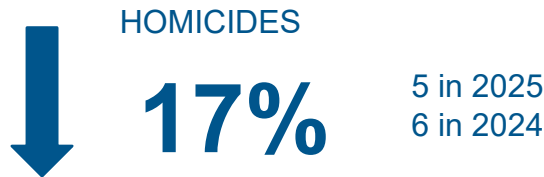
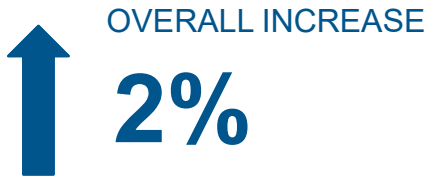
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Crime Types

- Crimes Against Persons refers to a crime where a person is the primary target (e.g., homicide, attempted homicide, assault, sexual violations or robbery)
- Crimes Against Property refers to a crime where the primary target is property (e.g., break and enter, fraud, theft, or shoplifting)
- Other Criminal Code (OCC) matters refer to other crime types such as drug offences, criminal traffic violations, offensive weapons or bail violations

Crimes Against Persons - HRM

CRIME TYPES



Crimes Against Persons - HRP

CRIME TYPES

OVERALL DECREASE



2%

1,441 in 2025
1,464 in 2024

HOMICIDES



67%

5 in 2025
3 in 2024

ATTEMPTED HOMICIDES



8 in 2025
8 in 2024

SEXUAL VIOLATIONS



15%

198 in 2025
172 in 2024

ASSAULTS



3%

1,138 in 2025
1,176 in 2024

ROBBERY



12%

92 in 2025
105 in 2024

Crimes Against Persons - HRP

HOMICIDES & SEXUAL VIOLATIONS



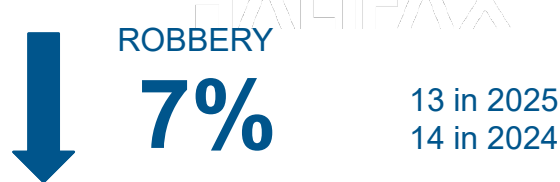
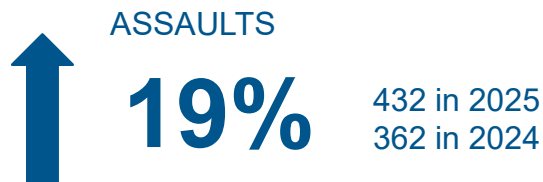
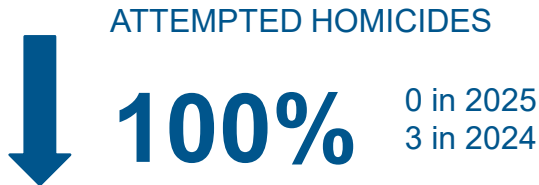
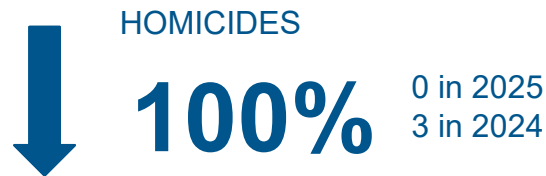
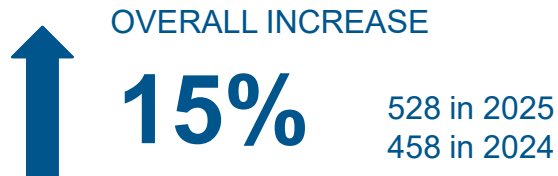
- Three of the five homicides occurred in Dartmouth, one in Halifax West and one in downtown Halifax
- Four of the homicides involved firearms
- Charges have been laid in connection with one homicide



- 26 more incidents reported in the first half of 2025
- Top offences include sexual assault and distribution of images
- Majority of incidents took place in Central Division

Crimes Against Persons – RCMP HRD

CRIME TYPES



Crimes Against Persons – RCMP HRD

ASSAULTS & SEXUAL VIOLATIONS

ASSAULTS



19%

432 in 2025
362 in 2024

- 70 additional assaults reported in the first six months of the year
- The majority of assaults took place in Lower Sackville

SEXUAL VIOLATIONS



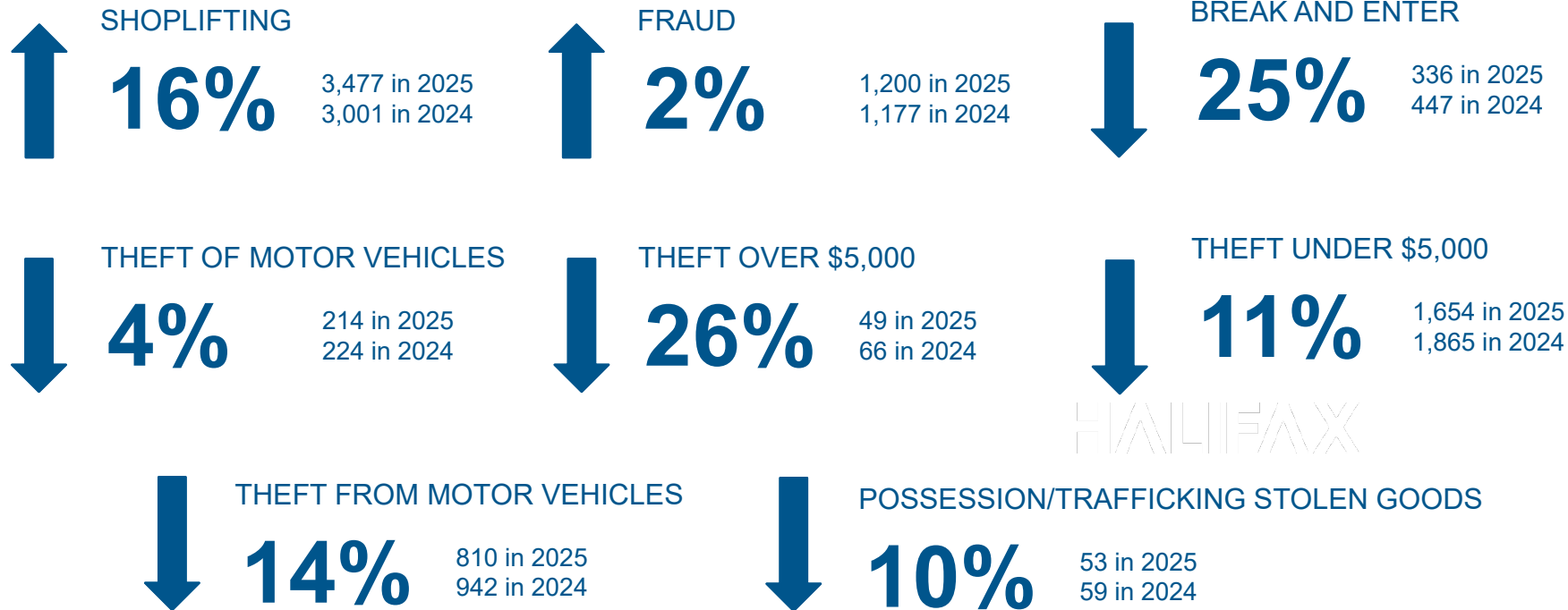
9%

83 in 2025
76 in 2024

- Seven more incidents reported in the first half of 2025
- Top offences include sexual assault and sexual interference
- Majority of incidents took place in Lower Sackville

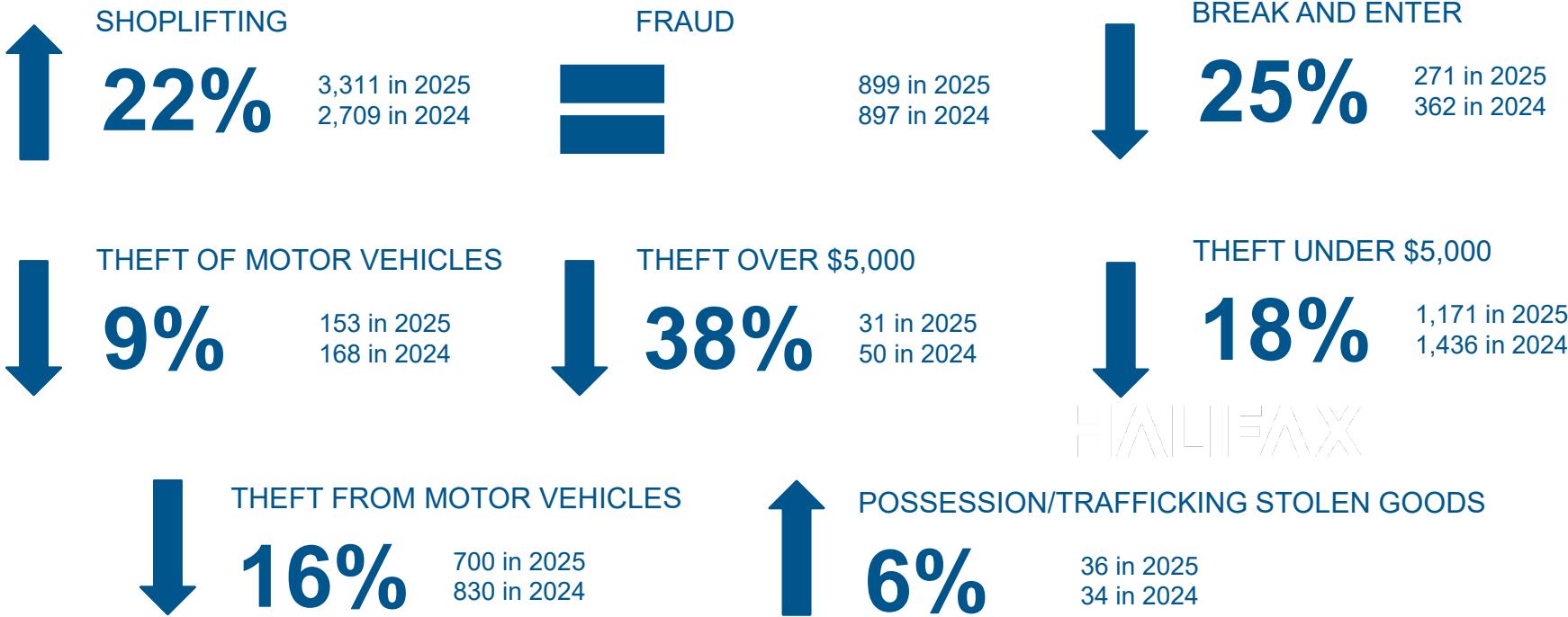
Crimes Against Property - HRM

CRIME TYPES



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Crimes Against Property - HRP

SHOPLIFTING & STOLEN GOODS



SHOPLIFTING

22%

3,311 in 2025
2,709 in 2024

- 602 additional incidents reported in HRP jurisdiction
- In the Dartmouth area, the increase in shoplifting has been primarily dominated by thefts from grocery and liquor stores



POSSESSION/TRAFFICKING STOLEN GOODS

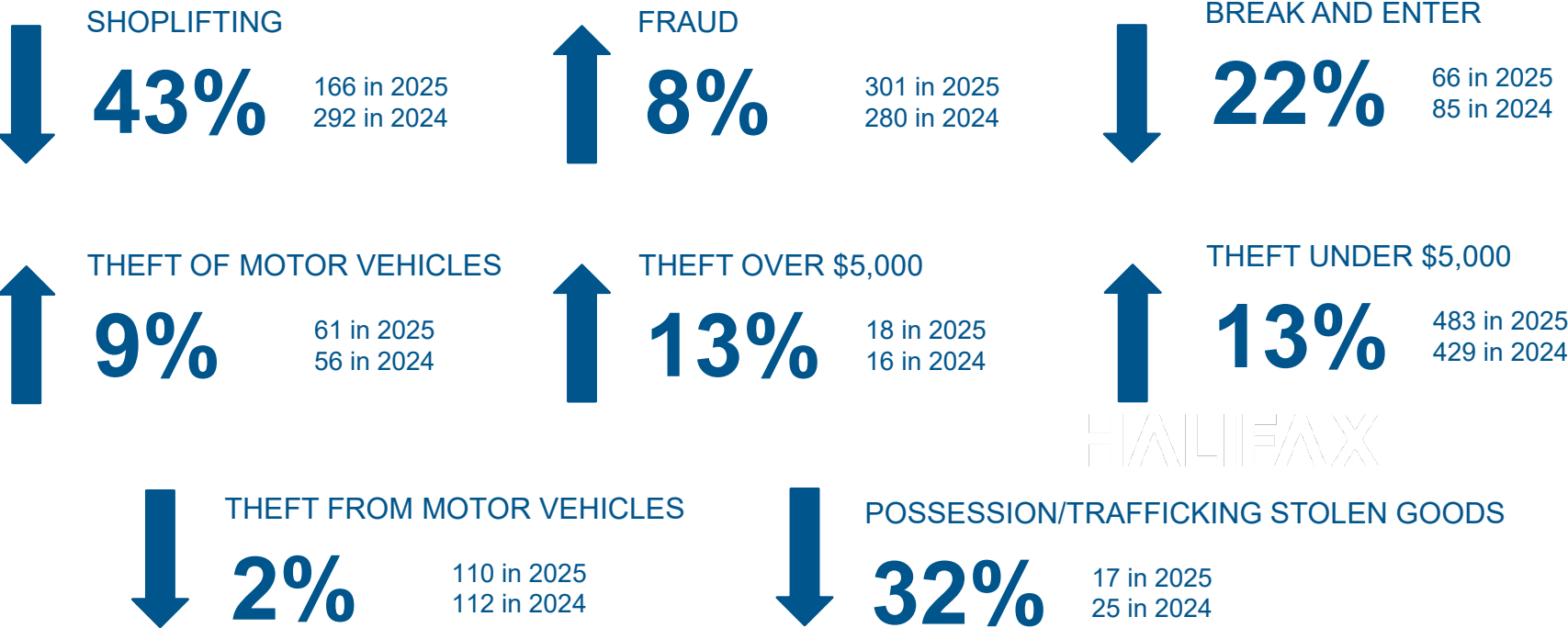
6%

36 in 2025
34 in 2024

- Two additional incidents reported
- Officers focused efforts on proactive activity in central Halifax to target hubs selling stolen goods

Crimes Against Property – RCMP HRD

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Crimes Against Property – RCMP HRD

THEFT & THEFT FROM VEHICLES



THEFT UNDER \$5,000

13%

483 in 2025
429 in 2024

- 54 additional incidents reported in RCMP HRD jurisdiction
- RCMP HRD has increased focus on patrols in areas of high shoplifting occurrences which may be a factor impacting the decrease in shoplifting



THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

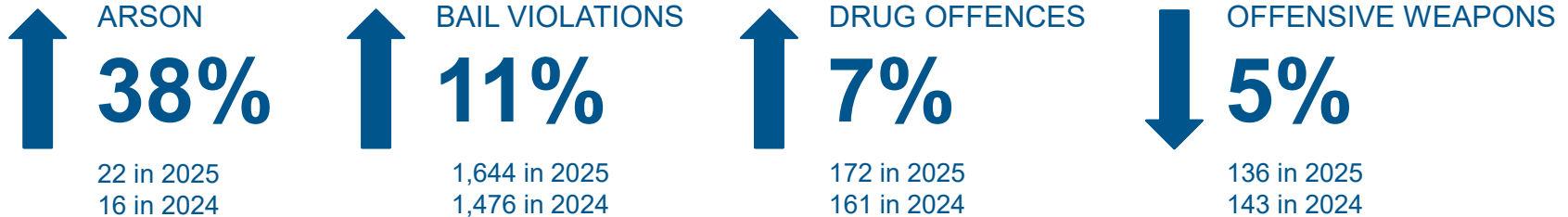
2%

110 in 2025
112 in 2024

- Although theft from motor vehicles in RCMP HRD jurisdiction is generally decreasing, there has been an increase in the areas of Tantallon and Cole Harbour
- This has resulted in additional patrols and targeted investigations

Other Criminal Code (OCC) - HRM

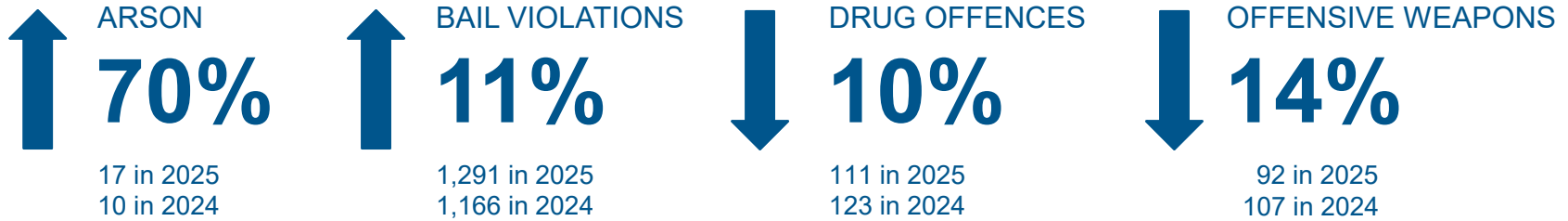
CRIME TYPES



- Overall, OCC matters have increased by 10%
- There were 178 more incidents across the municipality when compared with the same period in 2024
- Bail violations include offences such as failure to attend court and breach of probation

Other Criminal Code (OCC) - HRP

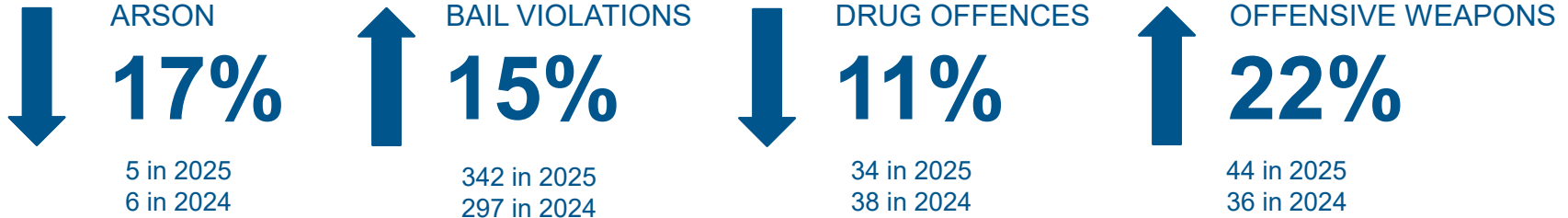
CRIME TYPES



- Within HRP areas, arson increased by seven incidents or 70% when compared with the same period the previous year
- These files have been reviewed for trends or links, but none have been identified at this time
- Eight of the incidents occurred in East Division, six occurred in West Division, and three occurred in Central Division

Other Criminal Code (OCC) – RCMP HRD

CRIME TYPES



- Operation Breach is a process used by both policing agencies to check offenders within our community who are on court-imposed curfew conditions
- The enhanced use of Operation Breach to identify bail violations and the increased use of electronic monitoring are believed to be contributing factors to the rise in reports of bail violations

Shooting Incidents - HRM

Shooting Incidents	HRP	RCMP HRD
January - June 2024	9	5
January -June 2025	11	7

- Between January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025, there were 19 shooting incidents
- This represents a 36% increase when compared with the same period in 2024
- 11 incidents occurred within HRP jurisdiction, seven within RCMP HRD jurisdiction, and the location of one incident remains under investigation

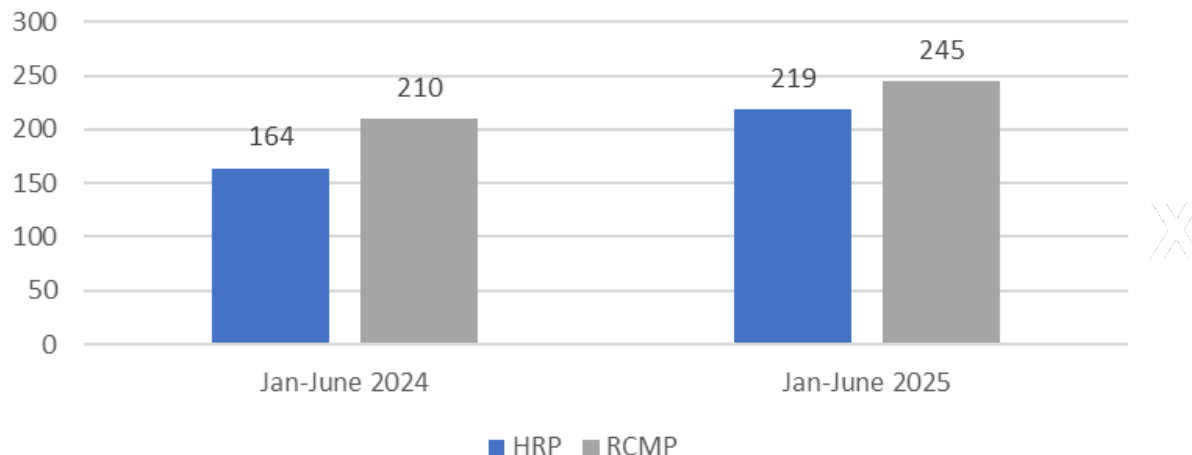
Firearm-related Homicides

Firearm-related Homicides	HRP	RCMP HRD
January - June 2024	0	3
January -June 2025	4	0

- There were four firearm-related homicides between January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025
- This represents an increase of 33% when compared with the first six months of 2024
- All the firearm-related homicides so far this year have occurred within HRP jurisdiction

Firearm Seizures

- Between January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025, there were a total of 464 firearms seized
- 219 firearms were seized in HRP jurisdiction, and 245 firearms were seized in RCMP HRD jurisdiction
- This represents an increase of 24% when compared with the same period in 2024



Crime Distribution by Policing District

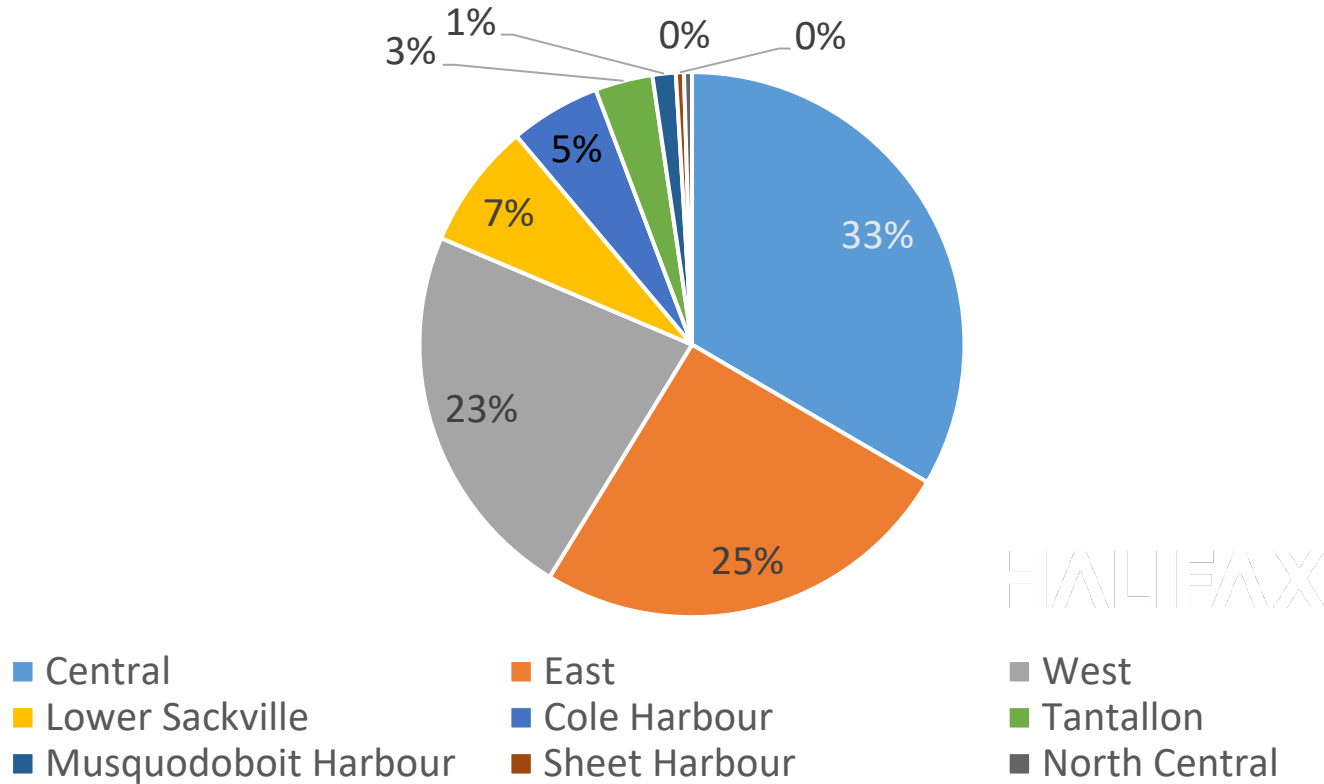


Central Division (Halifax peninsula)
East Division (Dartmouth)
West Division (Bedford to Sambro Loop)



Lower Sackville Musquodoboit Harbour
Cole Harbour Sheet Harbour
Tantallon North Central

Crime Distribution by Policing District - HRM



Crime Distribution by Policing District - HRP

Jan – June, 2025	Crimes Against Person	Crimes Against Property	Other Criminal Code	Totals	Percentage Total (Within Agency)
HRP (totals)	1,441	6,572	1,511	9,524	100%
Central Division	544	2,661	701	3,906	41%
East Division	510	1,985	467	2,962	31%
West Division	382	1,922	343	2,647	28%

- As indicated above, Central Division had the highest number of crimes in all three categories
- For some crimes, the district where the incident occurred was not captured in the data, however, it is reflected in the totals

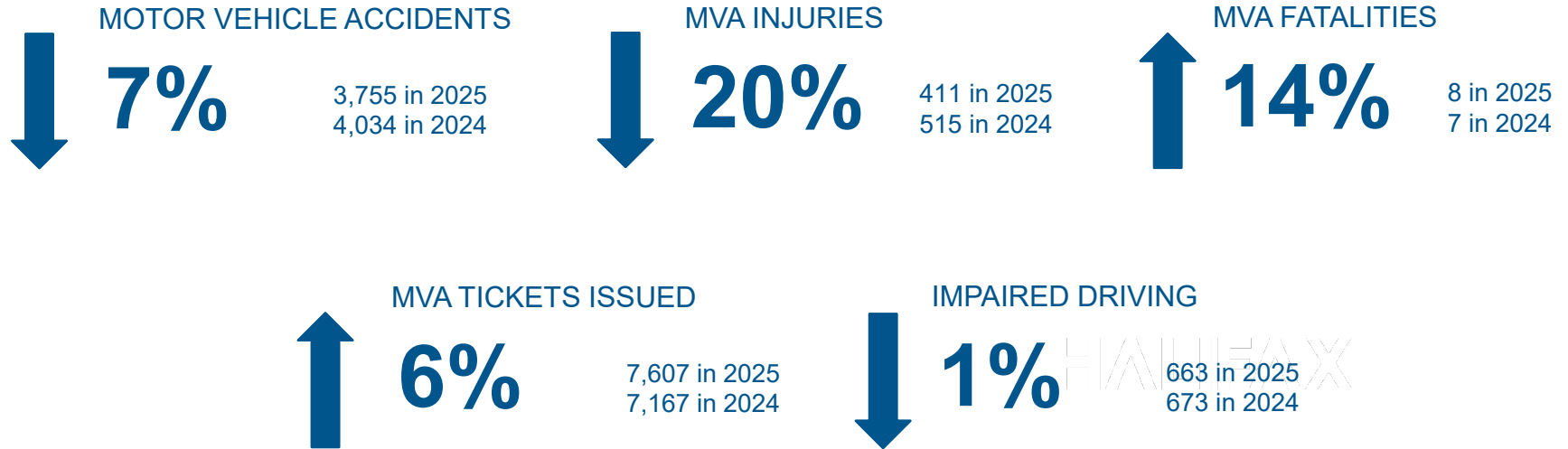
Crime Distribution by Policing District – RCMP HRD

Jan – June, 2025	Crimes Against Person	Crimes Against Property	Other Criminal Code	Totals	Percentage Total (Within Agency)
RCMP (totals)	529	1,222	427	2,178	100%
Lower Sackville	216	466	193	875	40%
Cole Harbour	155	341	133	629	29%
Tantallon	84	279	37	400	18%
Musquodoboit Harbour	38	91	32	161	7%
Sheet Harbour	14	21	21	56	3%
North Central	22	22	11	55	3%

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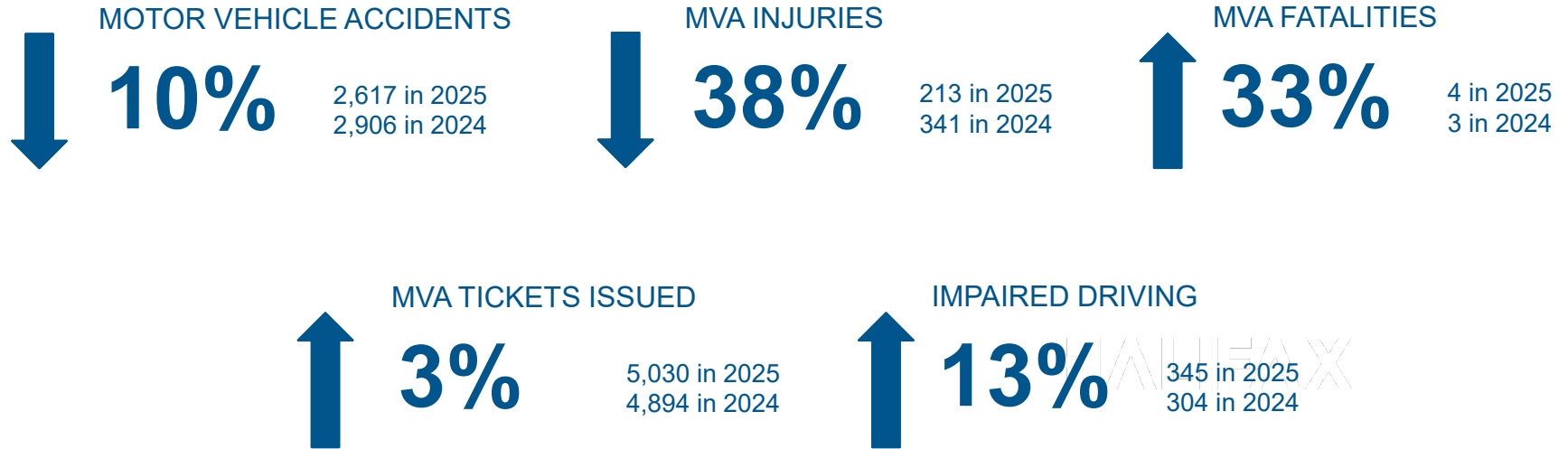
Traffic and Collisions - HRM

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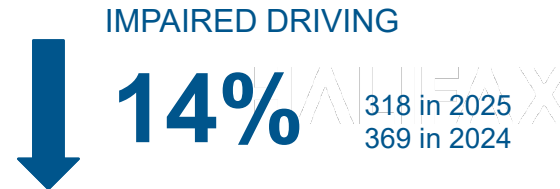
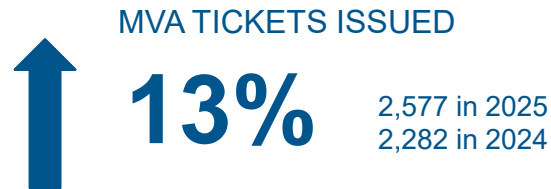
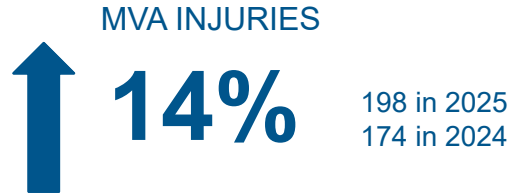
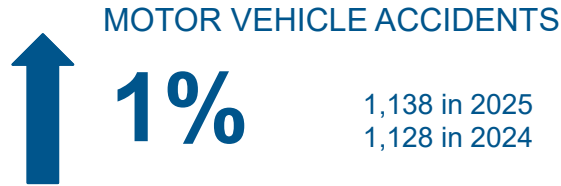
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