

Meet Constable Shawn Currie - Your New Community Response Officer

There's a new and soon-to-be familiar face on Spring Garden Road and in Downtown Halifax! Constable Shawn Currie is the new Community Response Officer for Spring Garden Road and Downtown Halifax. He replaces Constable Mike O'Sullivan who recently moved on to an investigative role.



Cst. Currie brings 20 years of policing experience to the role - 15 years on Patrol in HRM and five years with Metro Toronto Police where he worked in Patrol, Criminal Investigations and the Youth Bureau.

He also brings his own vision to the job. "I want everyone to know me and my name. By being approachable, I will work with the community and the businesses to address public safety issues," he says. He also plans to continue addressing such concerns as panhandling, youth and drug issues. He believes that by keeping tabs on the individuals involved and laying the appropriate charges, it typically prevents their behaviour from escalating and helps to ensure the situation doesn't negatively affect the nearby businesses.

With the new year here, it is Cst. Currie's goal to meet with each business one-on-one and attend the various business association/security meetings to strengthen the relationship between the business community and Halifax Regional Police. "I encourage business owners and their staff to stop me on the street to let me know their concerns or just say hello so we can each put a face to the name."

Throughout the year, you will see Cst. Currie walking the beat on foot or covering it by bicycle. He's also known to use Metro Transit to ensure quick movement throughout the Spring Garden Road and Downtown areas. He is supported by three 24/7 beats who address calls for service in the area, conduct proactive patrols and ensure a strong police presence in the downtown core.

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