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## **RCMP Halifax Detachment**

### **Mental Health Calls for Service**

### **2021-2022 Calendar Year Summary**

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## **Types of Mental Health calls for Service for Calendar Years 2021-2022**

In relation to the diary date for the Halifax Regional Municipality Police Advisory Board, this document will be our submission. The following are occurrence types or text types as well as Computer Aided Dispatch Call types (CAD Calls) that can be pulled for statistical purposes from the Police Records Management System. Recognizing any occurrence type can be deemed a Mental Health Call for Service (CFS), without context of how and where all the data resides in the records management system, giving numbers, simply put does not provide with high accuracy how Mental Health CFS apply pressure on existing police resources.

Many calls for service to police do not generate a police file. If police are called to an incident and the patient or client is transported by EHS or someone at the scene (i.e. a family member) these numbers may not be included as there would not be an IPTA or EDP form attached when the call is closed No Further Action Required (NFAR) by police. These CFS would have still had to be dispatched and attended to by police, thus they are included in the CAD calls that did not become a general occurrence.

		<b>National Average Hours Allocated<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
➤ EDP forms attached to files	2059	6 hours per occurrence	12,354
➤ IPTA forms attached to files	159	Calculated based on times on forms	1,170
➤ Mentally Ill Persons General Occurrence types	1656	6 Hours	9,936
➤ Suicide/Attempt Suicide occurrence types	528	6 Hours	3,168
➤ Mentally Ill Person/Suicide Attempt in CAD <sup>2</sup>	574	6 Hours	3,444
➤ Wellness or Wellbeing Checks (an increase of 22% in 2022 over 2021)	1317	1 Hour	1,317
		Grand total hours for 2 years	31,989

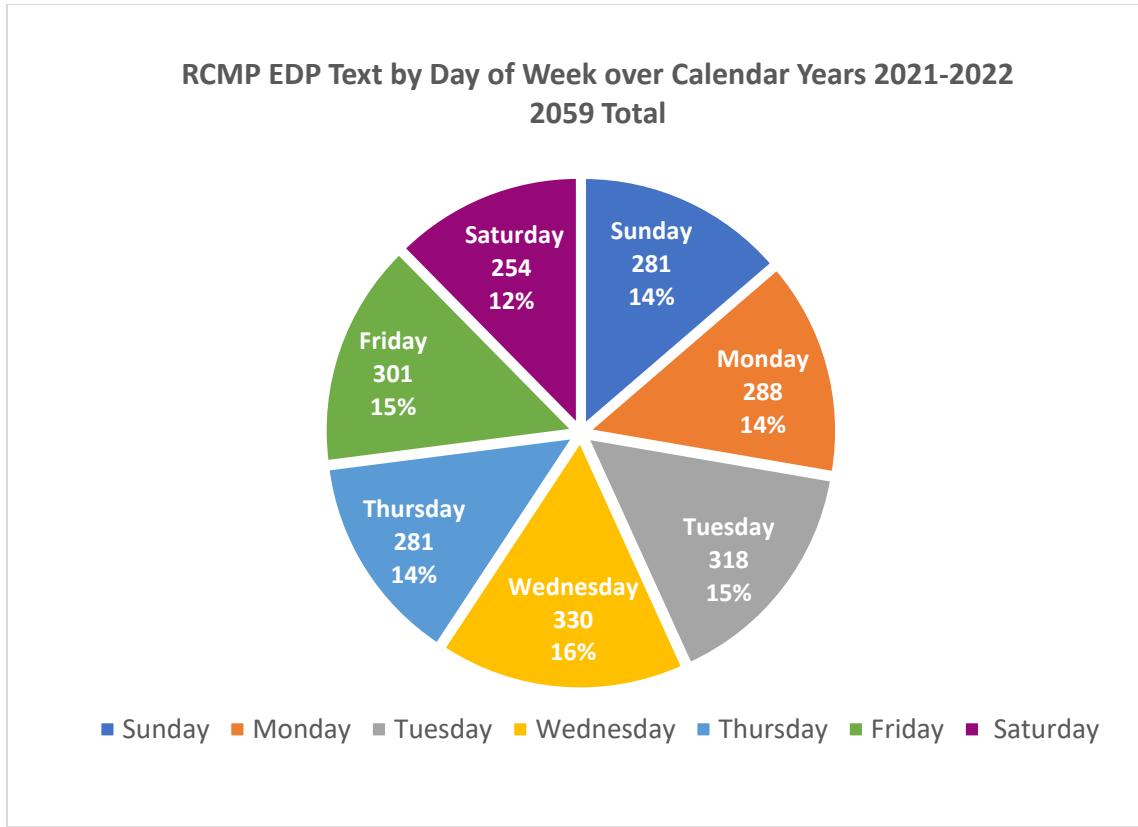
**When only the sum of EDP, IPTA and Wellness Checks hours were used, the number of hours exhausted by mental health related calls for service would be 14,841 hours over the two-year period of 2021 to 2022.**

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<sup>1</sup> Based on RCMP National Time Standard Matrix Workshop

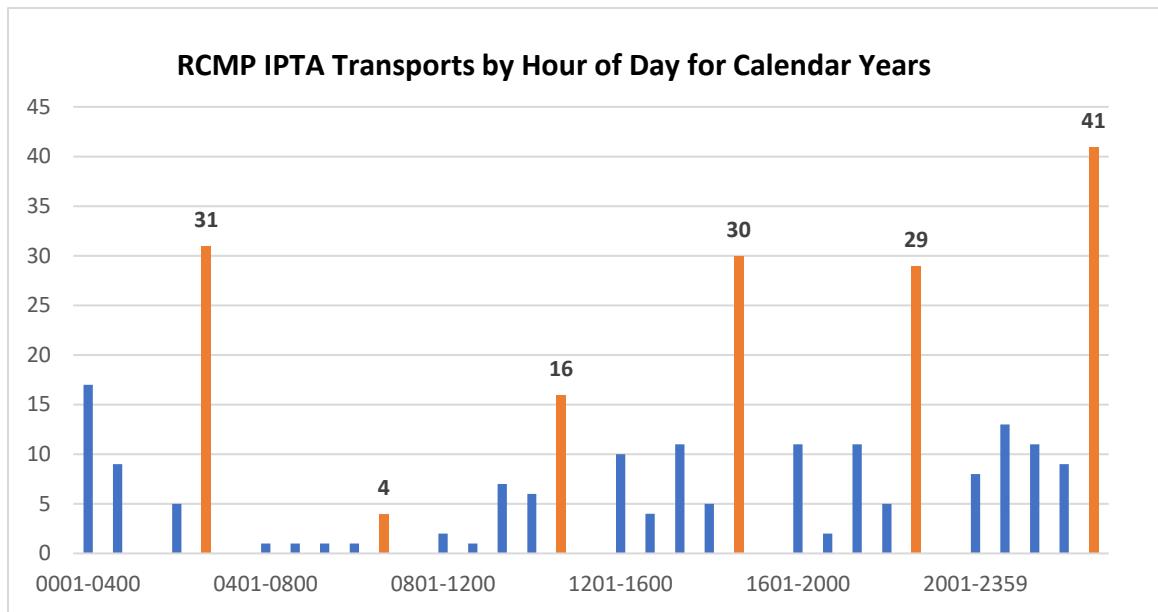
<sup>2</sup> Methodology for CAD calls = 2758 CFS for Mentally Ill persons/suicide attempt in CAD minus the 1656 and 528 General Occurrences or GOS leaves 574 CFS not counted elsewhere

**Total RCMP EDP text types by Day of Week based on the two calendar years 2021 and 2022**



- Based on EDP Date and EDP time documented on the form in the General Occurrence.
- The data for “Days of the Week” for text types are consistent over the two-year period.
- Wednesday’s had the highest volume of 330 or 16% of the total.

**Total RCMP IPTA transport times by Hour of Day based on the two calendar years 2021 and 2022.**



These numbers are based on the arrival time at hospital documented on the IPTA text type attached to the General Occurrence.

- Out of the 2218 Occurrences with EDP or IPTA forms attached, 7% of those were transports<sup>3</sup>.
- Time is in four-hour time blocks over a twenty-four-hour period.
- The hours between 1200-1600 the numbers begin to increase with transports between 2000 hour to 0400 hours having the highest number of transports over the two-year period.
- The data is consistent from 1200 hours to 0400 hours over the 2-year period.
- There were 159 IPTA Text types in this data which is 8% of the total of EDP and IPTA forms<sup>4</sup>.
- More than 40% of all Mentally Ill Persons type calls were in Lower Sackville District area.

<sup>3</sup> 7% or 159 does not include other Mental Health type calls i.e. someone when voluntarily or was given a courtesy ride

<sup>4</sup> Based only on EDP and IPTA Text types, it is not inclusive of all specific occurrence types (i.e. suicides and attempt suicides may not have an EDP or IPTA form attached).