

**Information Report from the Chief of Halifax Regional Police for the HRM Board
of Police Commissioners' Meeting on May 15, 2017**

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Personnel:

- HR is currently processing 11 experienced police officers to fill vacancies for a start date of June 5, 2017.

Hires

- One (1) civilian was hired: 1 HR co-op student

Resignations

- One (1) civilian resigned: 1 Public Relations and Communications Manager

Retirements

- No retirements this period

Training:

- Block Training ends this month. May 16 is the last scheduled block training day for 2017. Annual C-8 quals will commence immediately following Block Training.
- The training section will be hosting an Initial Critical Incident Response (ICIR) training course from May 29 - June 2 with Terry Charbot, retired Ottawa Police Inspector, as the course instructor.
- The training section will also run a bicycle course, coach officer course and prepare for new hires and cadets from the Atlantic Police Academy for their summer OJT.

Operations:

Major Investigations:

Homicide:

On April 28 a suspicious death incident that occurred at a residence on Farquharson Street in Dartmouth was ruled a homicide. The victim was identified as Lori JOLLIMORE. The investigation into this incident is ongoing led by the Homicide Unit of the Integrated Criminal Investigation Division.

Drug Searches:

Traffic in Cocaine, Weapons Possession

1. A traffic stop was conducted on May 4 on two vehicles in the area of Bedford Highway and Flamingo Drive. Searches of the vehicles resulted in recovery of a shotgun, crack cocaine, marijuana and cash. Further searches the following day at an apartment in the Flamingo Drive area resulted in the seizure of more crack cocaine and cocaine as well as

three rifles and ammunition. Two males were charged with possession for purpose of trafficking cocaine and multiple weapons charges while three other males were charged with possession for purpose of trafficking marijuana.

2. On April 25, a search warrant was executed at a residence on Gerrish Street and a quantity of crack cocaine, MDMA, an unknown powder and marijuana were seized along with a handgun and several stolen laptops. One male was charged with possession for purpose of trafficking cocaine, possession for purpose of trafficking MDMA, possession of marijuana, multiple weapons charges and possession of property obtained by crime.

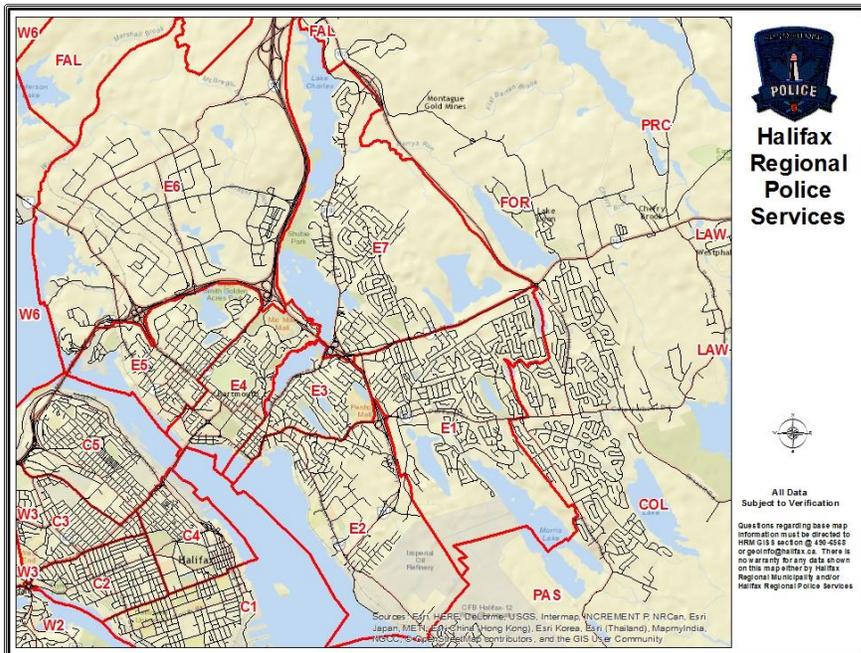
Crime Trends:

Thefts from Motor Vehicles Update – West Division

Since late January, areas in Clayton Park have had multiple thefts from motor vehicles. On April 21, a male was arrested in regards to a shoplifting incident. Through the investigation, we were able to link him to six thefts from motor vehicles in this area where windows of vehicles had been smashed and items stolen. He was charged with seven counts of theft under \$5000, possession of property, five counts of property damage and one count of possessing a break-in instrument.

Thefts from Motor Vehicles – East Division

Thefts from motor vehicles in East Division have continued to trend upward for the past three years when comparing January 1 - April 27 for 2015, 2016 and 2017. The main areas of concern where these incidents have increased especially when comparing 2016 and 2017 are zones E1, E3, E5 and E7. All of these areas have increased by over 14 incidents when compared to the same time last year. Between April 13 and May 1, 2017, there were 36 incidents of thefts from vehicles. The Divisional Crime Analyst in East Division is working with Patrol and Quick Response Unit members to develop a targeted approach to these incidents. Please see below map showing the Zones of East Division.



Outreach Initiatives/Projects:

- HRP held its inaugural Voluntary Surrender event on April 29 at the Dartmouth North Community Centre. The event was an opportunity for people with outstanding warrants for non-violent offences to resolve the warrants voluntarily in a neutral environment. The event resulted in 19 warrants being resolved.
- On April 27, an HRP School Resource Officer presented an information session about Internet Safety for parents at Ecole secondaire du Sommet. The presentation covered social media, cyberbullying and the dangers online. It was open to the general public and presented in French.
- Officers celebrated McHappy Day at McDonald's restaurants throughout the city to celebrate and to support families in the community.
- HRP celebrated its volunteers during National Volunteer Week (April 23-29). Grace Atkinson, HRP Youth Program Adult Leader, was also honoured as HRP Volunteer of the Year.

Communications:

- The PR Unit supported the family of Tanya Brooks, a victim of a homicide from 2009, with a statement regarding the return of some of Ms Brooks remains to her family so they can now lay her to rest.

Audits:

- Sgt. Fong is in the process of auditing callouts for the Public Safety Unit in an attempt to establish policy and criteria for their use.

Buildings:**Facility Review Project:**

- N/A

CID Building Update:

- CID staff have been present in the building for one month.
- There were some issues with the card access and alarm system installation, but they have now been addressed.
- Air pressure in the building impacted the exterior doors closing properly. The landlord and contractor have tried various fixes. This continues to be monitored.
- Overall, the relocation has been a success and CID staff are very pleased with their new workplace.
- Attention now turns to Phase 2 of the relocation and Sup. Perrin will work closely with HRM Corporate Leasing with the goal of a fall completion.

Policy:**Policies in final stages:**

- Drugs
- Strategic Communications
- Report to Justice and Detention Orders

Upcoming policies:

- Charge files
- Identification of Criminals
- FOIPOP/Release of information
- Cold Case/Homicide
- Fraud
- TMR-2 System Failure
- Street Checks
- Cell prisoner Management for PCF
- Detention/BOLO
- HRP Electronic Surveillance