

Update on Street Checks research



Overview of NSHRC project and HRP's role in it

- Following Jan. 2017 data release, NSHRC contracted independent expert Prof. Scot Wortley to analyze HRP data and conduct related research
 - Incl. community meetings, interviews and meetings with police, additional data collection
- HRP has stepped back from analytic activities
 - Research Coordinator has been supporting Prof. Wortley's data collection activities and strategies



Progress to date

- Data collection is complete
 - HRP provided 12 years of General Occurrence and Street Check data
 - DoJ provided 10 years of conviction data
 - HRP undertook data collection exercise with analysts to determine frequency of use of street checks in analytical work
 - Prof. Wortley has conducted community meetings across HRM, and has also interviewed key members of HRP Executive Management Team
 - Focus groups with front-line officers took place in May 2018



Next steps (as we understand them)

- Prof. Wortley will provide a draft high-level report for internal review before year end
- Public release of report will likely take place in early new year
- Report timeline will depend to some degree on results of data analysis, to be determined by NSHRC



Additional related activities – Fair and Impartial Policing

- To improve our ability to manage bias as an organization, HRP brought in the Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) training program
 - Reviewed by Cst. Parasaram at prior PDWG meeting
- Alongside implementation of FIP, we are undertaking an evaluation of the FIP program to determine whether it is having the desired results
 - Project in partnership with SMU; initial results 2019



Questions?



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