

### STAFF REPORT Board of Police Commissioners

## **May 2014**

EXTENDED SICK LEAVE	3
INJURY LEAVE	7
LONG TERM DISABILITY	5
MATERNITY LEAVE	9
PARENTAL LEAVE	0
UN PEACEKEEPING ASSIGNMENT	0
HAITI ASSIGNMENT	0
OTHER	3 (WCB, sick leave with no pay, and leave of absence)

As of January 2014 this report includes all HRP employees, including HRPA sworn/civilian Non-union and NSUPE members.



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Chief of Police Jean-Michel (JM) Blais Halifax Regional Police *Directeur de police* 

## **Halifax Regional Police - Volunteers**

Burnside Watch -10 Central Citizens on Patrol -6 East Citizens on Patrol -14 West Citizens on Patrol -8 H.R.P. Youth Program -27 Victim Services -26 Cops 'n Kids Youth Leaders 14 Seniors' Home Safety Program-10

Neighbourhood Watch - Halifax 11 coordinators

Dartmouth 11 coordinators Bedford 8 coordinators

Total 145 Volunteers

#### Burnside Watch

The Burnside Watch works to curtail crime in the Burnside Business Park and Dartmouth Crossing.

#### Citizens on Patrol - Central, East and West Divisions

These volunteers patrol their communities, looking for suspicious activity and alerting police to potential situations.

#### HRP Youth Program

The program includes youth aged 14 - 18 years, leaders-in-training, 19-20 years and adult leaders 21+ years. Youth take part in a variety of educational, fun and community service related activities.

#### **Victim Services**

This group primarily provides support to victims of crimes or traumatic situations. Victims of domestic violence are the main focus of the unit. These volunteers work with clients over the phone or on-scene during the evening.

#### Cops N Kids Youth Leaders

These high-school age youth act as mentors for younger children and assist with Cops N Kids camp, as well as subsequent events throughout the school year.

#### Seniors' Home Safety Program

Volunteers aged 55+, who conduct free home safety checks for their peers, living in private residences, to reduce risk of accidents, injuries and victimization.

#### Neighbourhood Watch

These volunteers are the eyes and ears for the community. They communicate with their neighbours and police on crime and safety related issues.

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Partnering
in our Community
to Serve and Protect

	Halifax Regional Police May 2014							
		-		Hrs Per				
Date	Course	# Members	Civilians	Day	Total Hours			
May	Block Training	89	0	8	1424			
May 1 - 2	Trauma Informed Response to Sexualized Violence	24	0	7	336			
May 5 - 9	Ontario Homicide Investigator's Association Conference	1	0	8	40			
May 5 - 9	Expert Witness	2	0	8	80			
May 6 - 7	Sig Sauer Armourer Re-Certification Course	12	0	8	96			
May 9, 2014	NSCJA – Spring Learning	6	0	4	24			
May 13, 2014	HRM Mental Illness SOS Training	2	1	7	21			
May 13 - 15	Annual Missing & Exploited Children Conference	1	0	8	24			
May 20-23	Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)	12	2	8	336			
May 21, 2014	Giving Constructive Feedback	1	0	3	3			
May 21 - 23	Radio Operator Marine Communications	2	0	8	48			
May 23, 2014	HRM Diversity and Inclusion Module 2		1	2	2			
May 26 - 30	Human Source Training	20	0	8	800			
May 28 - 29	Niagara Counterfeit and Fraud Workshop	1	0	8	16			
		Total Hours for May		ırs for May	3,250.00			
			Total Prev	vious Hours	12,727.50			
			Total Hours to Date		15,977.50			



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> J.M. Blais Chief of Police/ Directeur de police

# **Website:** www.police.halifax.ns.ca

## **Memorandum**

Date: 3 June 2014

To: Chief J.M. Blais

From: Sergeant David W. Reynolds

Re: Traffic Section Report – May 1-31, 2014

The Traffic section's monthly theme for May was "Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety" in compliance with the provincial calendar as well as our HRP monthly theme.

This included enforcement, education and special check projects throughout the month.. GO 66881 covers all of the individual checks and activities associated with this theme. Ten entries were made on this file. Activity was strongly affected with the unnaturally cold weather in May which reduced the number of motorcycles and bicycles on the roadway.

The provincial theme for June 2014 is "Speeding".

SOTs issued for the month of May, 2014:

Traffic: 236
Patrol: 1,332
Total: 1,568

SOTs issued year to date 2014:

Traffic: 1,667 Patrol: 6,959 Total: 8,626

Other motor vehicle section enforcement stats for May, 2014:

Signs and signals: 271
Crosswalk related violations: 24
Cell Phone: 96

We also investigated the following traffic related files:

GO 59691 - Traffic light violations Innovation Dr

During the month of May, Traffic officers participated in the following events:

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, all available members of the Traffic section conducted a police motorcycle escort of the Minister of TIR from Highfield Park to the offices of Safety Service NS as part of the kick-off of "Motorcycle Save Driving Season". CTV Breakfast Television, CBC and Global TV were on hand and interviews were conducted.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7th, 8th, all officers qualified to operate our police motorcycles were re-certified at Shearwater.

On May 9th, members of the Traffic Section as well as three additional officers attended Mellor Police office for Motorcade re-cert. This was in advance of the Royal visit motorcade scheduled the following week.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Reynolds with a motorcycle attended the annual Police Day display in MicMac mall.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, five members of the Traffic Section on police motorcycles and one car attended the funeral of former Dartmouth Constable Sinclair Williams in Cherrybrook and provided a ceremonial funeral escort to Atlantic Gardens.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Reynolds attended a meeting with other city staff members at Alderney Gate to discuss litter as it pertained to trucks traveling to the Otter Lake landfill and pieces of their loads falling from their vehicles onto the highways. An enforcement piece will follow.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, two Traffic members were assigned a task to assist graduating students from Kings College as they marched from one facility to another during their Encaenia.

During the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Traffic officers conducted enforcement and education efforts during the annual Canada Road Safety Week program. We conducted distracted driving check points and laid several cell phone charges, set up a speeding check point, attended major crosswalks in the Spring Garden Rd. area and handed out 1,000 reflective armbands and conducted seatbelt enforcement check points.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 14 members assigned to the Traffic Section motorcade team provided secure escorts during the Royal visit of HRM Prince Charles and Duchess Camilla as they visited several sites around HRM.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, four Traffic officers on police motorcycles provided a ceremonial escort for Constable Brian Johnston's father funeral in Pockwock.

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, eight Traffic officers on police motorcycles conducted a ceremonial escort from Halifax to St. Lawrence's Parish cemetery in Mulgrave for the internment of our police Chaplin, Father O'Neil.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sgt. Reynolds attended the monthly Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee meeting at Halifax Hall.

On May 30th, Sgt. Reynolds and members of the Accident Investigation team attended a meeting at City Hall related to the ASIS reporting system scheduled to begin later this year.

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, Traffic members attended the Apple Blossom Parade to assist Kentville police with parade route security. Also on the same date, one Traffic officer with a police motorcycle attended the Elizabeth Sutherland School picnic.

Additions made to our Trafficcop Facebook/Hootsuite page included the following for the month of May:

On May 7th, we posted a piece on our theme of the month related to Motorcycle and bicycle safety. 731 followers saw this post.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> we sent out the photo of one of the first zebra crosswalks painted in HRM. 809 followers saw this post.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we sent out a photo of one of our many efforts during Canada Road Safety Week. 639 followers saw this post.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> we sent out details on the road closures and the resulting traffic issues associated with the Bluenose Marathon and the Royal Visit. 528 followers saw it and some made comments.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, we sent out a piece on safety issues with vehicles on the road including a photo of very bald tires. 677 followers saw it or made comments.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, we posted a piece after one of our CRO members stopped cars full of teenagers with one of the riding in the trunk. 1,526 followers saw this post

#### Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant David W. Reynolds NCO i/c Integrated HRP/RCMP Traffic Section