



STAFF REPORT
Board of Police Commissioners

May 2013

SICK LEAVE	4
INJURY LEAVE	4
LONG TERM DISABILITY	0
MATERNITY LEAVE	10
PARENTAL LEAVE	1
UN PEACEKEEPING ASSIGNMENT	0
HAITI ASSIGNMENT	0
OTHER	1



Memorandum

Date: June 4, 2013
To: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
From: Sergeant David W. Reynolds
Re: Traffic Division Update – May 1-31, 2013

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Jean-Michel Blais
Chief of Police
Directeur de police

The Traffic Division's monthly theme for May was "Bicycle and Motorcycle Safety" in compliance with the provincial calendar.

The theme for the month of June will be "Speeding" as well as continuing on with our crosswalk safety project.

SOTs issued for the month of May, 2013:

Traffic:	429
Patrol:	163
Total:	2,062

Of those tickets issued in the month of May, at least 25 SOTs were issued for events related to bicycle and motorcycle safety in support of our monthly provincial theme.

Year to date totals:

Traffic:	3,416
Patrol:	9,606
Total:	13,022

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

- On May 1, Traffic members partnered up with Safety Services Nova Scotia as well as The Hon. Maurice Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as we gathered with approximately 50 other motorcycle enthusiasts in Burnside to open Safe Motorcycle Riding Season. A short motorcade throughout Burnside industrial park with media in tow was organized by the HRP Traffic Unit. The Traffic Unit motorcycle team also appeared on CTV morning Live that same day in connection with safe riding month.
- On May 2, the Traffic Unit provided a parade escort for members of the armed forces as they marched from HMCS Scotian throughout the downtown to the Museum of the Atlantic in recognition of The Battle of the Atlantic.
- On May 11, one Traffic Unit member with his motorcycle assisted with a daylong exhibit at MicMac Mall in recognition of Police Week.
- During the entire week of May 13 to 17, the Traffic Unit conducted information check points throughout HRM where more than 3,000 pieces of material were

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handed out to the motoring public as supplied by Canadian Blood Service. The event was in support of the national Canada Safe Driving Week leading up to the long weekend. Our message to the drivers and their occupants was to be extra careful and vigilant during the Victoria Day weekend as more cars than usual would be on the road. Patrol members picked up the responsibility for the check points from Saturday to Monday.

- On May 23, Sgt. Reynolds attended the first meeting as a board member of the standing HRM Crosswalk Safety Committee. This group is comprised of HRM professionals including police, engineers, councillors as well as medical professionals and community minded lay persons. The committee is scheduled to meet once per month for the next two years.
- On May 27, at the request of HRM Fire Services, six motorcycle operators provided a ceremonial funeral motorcade for a volunteer Deputy Chief who had been killed earlier the previous week in an industrial accident.
- On May 28, we provided a very brief parade for the Halifax Moosheads as they left the Metro Centre and headed to City Hall for celebrations of their wins in the Presidents and Memorial Cups. Traffic members remained on-scene for the following 3 hours as the team remained on site to sign autographs.

Cst Raymond Quesnel acting as the Facebook and Twitter "Traffic Cop" made his contribution to the Traffic unit by releasing information as it related to the following topics:

- spoke of Motorcycle awareness month;
- studded tire warning;
- (Deputy req) talk of Rolling stop and running Red lights. Posted graphic video of these infractions which was great success;
- (HBC "bridge" req) motorcycles each paying at tolls;
- spoke about National Safe driving week and did two YouTube videos posted on site. Posted on check stop locations and reminding people about drinking and driving. Attached photo of Charlottown Paddy wagon with "Jail cell" for impaired driving;
- spoke of headlights and tail lights requirement when raining (rained for a week at that time);
- posted photo of school bus and spoke of requirement to stop for school buses which created 2,700 views and many good discussions;
- spoke/revisited the pedestrian safety, rules and fines for pedestrians and motorists;
- with warm weather spoke about not leaving pets in vehicles in warm weather;
- spoke of bicycle safety, rules for motorists and cyclists when on roadway;

- spoke about speeding is leading cause of severe accidents (after DOA on motorcycle);
- introduced the "what a traffic Officer does in a day for the public to see" which was a great success;

These are the Countries where people were following HRP Traffic Cop on Facebook during the month of May.

12,200	Canada
504	United States of America
87	United Kingdom
25	Germany
19	Australia
14	Poland
12	Greece
9	Switzerland
9	South Korea
8	Indonesia
8	India
8	Philippines
7	France
7	Spain
6	Brazil
6	Belize
6	Italy
6	Singapore
6	Mexico
6	Pakistan

Cst. Quesnel conducted one radio interview on 95.7 and one television interview on Global Morning News.

Respectfully submitted,

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Halifax Regional Police - Volunteers

Burnside Watch -	11
Central Citizens on Patrol -	7
East Citizens on Patrol -	13
West Citizens on Patrol -	9
H.R.P. Youth Program -	38
Victim Services -	25
Cops N Kids Youth Leaders	13
Seniors' Home Safety Program-	11
Neighbourhood Watch - Halifax	11 coordinators
Dartmouth	11 coordinators
Bedford	8 coordinators
Total	157 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.