



**STAFF REPORT  
Board of Police Commissioners**

**March 2014**

<b>SICK LEAVE</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>INJURY LEAVE</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>LONG TERM DISABILITY</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>MATERNITY LEAVE</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>PARENTAL LEAVE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>UN PEACEKEEPING ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>HAITI ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>2 (WCB and sick leave with no pay)</b>

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



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Jean-Michel (JM) Blais  
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to Serve and Protect*

## Halifax Regional Police - Volunteers

Burnside Watch -	12
Central Citizens on Patrol -	7
East Citizens on Patrol -	15
West Citizens on Patrol -	9
H.R.P. Youth Program -	32
Victim Services -	25
Cops 'n Kids Youth Leaders	14
Seniors' Home Safety Program-	11
Neighbourhood Watch - Halifax	11 coordinators
Dartmouth	11 coordinators
Bedford	8 coordinators
Total	155 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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# Memorandum

Date: April 3, 2014  
To: Chief J.M. Blais  
From: Sergeant David W. Reynolds  
Re: **Traffic Section Report – March 1-31, 2014**

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The Traffic section's monthly theme for March was "Impaired Driving and Crosswalk 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 30480 covers all of the individual checks and activities associated with this theme. 24 entries were made on this file. 24 SOTs were issued by HRP officers for crosswalk related violations.

The provincial theme for April 2014 is "Cell phone and Driver Distraction".

SOTs issued for the month of March, 2014:

Traffic:	370
Patrol:	1,532
Total:	1,902

SOTs issued year to date 2014:

Traffic:	1,063
Patrol:	4,189
Total:	5,252

Other motor vehicle section enforcement stats for March, 2014:

Signs and signals:	278
Cell phone:	83
Crosswalk violations:	24

We also investigated the following traffic related files:

- GO 31004 – Crosswalk violations complaint Bedford Highway at Mt. St. Vincent
- GO 34491 – Crosswalk special check Springvale at Arlington
- GO 35552 – Speeding and other offences Victoria Rd., Dartmouth
- GO 41170 – Transit complaint at Upper Water St. terminal
- GO 41976 – Provincial Impaired Driving Initiative one night blitz

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

On March 4, all members of the Traffic section were assigned a task to distribute reflective armbands to people at or near crosswalks throughout HRP in an effort to enhance visibility and education about crosswalk safety. Sgt. Reynolds conducted five media releases related to this event.

On March 11, Sgt. Reynolds attended the Chief's information forum in the Meisner Room where presenters included Norm Collins, a local crosswalk safety advocate.

On March 18, Sgt. Reynolds attended a Traffic Engineering meeting at the Spicer building with other members of HRP and TRW. Issues discussed included the upcoming Segway project scheduled for downtown Halifax later this summer, various crosswalk issues and the Pedestrian Safety report to Council.

March 19, Cst. Quesnel attended a Northend Dartmouth community meeting at Farrell Hall and spoke about crosswalk safety and other motor vehicle related issues.

On March 22, two members of the Traffic section were called in to work night shift in conjunction with the national day of impaired driving interdiction GO 41976. This resulted in several road check points and one impaired charge being laid by Traffic Section officers involved.

March 21, 22, 23, members of the Traffic section staffed a display booth at the annual Motorcycle and Powersports Atlantic show at Exhibition Park to provide an information venue to the public. Our booth included two of our Traffic motorcycles.

On March 26, Sgt. Reynolds appeared at the Safety Service Nova Scotia sponsored safety conference at the Weston hotel and gave a presentation on distracted driving to the attendees.

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

On March 3, we provided notice on Facebook about a traffic accident affecting motorists using highway 111 at Woodland Ave. Nearly 300 followers saw this post.

On March 5, we issued another reminder about cell phone usage while driving. Nearly 600 followers saw this post.

On March 6, we entered a piece on yielding to transit buses that generated a lively discussion. Over 800 followers saw this post.

On March 10, an informative piece related to license plate covers was added to Facebook and hootsuite. Over 1,700 followers saw it and some made comments.

On March 27, photos and commentary were added by Cst. Quesnel related to the latest winter storm that blew into town and the problematic situation with vehicles left on the street in violation of the winter ban. Over 1,700 followers saw it or made comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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