



STAFF REPORT
Board of Police Commissioners

August 2013

SICK LEAVE	4
INJURY LEAVE	5
LONG TERM DISABILITY	0
MATERNITY LEAVE	12
PARENTAL LEAVE	0
UN PEACEKEEPING ASSIGNMENT	0
HAITI ASSIGNMENT	0
OTHER	0



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Memorandum

Date: August 30, 2013
To: Chief Jean-Michel Blais
From: Sergeant David W Reynolds
Re: Traffic Section Report – August 1-30, 2013

The Traffic Section's monthly theme for August was "Construction Zones" in compliance with the provincial calendar.

The provincial theme for the month of September will be "Crosswalk and Seatbelts" although we will be doing a high concentration on school zones for the first three weeks of September. It will include but will not be limited to monitoring and enforcing reduced speed limits in school zones, passing of school buses as well numerous traffic check point at or near schools, and handing out material connected to bus safety as supplied by one of our partners, Safety Services Nova Scotia. We will also be conducting on site media releases as well as sending out material via Facebook and Twitter.

SOTs issued for the month of August, 2013:

Traffic:	180
Patrol:	999
Total:	1,079

Other motor vehicle section enforcement stats for August:

Signs and signals:	231
Cell phone:	100
Seat belts:	30
Crosswalk violations:	0

SOTs issued 2013 (January–August):

Traffic:	4,402
Patrol:	14,360
Total:	18,762

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

On August 1, Traffic officers assisted members of the Canadian Military as they marched from Artillery Park to Grand Parade in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Sea King helicopters. Once the ceremony was concluded there, they continued their march to the waterfront.

On August 21, two Traffic officers assisted provincial motor vehicle inspectors at traffic points where police looked for un-roadworthy vehicles for on-sight full safety inspections.

On August 22, Sgt Reynolds attended the fourth meeting of the HRM Crosswalk Safety Committee as a staff member.

On August 23, members of the Traffic Section (tried to)/assisted the 78th Nova Scotia Highlanders with a parade that was expected to begin at Citadel Hill and proceed to City Hall. However when we arrived on scene, within minutes of making the necessary arrangements, a thunder and lightning storm rolled in and the event was promptly cancelled.

On August 26-29 Csts. Webber and MacKay were tasked with motorcycle training our newest Traffic Section member, Cst. Marshall Williams.

We also investigated and/or took action on the following public traffic complaints in August:

GO 122358 – Stop sign violations Hester/Elmwood
GO 124556 – Crosswalk violations Langbrae at Dunbrack
GO 125705 – Speeding complaint Woodlawn Rd.
GO 124882 – Speeding complaint Berlin at Dublin
GO 116676 – Crosswalk violation Duke at Argyle
GO 113188 – Speeding complaint Leblin Dr.
GO 113189 – Crosswalk complaint Joe Howe at Super Store
GO 104646 – Reckless driving Drummond Rd.
GO 109217 – Speeding Lyngby Cres.

Csts. Raymond Quesnel and Tracy MacDonald acting as the Facebook and Twitter “Traffic Cops” made their contribution to the Traffic section by releasing information as it related to the following topics:

- On two occasions we advised the public to avoid a certain area due to bad collisions.
- Spoke of safety tips before heading out on vacation.
- Provided strong videos on speeding/stopping distance and distracted drivers.
- How to contact the Police department and provide a formal traffic complaint.
- Spoke about green vehicles and the definition of a bicycle.
- Spoke about Rubber necking and did a radio interview about it.
- Spoke about interesting and busy days at work as a Traffic officer.
- Not traffic-related but advised the public about HRM by-law regarding Noise Complaints.

- Reminded people of being responsible when driving a vehicle (securing of load, seatbelt, vehicle documents and equipment).

Respectfully submitted,

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Halifax Regional Police - Volunteers

Burnside Watch -	11
Central Citizens on Patrol -	7
East Citizens on Patrol -	12
West Citizens on Patrol -	9
H.R.P. Youth Program -	33
Victim Services -	22
Cops N Kids Youth Leaders	0 (currently interviewing for 2013/14 group)
Seniors' Home Safety Program-	11
Neighbourhood Watch - Halifax	11 coordinators
Dartmouth	11 coordinators
Bedford	8 coordinators
Total	135 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.