



Halifax Regional Council
January 21, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: L. LeBoutillier, Secretary to Board
Halifax Regional Board of Police Commissioners

DATE: December 17, 2002

SUBJECT: Task Force on Crime

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council Meeting - January 23, 2001 - Item 12.2

BACKGROUND

Initially dealt with at the Police Commission meeting of February 12, 2001. The attached report from the Halifax Regional Police was received at their December 9, 2002 meeting.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Halifax Regional Board of Police Commissioners
December 9, 2002

TO: Chairman and Members of the
Halifax Regional Board of Police Commissioners

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Frank A. Beazley, Acting Chief of Police

DATE: December 3, 2002

SUBJECT: Task Force on Crime

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council Meeting - January 23, 2001 - Item 12.2

At the Halifax Regional Council meeting on January 23, 2001, Councillor Smith requested that the Board of Police Commissioners examine the formation of a task force on crime and/or other recommendations to help reduce the crime rate, particularly in District 9.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the January 23, 2001 HRM Council meeting Councillor Smith raised concerns regarding a recent crime spree in north end Dartmouth. He suggested that a task force on crime be formed to deal with this issue.

During this meeting, a number of councillors also commented that their areas face similar problems.

In response, the Division Commander for north end Dartmouth took a number of steps to deal with issues in this area. The Dartmouth North Community Project Group has representation from all HRM Services and meets to deal with identified issues. From October 12, 2001 to November 12, 2001, the Division Commander in Each Division implemented an operational plan utilizing the resources within East Division to deal with a number of issues in north end Dartmouth, including drugs and crime.

In January, 2002, the Halifax Regional Police implemented a six member Problem Orientated Policing Team (POP). This team has a mandate to deal with identified recurring problems in cooperation with patrol and other sections of HRP to mitigate or eliminate the problem for any area within HRP jurisdiction. The POP Team was assigned an operational plan to deal with issues related to groups in north end Dartmouth who were intimidating residents and committing crimes. This plan was implemented from January 20, 2002 to March 12, 2002.

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In January, 2002, a High Risk Offender Unit was also implemented and the four members of this team are responsible to monitor the activities of high risk offenders. This involves working with Corrections Canada, conducting surveillance on high risk offenders and keeping track of where high risk offenders are and their activities.

There are a number of other initiatives being driven by the Division Commanders in all three divisions which include school liaison programs, crime analysis, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Audits, interaction with other agencies, examining use of volunteers, as well as working with other HRP units such as Vice and GIS to address issues proactively.

The more comprehensive approach as noted by the above activities is preferred to a task force on crime.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating Reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

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