16 April, 2012

City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON
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Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports (PSB 12-049)

Attached for your information and attention, please find copies of the Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports. These reports highlight the following:

- Hamilton Police Seize 2.5 kilos of Cocaine and Arrest Five
- St. Patrick's Day and Hamilton Police
- Distracted Driving Campaign
- National Victims of Crime Week
- Police Week

If you any questions or concerns that may arise from the reports please do not hesitate to contact myself or our office at the number below.

Sincerely,

Nancy DiGregorio
Chair
Hamilton Police Services Board

Attachments (1)

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DATE: 2012 April 16

REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
(PSB 12-049)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board direct the Administrator of the Board to refer this report, in its entirety, to the City of Hamilton, for information.

Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL – n/a

STAFFING – n/a

LEGAL – n/a
BACKGROUND:

Hamilton Police Seize 2.5 kilos of Cocaine and Arrest Five
On March 28, 2012, Hamilton Police conducted a number of early morning searches at various locations in the Hamilton area that resulted in the seizure of illegal drugs and the arrest of five people.

As a result of information that was brought to the attention of the HPS Vice and Drugs Unit, an investigation was initiated into mid-level drug trafficking that was ongoing in the city of Hamilton.

The investigation led to a series of search warrants being obtained and on March 29, 2012, during the early morning hours, over 40 HPS officers from Vice and Drugs, RRU, HEAT, BEAR and the GWHU, simultaneously executed those search warrants at seven premises, including four residences, three businesses and three vehicles.

As a result of the investigation and warrants executed, Hamilton Police arrested and charged Jesse Johnson, 24 years of age, of Hamilton, and Jonathon Cwierdzniski, 20 years of age, of Dundas with a number of drug trafficking and proceeds of crime related offences. They were both held for a bail hearing.

Police further arrested and charged Fahd Ikram, 23 years of age, Danyal Ikram 25 years of age and Mahvesh Ikram (f) 20 years of age, all of Ancaster with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking and additional drug offences. Fahd and Danyal Ikram were held for a bail hearing. Mahvesh Ikram was released on a Promise to Appear with a court date of May 9th, 2012.

Hamilton Police seized 2.4 kilos of pure cocaine from a home searched at 144 Diorio Circle in Ancaster. A further 12 oz of suspected cocaine was seized from a business, the Monfort Restaurant, located at 246 Governors Rd. in Dundas. The investigation is ongoing.

St. Patrick’s Day and Hamilton Police
The following is an email that was sent to Hamilton Police on the Service’s response to St. Patrick’s Day from a citizen in Westdale:

Sgt. Moreton:
I’d like to thank you and the other members of the HPS for the work you did in Westdale on St. Patrick’s Day. From my perspective near King and Newton, what started out as a smoldering powder keg in the morning was damped down to a non-event by nightfall.
By noon on Saturday, I was becoming anxious; there were many houses on King St.W. and Sterling St. whose lawns were littered with drinking students and empty beer bottles; groups of students were wandering the neighbourhood, seemingly looking for parties, as others hooted and called them into houses and drives for drinks; loud music and mounting shouting were coming from many nearby back yards.

I called HPS three times over the course of the afternoon, and in each case there was a response within half an hour and the party either shutdown or settled down to a mere shout-punctuated hubbub. At 11 p.m., I was able to go to bed with my bedroom windows open – that's how quiet it was.

The out-of-control rioting in London shows us where a long day of unconstrained drinking and partying can lead a suburban neighbourhood. The plans put in place to keep things under control here were clearly effective and are a credit to you and your colleagues, and testament, too, to the cooperation between the city, the police, the university and the AWWCA.

Distracted Driving Campaign
The law makes it illegal for drivers to talk, text, type, dial or email using hand-held cell phones and other hand-held communications and entertainment devices. The law also prohibits drivers from viewing display screens unrelated to the driving task, such as laptops or DVD players, while driving. The use of hands-free devices is still permitted, and drivers may use hand-held devices to call 9-1-1.

The dangers of distracted driving are real and the evidence speaks for itself: drivers who use cell phones are four times more likely to be in a collision than a driver who is focused on the road. As part of our ongoing efforts to inform and educate citizens, Hamilton Police will be holding their first-ever ‘tweet-along’. Corporate Communications will join Traffic Services and give Twitter followers a first-hand look at what Divisional Safety Officers are observing on our city’s roadways.

UPCOMING

National Victims of Crime Week
For the third consecutive year the Hamilton Police Victim Services Branch has been the recipient of a Department of Justice grant that funds training and events relating to victims of crime. This year they have partnered with the John Howard Society and the focus of the workshops is on youth and victimization.
There will be an official ceremony honouring victims of crime on Monday, April 23 from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at Central Police Station. The event will also commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Service’s Victim Services Branch.

**Police Week**
*(Please see attachment)*

GD/C. Martin

**Attach:** Police Week Events
Hamilton Police Service

'Police Week' Events
May 12th – May 19th, 2012
"Working Together for a Safer Community"

Saturday, May 12th
1000
Crime Stoppers “Shred-it Campaign” – Limeridge Mall Parking Lot, Hamilton

Monday, May 14th
1000 – 1300
Citizenship Court – Stoney Creek City Hall, 777 Hwy. #6, Stoney Creek
1800 – 2030
Annual Awards Night – Theatre Aquarius, 190 King William St., Hamilton
(by invitation event)

Tuesday, May 15th
0800 – 1300
Chief for a Day – Central Station, 165 King William St., and Marine Unit

Wednesday, May 16th
1100 – 1400
Police in the Park – Gore Park, 1 Hughson St South at King Street East
Noon
School Safety Patrol of the Year presentation at Bayfront Park

Thursday, May 17th
0830
Police Chaplains’ Reflection Service – front of Central Station
1200 – 1400
North End Idol – Cathy Wever Memorial School, 160 Wentworth St. N., Hamilton
0900 – 1700
ERU ProAction Day -

Friday, May 18th
Noon
Police Station Public Art Gnome Launch – Central Station