15 November, 2010

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 10-102 & PSB 10-109)

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

- Hamilton Officers win ASIS International – Toronto Chapter Law Enforcement Appreciation Award
- Hamilton Police Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Vigil
- Rwandan Genocide
- Police Recruitment Night
- Inspector David Calvert Graduates from University of Toronto’s Rotman School of Management
- Live from Police Headquarters
- Upcoming Events
- The Action – Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods for October 10, 2010
- Action Analysis
- Annual Volunteer Banquet
- HPS Retirees Banquet
- Hamilton Police Support Operation Yellow Ribbon
- Off-Duty Officer Rescues Vehicle collision Victim
- The Action Weekly – October 25, 2010

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,

Bruce Pearson
Chair
Hamilton Police Services Board

Attachments
BP/item

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

- INFORMATION -

DATE: 2010 October 18

REPORT TO: Chair and Members
            Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM: Glenn De Caire
      Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
         (PSB 10-102)

BACKGROUND:

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

[Signature]

Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL - n/a

STAFFING - n/a

LEGAL - n/a
BACKGROUND:

Hamilton Officers win ASIS International – Toronto Chapter Law Enforcement Appreciation Award
Detective Jim Elliot, Sergeant Sabrina Feser and Detective Constable Andrea Richard received the 2009 ASIS International-Toronto Chapter Law Enforcement Appreciation Award for outstanding work in the area of 'Crimes of Violence'.

Founded in 1955 as the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), the organization officially changed its name in 2002 to ASIS International.

The Officers were recognized for their efforts that began on February 14, 2009, when a man was discovered by Uniform Officers, in an apartment where he had been confined and tortured.

The Officers were notified and took over the investigation. They determined that the victim had been held against his will and brutally tortured over an extended period of time.

They conducted numerous interviews, executed search warrants and collected evidence, including weapons and devices used by the suspects to beat and burn the victim.

The Officers also interviewed the three (3) accused and were able to elicit valuable confessions from them, outlining their horrible acts committed against the victim. Further investigations resulted in the arrest and charges against a fourth young offender.

The investigators, and in particular, Detective Jim Elliott, were praised by both the Crown and by one (1) of the Defence lawyers for the outstanding testimony that was presented.

During sentencing of the three (3) adult offenders, Judge Fred Campling, said the vicious beatings, acts of torture and degradation that were inflicted on a 22-year-old mentally-challenged man, during 17 days of captivity, met all the features of "stark-horror cases," for which the courts reserve the maximum punishments set out in the Criminal Code of Canada. He then sentenced the three (3) adults to penitentiary terms ranging from ten (10) to 14 years.
This was a disturbing case that garnered local and national attention. It required considerable care and compassion towards the victim while at the same time required gathering all the facts in order to put together the case against the accused. These Officers worked on their days off and liaised with many of the partners who had an impact on the case including: victim services, social agencies, courts, other police agencies and correctional facilities.

The fact that all accused pleaded guilty and received long prison sentences is a testament to the outstanding investigation that these Officers conducted.

**Hamilton Police Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Vigil**

Over 40 people attended the Service’s *Stolen Sisters/Sisters in Vigil* event in partnership with Amnesty International, OPP, RCMP and the Aboriginal community. The solemn and respectful event was held on October 4, 2010, and took place outside of the Division Three Police Station, at the site of a white pine tree. The tree was planted five (5) years ago to commemorate the vigil. All names of the Hamilton and area Aboriginal women reported missing or murdered, 177 of the 582 in Canada, were read aloud by various participants, including the Vice Chair, of the Hamilton Police Services Board, Nancy Di Gregorio.

**Rwandan Genocide**

On October 6, 2010, three (3) survivors of the Rwandan Genocide were the featured speakers of a Lunch and Learn for members of Hamilton Police Service. Over 20 members gathered to hear the survivors' experiences, as well as lessons learned. The compelling stories led to member engagement and increased understanding and awareness.

**Police Recruitment Night**

The Hamilton Police Recruitment Team held a Police Recruiting Session, on Thursday, October 7, 2010, at St. Thomas More High School. There were 126 people who attended to learn more about the process of becoming a police officer. The lively question and answer period included five (5) off-duty Hamilton Police officers who joined the panel to speak with attendees.

**Inspector David Calvert Graduates from University of Toronto’s Rotman School of Management**

October 9, 2010, saw the graduation of Inspector David Calvert, Support Services, from the Police Leadership Program – an MBA-style program delivered at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. Insp. Calvert was one (1) of 19 senior police leaders from across the province to complete the program.
The Police Leadership Program provides leadership and management training for police leaders in municipal, provincial, and military police services nationwide.

**Live from Police Headquarters**
Central Police Station was the scene of the 6th stop of CHML’s Bill Kelly’s *Unleashed* broadcast on October 15, 2010. For three (3) hours, the show broadcast from the Bill Sturrup Media and Community Room. Joining me on the program was Hamilton Police Services Board Chair Bruce Pearson, our Recruiting Team, Crime Prevention and Road Safety experts.

**Upcoming Events:**
**Operation Yellow Ribbon Fundraiser**
October 21, 2010, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Central Police Station
All proceeds will go to 31st Brigade Military Family Resource Centre and the RHLI 13th Regiment Foundation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**2nd Cop Shop Skate Jam**
On Saturday, October 23rd, 2010, between 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Division Three will be hosting the 2nd Annual Cop Shop Skate Jam, at Turner Skate Park, beside the Station. The event was held last year and approximately 250 youth attended.

The day will consist of boarding demos, competitions, a barbecue and there will be a live DJ on site. Officers Scott Hamilton and Gerald Blanchard are the prime organizers.

**The ACTION (Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods) Weekly Update**
This update is sent weekly to neighbourhood BIA’s, City Councillors, and HPS Crime Managers. The same is also posted on the HPS Website. Update for October 10, 2010 is attached.

GD/C. Martin
Attachment: *The Action Weekly: October 10, 2010*
Crime Brothers Returned to Montreal

Twin brothers who were responsible for over 100 offences in Hamilton during the last few years were returned to Montreal to face charges on an outstanding warrant. ACTION Officers, the Hamilton Crown Attorney's Office and the Montreal Police worked together to have these two men returned to face the charges. The brothers themselves wished to return to Quebec where they have more family support to help them turn their lives around. The brothers final comment to the Hamilton Officers at the Quebec border was, "You guys have done us a solid, and will never see us again".

ACTION Officers assist with POP Project to address prostitution in Landsdale Neighbourhood

Police received a complaint about an increase in prostitution in the Landsdale neighbourhood. A problem oriented policing project (POP) was created to address the issue. ACTION Officers worked with the neighbourhood association as well as Patrol, Vice and Undercover officers; developing strategies to help
solve the problem. The project led to the arrest of 16 johns and 6 Janes. The project was successful not just because of the number of arrests, but by the feedback from community members who commented on a reduction in fear of crime. The project conclusion discussed ACTION's role in addressing the problem.

During the project, ACTION members were assigned to this area and through tenacity and diligence effectively supported the project goals. Not only did their mere presence discourage offenders from attending the location but also decreased the level of neighbourhood fear of crime. The enforcement of the ACTION team led to a disruption of criminal networks and a deterrence of negative externalities associated to the street level sex trade.

Police Continue to Enforce Prostitution Laws

A recent Ontario Supreme Court ruling made many prostitution laws unconstitutional. The ruling is being appealed and during this time it will be status quo. The following message was issued to all Hamilton Officers by Deputy Chief Ken Leendertse.

It is the position of the Hamilton Police Service that there is no impediment to the police laying charges in relation to prostitution offences while the decision is stayed. If necessary, requests for advice in relation to such charges by police officers should be directed to the Crown Attorney or his or her designate. However, where appropriate, police officers are reminded to consider all applicable charges not implicated by Himel J.'s decision.

Partnership lead to Increase in Drug Arrest

ACTION Officers arrested 61 people for drug offences last month. ACTION Officers have been working with local businesses who have provided both information on drug dealers as well as locations to view the transactions. The result of this partnership was a doubling of drug arrests.
Drug arrests made by ACTION Officers since May. Community contacts have led to partnerships with business which have improved investigation techniques.

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
- RECOMMENDATION -

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REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
(PSB 10-109)

RECOMMENDATION:

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Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL – n/a

STAFFING – n/a

LEGAL – n/a
BACKGROUND:

ACTION Analysis
An important component of the ACTION strategy is ongoing analysis. Currently, the Corporate Planning Branch is undertaking an analysis that includes a review of Calls for Service from May 10 to September 30, for the time period of 2006 – 2010. This analysis is in keeping with the recommendations from the ‘An Overview of Violence-Prone Areas in Hamilton’, (March 23, 2010, Updated April 16, 2010). Attached is a copy of the October 25, 2010, issue of ACTION Weekly.

Annual Volunteer Banquet
The Hamilton Police Service is fortunate to have over 400 volunteers who donate their valuable time, talent and support. Over 200 Service volunteers were in attendance at our annual Volunteer Banquet, held on November 9, 2010. At the event, we recognized long-service in our volunteer ranks and over 50 certificates acknowledging 5, 10, 15 and 20 years service were presented. The Service’s volunteer ranks are as follows:

Auxiliary
The Service has 60 members in its Auxiliary ranks. The Hamilton Police Service Auxiliary members are civilian volunteers who help police constables in the course of their duties. Auxiliary members serve in uniform and are called upon to perform such tasks as community-based crime prevention, ground search teams for missing persons, canine training and involvement in community events like parades and fairs. The unit has been in place since 1962.

Community Policing Centres (CPC)
Over 250 volunteers work within the community on crime prevention initiatives through the Service’s 11 Centres. They are involved in Speed Watch radar, have conducted over 1,000 car seat installations, lead 9-1-1 presentations at elementary schools, participate in Graffiti Awareness and Red Light Runner programs. They also take part in Earn-A-Bike, Police Week, and Cop Camp.

Victim Services
The Victim Services Branch volunteers provide a vital role to the Police Service, but more importantly, to the citizens of the City of Hamilton.

The Victim Services Branch provides 24/7 coverage to assist police officers in responding to all victims of crime and trauma.
Victim Services has an average of 80 volunteers who respond to calls of sudden death (suicide, natural causes, homicide, fatalities), assaults, robbery, and break and enter to name a few. Volunteers provide on scene crisis intervention that may include practical assistance, emotional support, information and resources.

**HPS Retirees Banquet**
In 2010, over 35 people will retire from the Hamilton Police Service. On November 12, 2010, over 500 members and guests gathered at the Hamilton Police Association’s Retirement Dinner. This event is organized by the Hamilton Police Association, with the support of the Hamilton Police Services Board and the Hamilton Police Service.

**Hamilton Police Support Operation Yellow Ribbon**
On October 21, 2010, Hamilton Police held its Operation Yellow Ribbon Barbecue, a fundraiser in support of the Military Family Resource Centre. Organized by D/Cst. Andrew Ottay, hundreds gathered at Central Police Station, including the RHLI and two (2) grade eight classes from nearby Dr. J. Edgar Davey School. The total amount raised was $1,425.00 during this two-hour event. This money will be donated to the Military Family Resource Centre.

**Off-Duty Officer Rescues Vehicle Collision Victim**
The following is an exact transcript of a Letter to the Editor that appeared in the *Niagara Advance* newspaper, about the efforts of Mike MacSween. A three-year member of the Service, Officer MacSween is assigned to Division Three Patrol. Officer MacSween was off-duty at the time of the incident described below:

*Early Sunday morning (Oct. 24) our father was in a serious single car accident on Niagara Stone Road that left him trapped in a burning vehicle. We would like to acknowledge and thank Mike MacSween for stopping when so many others didn’t.*

*That morning the roads were wet and slippery and our father lost control of the vehicle, crossed oncoming traffic flipped the vehicle a number of times, missed a hydro pole, missed the culvert and ended up sideways in the ditch, the car on fire and unable to get out.*

*There was no one else involved in the accident.*

*About seven or eight cars went by before anyone stopped and it was Mike MacSween who finally stopped to help.*
The brand new SUV was demolished, windows smashed, mirrors broken, the items from the back in the front. The air bags didn't go off and amazingly all our father has is a small cut on his finger and a red mark on his shoulder. He walked from the SUV to the ambulance and called to ask if someone else at home could pick up our sister Elizabeth from a friend's house. He was worried that she would be late for work at Zee's (they gave her the day off).

Regardless of the fact that the car was on fire, Mike rushed to our father's side and climbed onto the overturned vehicle to reach our dad. He helped support his weight so that the seat belt could be undone and then he pulled our dad out to safety, staying with him until help could arrive.

While we were saddened by the fact that people could see such a crash and continue on their way, we are happy to know that there are some people like Mike MacSween in our community willing to help a stranger in need.

Mike MacSween is a hero and words cannot express how grateful we are for this help on that morning.

On Oct. 30 our father will celebrate his 60th birthday.

Catherine, David and Elisabeth Butler.

GD/C. Martin
Attachment: October 25, 2010 Issue of ACTION Weekly
ACTION Team arrests three in downtown and seizes illegal drugs from the streets

On Monday, October 18th, 2010, at approximately 12:00 p.m., ACTION Officers were walking in the area of Main St. and Emerald St. in downtown Hamilton when they saw two youths smoking marihuana as they walked through an alley. The youths were arrested and found to be in possession of a small amount of marihuana and breaching court ordered bail conditions. One of the youths called his older brother to advise him of his arrest. The older brother quickly attended the area and confronted the officers, swearing and slamming his fist on the cruiser hood. The brother was arrested for breach of the peace and began to fight with the officers. Once arrested, officers found an ounce of cocaine and 5 grams of marihuana on this male, along with $2,500.00 cash. All three males are now facing charges and appeared in court for bail hearings.

Horses at Hess on Weekends

Patrolling the City’s entertainment district is an important part of the Hamilton Police Mounted Unit mandate. The unit has been patrolling Hess Village Friday and Saturday nights for the past month and will continue. The goal? Patron and neighbour safety.
Talking ACTION….with Sgt. Will Mason, ACTION Co-ordinator

Q: There’s been some very positive feedback about ACTION. Merchants, business owners and citizens have really noticed a difference in downtown. But you have your detractors. Some are saying that while the core is safer, all you’ve really done is move the crime a few blocks away.

A: When we set up the program, we recognized that displacement of crime was something we had to look at.

Part of ACTION is ongoing crime analysis. We are actively tracking crime and can quickly deploy officers to areas of concern.

When you target a high-crime area, there is a risk that you might be just moving it. But that doesn’t mean we won’t address it; we have to take action, protect citizens. And we are.

We have a visible presence downtown, and that presence alone has meant that some criminals have moved out of downtown. Some of the arrests we’re making are people who are not from Hamilton.

When you push violent criminals out of a familiar area to a non-familiar area, they are not as comfortable. We are here to protect citizens. When criminals are displaced, it is much easier for our patrol officers to apprehend. ACTION also patrols specifically to address any displacement in outlying areas.

Q: The ACTION Team is focused on downtown, how much longer can we expect the Team to be there?

A: There’s no definite date. As I said, crime analysis is part of our strategy and that will guide us. We already know we have made some very positive progress.

ACTION goes to other areas in the City but we don’t want to lose any of the forward momentum we have created in the core. Once we get the downtown to a positive level of safety, the volume of officers will be adjusted. Hamilton Police will always have a presence downtown, but the same number of officers may not be required.

The more effective we are, and the more the community takes back their neighbourhood, the safer downtown gets and the more the ACTION Team will move to other areas.
FTC: Fail to Comply

When someone is arrested and charged, they may be released with bail conditions. If they do not comply with those conditions they can be re-arrested. What this graph shows is the arrests being made by the ACTION Team, specifically the number that relate to not complying with bail conditions.

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