27 September, 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 10-083 & PSB 10-092)

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

- Gang Proof Video: Breaking the Cycle of Violence
- ACTION Team
- Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI)
- Crimes Against Seniors Unit
- BEAR takes ACTION and Arrests Bank Robbery Suspect
- Municipal Candidates Information Meeting
- Long Wait Times for Certain Background Checks
- Hamilton Police Recruiting for Auxiliary Officers
- Division Two Operation Summer Safe 2010
- Police Recruit Information Night

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

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2010 August 9

REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
(PSB 10-083)

RECOMMENDATION:

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:

Gang Proof Video


*Gang Proof: Breaking the Cycle of Violence* was produced with the support of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Tweedle Productions and Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Inc.

The documentary chronicles the gang lifestyle and 'dares' viewers to break the cycle of violence. Through a number of interviews, including individuals previously involved in the gang-lifestyle, community members and police, the myths of a gang lifestyle are explored and solutions are presented.

The purpose of the video was to have it shown at area schools as part of a comprehensive presentation that includes educational information. School presentations began on May 19th with the last presentation on June 23rd. In 21 working days, Hamilton Police were able to present to 46 schools, reaching over 2,200 students. The John Howard Society (JHS) youth ambassadors were at approximately 95 percent of these presentations.

The JHS have also presented to a number of organizations. Additionally, HPS has presented to the Ancaster Rotary Club, Thames Valley Correctional Institute (Citizen's Advisory Committee) and the Elizabeth Fry's Bernhardt House. We are continuing to book presentations throughout the summer.

At the start of the 2010 – 2011 school year, the Gang Proof presentation will be available to grades 6 - 8 and we will continue to present with the JHS ambassadors. Given the fact that we have the entire school year to schedule, we anticipate being able to offer this presentation to all schools within our City that have grades 6-8.
ACTION

The following is an update on the ACTION Team activities from May – July 28, 2010:

Persons arrested: 232  
Charges laid: 3,520  
Value of drugs seized: $18,984.00  
Weapons seized: 5  
Community contacts: 1,686

Additional information on ACTION has been posted on the HPS website at: www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca/HPS/ACTION, which includes statistics, feedback and analysis. As well, two (2) issues of the ACTION Weekly, an electronic newsletter, have been produced and distributed to neighbourhood associations, Ward 2 offices, BIA’s and area businesses. This publication is being produced on a weekly basis and provides updates and activities of the ACTION Team.

Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI)

The Youth in Policing Initiative is a partnership between police services and the provincial Ministry of Child and Youth Services to create a meaningful work experience for youth. This summer employment initiative focuses on youth between the ages of 14 -17 years old.

The aim of the YIPI is to promote youth participation in, and exposure to, the work environment through diverse, educational, and productive work assignments.

The goal of YIPI is to give young people an opportunity to develop job skills while enhancing police and community relations. YIPI is being offered in a number of police services in Ontario.

For the summer of 2010, Hamilton Police hired 13 students from over 80 applications. YIPI student placements are in the following areas: Health and Wellness, Corporate Communications, Radio Equipment Maintenance, Human Resources, Ottawa Street Community Policing Centre and the Downtown, International and Westdale BIA’s.

Apart from their regular duties, the students have also attended three (3) day-long events. On July 16, the students participated in CPR training and all received their certification. The students attended the provincial YIPI conference hosted by Durham Regional Police on July 27th, which included workshops and booths geared specifically for youth. July 29th saw the group travelling to the Ontario Police College in Aylmer to attend police recruit graduation. The program ends on August 27, 2010.
Crimes Against Seniors Unit

The Hamilton Police Service’s Crimes Against Seniors Unit, in combination with the Divisional Senior Support Officers, were nominated in the Team category of the prestigious SAGE Award (Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence). The SAGE Awards are presented by The Regional Geriatric Program central (RGPc) in partnership with St. Peter’s Hospital. The RGPC is affiliated with McMaster University and sponsored by Hamilton Health Sciences. The SAGE Awards are presented to organizations and individuals in recognition of exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the health, independence and quality of life of seniors. Those providing geriatric services to the region including Hamilton, Halton, Brant, Niagara, Haldimand Norfolk, Waterloo and Wellington/Dufferin were eligible for nominations.

Although they did not win the award, the nomination was great recognition for the ongoing work of our officers and Service for seniors in our community.

Upcoming Events: August 19, 2010

The Badge Ceremony for new Hamilton Police Service recruits and welcoming of Service employees will be held on August 19, 2010. Start time is 7:00 p.m., in the courtyard outside Hamilton City Hall and everyone is welcome.

GD/C. Martin
HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2010 September 27
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board
FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
(PSB 10-092)

RECOMMENDATION:

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:

BEAR takes ACTION and Arrests Bank Robbery Suspect
The Hamilton Police Service Break, Enter, Auto Theft and Robbery (BEAR) Unit, assisted by the Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods (ACTION) Team Members, arrested a man wanted for two (2) bank robberies that happened in downtown Hamilton.
On Tuesday, September 14th, 2010, at approximately 12:30 p.m., it is alleged that a lone suspect entered the Scotiabank, located at 12 King Street East, approached the clerk and passed a note that indicated he was there to rob the bank. The clerk complied and the suspect fled the bank. On the following day, September 15th, 2010, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the suspect entered the CIBC, located at 1 King Street West, Hamilton, where he once again approached the clerk and passed a note indicating his intent to rob the bank. The clerk complied and he fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. No weapon was mentioned or seen at the robberies.

The Hamilton Police Service BEAR Unit, with the assistance of ACTION continued to investigate and identified the suspect involved in the robberies. He was arrested on September 15th at approximately 9:30 p.m., in the area of James Street South, and charged.

Additional information on ACTION has been posted on the HPS website at: www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca/HPS/ACTION, which includes statistics, feedback and analysis. As well, issues of the ACTION Weekly, an electronic newsletter, have been produced and distributed to neighbourhood associations, Ward 2 offices, BIA's and area businesses. This publication is being produced on a weekly basis and provides updates and activities of the ACTION Team.

**Municipal Candidates Information Meeting**

As a result of the meeting requests received from Municipal Election candidates, an information meeting for all declared Municipal Candidates in the 2010 Municipal Election, was held on September 14, 2010, at Central Station. The meeting was an opportunity to speak to crime and crime-related issues in our City. The following presentations were made:

- Crime Statistics *(PSB 10-081)*  
  - Deputy Chief Girt
- Anti-Violence Strategy *(ACTION)*  
  - Deputy Chief Leendertse
- Road Safety *(PSB 10-021)*  
  - Superintendent Bond

Following the presentations, questions were asked of Divisional Commanders, as well as the Senior Command Team. There were 57 candidates in attendance.

**Longer Wait Times for Certain Background Checks**

Recent changes by the RCMP are increasing the time required to complete some Vulnerable Sector Screening Requests.
Delays are now being experienced for individuals who are involved or hope to be involved in the Vulnerable Sector (VS), such as teaching, coaching, day cares, seniors' homes and disabled groups. Applications requiring this type of background check are now scrutinized through a more rigorous screening process.

In addition to checking past and current criminal records, the VS checks include a search of the pardoned sex offender database. In 2009, in Hamilton, VS screening led to about 40 "potential matches", out of approximately 21,107 VS applications. These 40 potential matches were then required to submit fingerprints, prolonging the screening process.

On July 19, 2010, the RCMP instituted enhancements to the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system, which broadened the scope for VS potential matches. When performing a VS query, the CPIC system initially attempts to identify a possible match to a sexual offence for which a Pardon has been granted, based initially on the surname and given name of the individual. If this query does not identify the possible existence of a record, the system now performs a subsequent query based on the sex and birth date of the individual. If this query locates similar biographical data in criminal files it may trigger the CPIC system to prompt for the submission of fingerprints to verify or refute the existence of pardoned sex offender records.

In the first seven (7) working days of implementation, the Hamilton Police already has 80 "potential matches." If this trend continues, it is expected that approximately 15% of VS checks will be identified as potential matches and therefore will experience delays in their response.

Individuals affected by this enhancement will have to follow the following process if they wish to continue with the screening process:

If the application is for any purpose other than Volunteering (i.e. Employment, Student Placement, Student Enrolment, Adoption, Foster Care, Kinship Care, etc.) the applicant must return with a $25.00 certified cheque or money order made payable to the Receiver General for Canada.

If it is for volunteer purposes, in order to waive the RCMP fee, the applicant must have a letter from the volunteer agency on letterhead.

When the applicant returns with the required RCMP fee or agency letter; the Hamilton Police Service will fingerprint the applicant between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (The fingerprint fee will be included in the Hamilton Police Service's $40.00 or $15.00 fee for processing the application).
An RCMP Form 1 must be completed by the applicant at the time of fingerprinting.

The Hamilton Police Service will send your prints and documentation to the RCMP. The applicant will be notified when we receive the results.

It is important for the public to understand that under no circumstance does this notification confirm that the applicant is or is not a pardoned sex offender. However, in almost all cases, this "possible match" is ruled out via fingerprints.

Hamilton Police Service strives to meet a two-week (employment/student placements) and 30 day (volunteers) turnaround for non-fingerprint VS checks. However, the RCMP’s CPIC enhancement will delay the process significantly (up to 120 days) for applicants who require fingerprinting. Therefore, please ensure that you allow yourself ample time to process your request should this situation arise.

It is important that agencies requiring individuals to submit Vulnerable Sector Requests are aware of this change because these agencies will experience a similar increase and the delay will inevitably affect their operations.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please contact the RCMP directly by email at: ccris-scitcr@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

For more information about background checks in Hamilton, please refer to our website www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca, under "Public Services".

**Hamilton Police Recruiting for Auxiliary Officers**

Hamilton Police Service is recruiting for Auxiliary volunteers. An information session was held on August 24, 2010, at Central Police Station and over 70 interested individuals attended.

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.

The Auxiliary hiring process includes a detailed application, Prep test, and thorough background check. Upon being hired, they attend a 9-week training course, including three (3) days of Use of Force training, including marching and drill training. The Service currently has 61 Auxiliary Officers.
Division Two Operation Summer Safe 2010
As in the past 17 years, Operation Summer Safe was once again implemented by Division Two. The scope of the operation is to promote a safe, yet enjoyable, summer time experience for the public by promoting safety through high visibility, education and enforcement.

Hamilton Police Officers from Division Two, along with officers from the O.P.P. and the Hamilton Police/Halton Police Marine Unit, enforced the Highway Traffic Act, Liquor Licence Act, Canada Shipping Act, City of Hamilton Bylaws and other Criminal Code offences during the two-day operation. The officers focused their attention on the area of the Hamilton Beach Strip and surrounding waters.

Operation Summer Safe kicked off on Sunday, July 18th, 2010, with the second day of operation held on August 15th, 2010. Over the two (2) days, officers conducted vehicle safety lanes and waterway vessel spot checks along Hamilton’s beachfront.

These enforcement – driven initiatives are designed to increase public compliance with laws relating to driving and boating and to raise awareness of safe driving/boating measures with the ultimate goal to save lives.

The Division Two Operation Summer Safe has concluded with the final results, as follows:

Two (2) check points were set up at the north end of Centennial Parkway, at the North Service Road and at Eastport Drive, at the Burlington Lift Bridge, with 9,383 vehicles passing through the checkpoints over the course of the two (2) days.

Number of charges laid - 27 Provincial Offence Notices issued; including vehicle equipment and seatbelt infractions and other Highway Traffic Act infractions.

Number of warnings - 96 Highway Traffic Act warnings issued; including motor vehicle equipment and seatbelt infractions, as well as nine (9) bicycle equipment warnings.

There were no criminal charges or alcohol-related roadside tests conducted.

The Hamilton Police Service Marine Unit inspected 18 vessels and issued five (5) Canada Shipping Act warnings.

Upcoming
A Police Recruit Information Night will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Location details to be announced.

GD/C. Martin