5 April, 2011

City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON
L8P 4Y5

Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports (PSB 11-021)

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

- Guns and Weapons Enforcement Unit puts a dent in the illegal guns activity in the City of Hamilton
- Hamilton Police Male Chorus: they can sing, but can they dance?
- Project Concern
- Distracted Driving and Road Safety

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,

[Signature]

Nancy DiGregorio
Chair
Hamilton Police Services Board

Attachments

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2011 March 21

REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
(PSB 11-029)

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:
Guns and Weapons Enforcement Unit puts a dent in the illegal guns activity in the City of Hamilton
The Hamilton Police Service Gangs and Weapon Enforcement Unit (GWEU) executed three independent search warrants in a week that resulted in the seizure of illegal guns, drugs and proceeds of crime.
In one of the searches at a James St. N. home on March 4th, 2011, members of the Hamilton Police Service GWEU seized two illegal guns, ammunition, four prohibited weapons and a quantity of drugs including marihuana and ketamine. Two people, a 21 year old male and a 17 year old male, were arrested. They both face numerous weapons and drug related charges.

Over the course of a week, the GWEU seized three prohibited, restricted handguns, one sniper rifle, three stun guns, over $4,000.00 in proceeds of crime, cocaine, ketamine and marihuana. The locations searched were at three different properties and investigators believe that the people arrested in these independent investigations were not known to each other. This demonstrates that criminal activity pertaining to guns on our city streets exists.

The Hamilton Police Service is dedicated to a proactive approach when investigating firearms and related issues in our community. GWEU investigators strive to routinely seize firearms from the hands of Hamilton based criminals. The continued pressure of known criminals combined with the thorough investigation of intelligence obtained will assist with the suppression of gun crimes in our community.

**Hamilton Police Male Chorus: they can sing, but can they dance?**

On March 16, 2011, the Hamilton Police Male Chorus will be "singing and dancing" in Toronto at the John Bassett Theatre (Metro Convention Centre). The Chorus was selected to be a participant in a nationally televised show called "Canada Sings." With the participation of "glee clubs" from other organizations / businesses, the Male Chorus will be going head to head in a single competition as they vie for prize money that will be donated to Project Concern, the Service’s in-house charity.

With the help of world class Choreographers, Musical Directors and Vocal Coaches, each group will prepare for the musical performance of their lives and battle each other for high-stakes in front of a live audience and a panel of Celebrity Judges. The winning team will be awarded a donation to the charity of their choice.

**Project Concern**

Hamilton Police Service’s Project Concern is a community outreach program, which 50% of the Service contributes to through payroll deduction. Besides the payroll deductions, funds are also raised through barbecues and private donations. Since its creation in 1976, it has raised and donated over $1 million.

For the Service, it is a way to give back to the community in which they serve. It is about fostering and maintaining positive community relationships. The program
contributes to other organizations within the Hamilton community, which supports people, and especially children, in need.

Distracted Driving and Road Safety
On March 10, 2011, Hamilton Police focused their collective efforts on drivers who are still not complying with Ontario’s New Distracted Driving Legislation. Drivers who are still holding their phone, entertainment devices or their GPS devices in a hand held mode will be receiving a ticket for $155.00.

The New Ontario Distracted Driving law took effect in October of 2009 and Ontario drivers were given a grace or educational period until February 1st, 2010 to prepare.

In 2010, Hamilton Police issued 2,593 tickets for distracted driving. The fine is $155.00 (no points). On March 10, Hamilton Police issued 43 distracted driving tickets in a two hour time frame.

Upcoming:
Week of April 10: International Emergency Communicators Week
National Victims of Crime Awareness Week
Week of May 15: Police Week

GD/C. Martin