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Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports (PSB 12-087)

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

- **Courthouse DNA / fingerprinting Causes Savings**
- **Hamilton Police Service Court Security Unit**
- **Marine Rescue – Hamilton Harbour Ship Canal**
- **ACTION's New Bail Compliance Unit Keeping Suspects in Check**
- **From Grateful Nephew**

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

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Chair
Hamilton Police Services Board

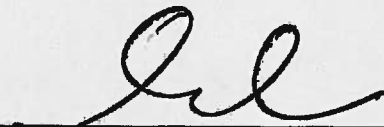
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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2012 September 17
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board
FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police
SUBJECT: *Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report*
(PSB 12-087)

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:

Courthouse DNA/Fingerprinting Causes Savings

In the first 90 days of the new system, Special Constables in the Hamilton Police Services Court Security Unit have taken hundreds of DNA samples and fingerprints, saving time and resources.

In consultation with senior judiciary, the Hamilton Police Court Branch began collecting DNA samples and fingerprints on June 1, 2012.

Previously, when an individual appeared before the Courts, if they were found guilty of an offence that is required in law to have a DNA sample/fingerprints taken and are sentenced to jail time, the accused would have to be transferred to Central Police Station to have this done.

Now, this DNA sample is taken by specially trained and equipped Hamilton Police Special Constables right at the Courts. With this new system, no additional staff was hired and, in fact, the Unit is projecting, at minimum, a \$65,000.00 savings to be realized on a yearly basis as a result of the efficiency.

Hamilton Police Service Court Security Unit

The Court Security Unit ensures the security of Justices, Judges, Justices of the Peace and all persons taking part in or attending court proceedings and the security of court buildings during the hours when the courts are operating.

The Unit provides professional care, custody and transportation of people who are in custody or are taken into custody during court proceedings.

Timely execution of warrants for individuals in custody and the preparation of Judge's Orders as required are also part of the Unit's responsibilities.

In 2011, the Hamilton Police Court Security Unit processed 18,665 prisoners.

Marine Rescue – Hamilton Harbour Ship Canal

On August 31st, 2012, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Hamilton Police Marine Unit Officers were patrolling Hamilton Harbour when they spotted multiple people in the water in the mouth of the ship canal.

The officers quickly determined the people in the water were in a boat that was sinking.

The one adult female and her father were clinging to the submerged vessel as she could not swim and she was now having a panic attack. Officer Hahn was deployed into the water and while in the water took his life jacket off and placed it onto the female to keep her afloat. Due to the high winds and waves it made it difficult to get her back to the boat. Officer Allcroft left the helm numerous times to throw a life line to Officer Hahn and the victim and ultimately pulled both of them back to the boat. Officer Allcroft also left the helm to assist the male party out of the water into the vessel. All parties were escorted to LaSalle Marina where EMS attended and treated all people involved. Waves were approx 1-1 ½ meters in height and the winds were out of the west traveling at approx 20 knots.



ACTION's New Bail Compliance Unit Keeping Suspects in Check
To enhance its anti-violence strategy, the Hamilton Police Service launched a new unit as part of its ACTION (Addressing Crime Trends in our Neighbourhoods) program.

Now in its ninth month, the Bail Compliance Unit (BCU) is an offender management program. It is devoted to ensuring suspects comply with court-imposed conditions.

"The Unit was created to help individuals avoid being repeat offenders while waiting for their court date," said Inspector Scott Rastin, head of the Service's Community Mobilization Division. "We are educating offenders and their sureties to develop positive relationships to aid compliance."

The mandate of the BCU is to promote public safety and reduce the fear of crime. This program is a Service-wide crime prevention initiative that identifies and manages violent offenders through education and bail compliance investigations.

The BCU visits the offenders and their sureties following their release and provides education about the BCU. This includes the consequences of non-compliance by both the offender and the surety.

The BCU officers conduct bail compliance checks any hour of the day or night. Just like ACTION officers, the BCU are in uniform and highly-visible.

This strategy holds offenders and their sureties accountable. The BCU actively monitors the offender to ensure that they are adhering to their conditions imposed upon them by the courts. The BCU will actively search for and arrest these offenders who are breaching court imposed conditions.

The following are the statistics on the first eight months of the program:

January – August, 2012

- 116 files
- 85 current files
- 14 Fail to Comply/11 Surety Revocations
- 88% Compliance Rate
- 620 Compliance Checks
- 310 Surety Contacts
- 8 Intelligence Reports
- 25 – 30 calls per month from sureties and offenders looking for advice and clarification of conditions

From a Grateful Nephew

The following email was received by the Hamilton Police Service on August 21, 2012:

Dear Sir:

I was woken by a call from the Police Department regarding my 86 year old aunt who suffers from Alzheimers.

She was found barefoot and only in a cotton nightgown, she was frightened and very confused trying to figure out why she wasn't in bed and why she was outside in a strange place. Fortunately, she had her Safety Home ID bracelet on her wrist.

I wish to make you aware of the kind and gentle way in which the Hamilton Police Officer handled the situation. He had about a 40 minute wait before her family was able to get to her home. During that time, she enjoyed herself talking with the officer all about when she was young and what Hamilton was like. She is still telling us about the wonderful young man who drove her home.

I would also like to mention the kind and professional way in which the person who telephoned conducted herself on he phone. She stressed the fact that I could relax and take my time getting to my aunt's home that she would be taken care of and not to worry. That was helpful as I think my heart was beating in high gear.

In a day when so many people are ready to jump on our Police Services I think it is important to let them know we do have caring people serving us.

I know a lot of time was taken up with my aunt that night and it was appreciated by her family.

GD/C. Martin