



HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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February 21, 2013

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 13-022)

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

- **Hamilton Police Service 2012 – By the Numbers**
- **From a Grateful Citizen**
- **Upcoming Event**

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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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2013 February 19
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board
FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police
SUBJECT: *Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
(PSB 13-022)*

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 Service 2012 – By the Numbers

Hamilton Police Service continues to provide public safety in the most effective and efficient manner. Here are some statistics:

- Hamilton has the lowest cumulative budget increase over last 6 years of the 16 police agencies that report to OMBI¹
- Four of the last 5 HPS Budgets have come in under 4%
- 2012 was the single lowest budget submission, at 3.37%, in the last 11 years
- As a % of the city levy – Policing has remained under 20% historically and stable
- 2001 – 2009 – 7 of 9 budgets exceeded 4% with a high in 2003 of 7.9%
- 2009 – 2013 – 4 of 5 budgets below 4% with a low of 3.37%

3.9% HPS Budget represents \$10.18 / Capita and \$24.66 / Household.

Policing Ratio

Hamilton has 153 Officers per 100,000 citizens.

Provincial average is 197, National average is 201.

Hamilton Population increase in 2011 indicates a need for 23 new officers.

Crime

Hamilton has the:

- 2nd Highest Violent Crime Rate (6,500 Victims/Yr)
- 3rd Highest Violent Crime Severity Index (92.5)
- 5th Highest Property Crime Rate (Over 19,000 Crime Victims)
- 2nd LOWEST Clearance Rate for Violent Crime. (59.6)

Between 2009 and 2011²:

Violent crime increased 586 incidents (4238 – 4824).

Sexual Assault increased 103 incidents (359 – 462).

Assault increased 564 incidents (3270 – 3834).

Child Abuse in 2012 rose by 53% to 736 cases from the 2011 level of 478.

Arrests have increased from 7,200 in 2006 to 8,600 in 2012.

Calls for Service are stable approx. 80,000 and 300,000 events we attend.

¹ Toronto and Windsor removed due to their abnormal budget process.

² HPS Selected Crime Statistics Year End Report 2011

Productivity

Enforcement is up in traffic safety by 52% from 2008 at 43,322 to 2012 at 65,912. Impaired arrests are at the highest levels in 15 years (538).

Workload Analysis

Workload Analysis shows increase in officer time required for Calls for Service. Increase in time from 2006 to 2010 is 36,000 additional hours. Officers required to complete 36,000 of work is 21 new officers.

From a Grateful Citizen

The Hamilton Police Service received the following note from a grateful citizen:

"I am writing in regards to a phone call we had put into the Hamilton police a few weeks ago. I wanted to write in to express how much we appreciate how professional the officer that came to our house was.

I am sure that many times once the officer leaves he has no idea how his advice, concern, presence, information and direction has affected and improved the family and household he has left.

Officer McKay was the officer that came to our house that night. After my daughter and our family had been harassed for a very long time and especially that week we had become stressed and fearful for our family and household. I do still have our worries but we are more prepared and informed and we are no longer being harassed at this point thanks to Officer McKay.

After Officer McKay was disrespected himself by the other party he still remained calm and then worked with the Waterloo Police to ensure that this did not escalate any further.

Officer McKay went above and beyond in resolving this with follow up calls and working with the Waterloo Police and keeping us informed and also advising my daughter what she had to do at her end and making sure everything was in place and fully understood so that my daughter and her little girl remained safe.

We only have a card left with us but it would be wonderful if you could please let this officer know how very much we appreciate the difference that he has made."

Upcoming Event

**In Recognition of The United Nations Designated Day For The Elimination Of Racial
Discrimination.**

Hamilton Police Service

Cordially Invites You to An Evening of Reflection:

TOWARDS ERADICATING RACISM

Featuring Community Voices & Voices of Hamilton Police Personnel

Thursday March 21st, 2013

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Hamilton Spectator Auditorium

44 Frid Street, Hamilton Ontario

Free Admission Free Parking

For more information please contact the

Community Relations Co-ordinator at

905-546-4910

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