



## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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November 30, 2015

City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West  
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Mayor and Members of Council:

**Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report (PSB 15-135)**

Attached for your information and attention, please find copies of the Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report for November 2015. This report highlights the following:

- **Festive RIDE Kick-off November 26, 2015**
- **Cycling safety initiative launches on McMaster University Campus**
- **Resiliency for First Responders**
- **Pizza Pasta and Presents as Hamilton Police hold annual It's a Kid's Christmas**

If you any questions or concerns that may arise from these reports please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Lois Morin, Administrator  
Hamilton Police Services Board

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**HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD**  
**- RECOMMENDATION -**

**DATE:** 2015 November 19  
**REPORT TO:** Chair and Members  
Hamilton Police Services Board  
**FROM:** Eric Girt  
Acting Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** *Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report*  
*(PSB 15-135)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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



Eric Girt  
Acting Chief of Police

**FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

**FINANCIAL –** n/a

**STAFFING –** n/a

**LEGAL –** n/a

**BACKGROUND:**

**Festive RIDE Kickoff November 26, 2015**

Hamilton Police will join the Hamilton Bulldogs Hockey Club to announce its holiday RIDE program on Thursday, November 26, 2015, outside First Ontario Centre, on Bay St. N., near York Blvd.

The Hamilton Bulldogs Hockey Club and Hamilton Police will be partnering to reduce impaired driving this holiday season. As in previous years, Bulldogs tickets will be issued by Hamilton Police to motorists who complete RIDE lanes successfully.

**Cycling safety initiative launches on McMaster University Campus**

On November 2, 2015, the Hamilton Police Service partnered again with McMaster University, the McMaster Students Union, and the Ainslie Wood Westdale Community Association (AWWCA) to begin an education campaign on bicycle and road safety.

Hamilton Police Service A/Sgt. Ciarmoli, MSU President Ehima Osazuwa, and AWWCA Board Member Ken Moyle handed out bicycle lights to riders leaving campus.

The start of the project coincided with the time change and the earlier sun set times. Many cyclists are unaware that is a requirement to have a white light turned on and attached to the front of their bicycle and a red light attached to the rear, while riding in the dark.

The bicycle lights have been donated by the AWWCA for McMaster students.

In addition to this safety initiative, there is an enforcement campaign on campus and in the neighbourhood throughout November.

McMaster University Security led the campaign on campus while police worked to ensure safe cycling in the neighbourhoods surrounding campus.

Bicycle registration forms with safety tips and information to help secure and identify bicycles are being made available to the public. Hamilton Police encourage all bicycle owners to fill out these forms and keep them in the event that their bikes are ever stolen. This will allow for a greater opportunity to have property returned to its rightful owners if located.

**Resiliency for First Responders**

Hamilton Police, in partnership with COAST and Mohawk College, has organized an Informational Day to support First Responders. This takes place on Friday, November 27, 2015 at Mohawk College. Keynote Speaker is Retired Lieutenant Colonel and Mental Health Innovator, Stephane Granier.

Additional speakers/panelists include:

- Canadian Mental Health Association – Jill Dennison and Craig Marenick
- Mohawk College Professor and Mental Health Advocate – Nick Petrella
- St. Joseph's Healthcare Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) – Terry McGurk
- Registered Psychologist – Dr. Agnes Leoniuk

**Pizza, Pasta and Presents as Hamilton Police hold annual It's a Kid's Christmas**

In the spirit of giving, the Hamilton Police Service and Carmen's are making the holidays a little more joyful for families and children in need on December 14, 2015.

It's A Kid's Christmas is the yearly Christmas party organized by the Hamilton Police Service's Project Concern. The children and their families are chosen on a needs basis by area schools. Over 300 children will be at this year's party and approximately 50 Hamilton Police officers have organized and will be volunteering at the event.

The Hamilton Police Service has two (2) key partners for this event. Established in 1978, Carmen's Banquet Centre donates the hall and provides food for the Christmas party. Wills Bus Lines donates the transportation for the children and their families. Hamilton Police provide the gifts and entertainment for the kids.

Project Concern is a community outreach program, which members of the Service contribute to through payroll deduction. It is the in-house charity of the Hamilton Police Service. Besides the payroll deductions, there are fundraising events, barbecues and private donations.

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. While It's a Kid's Christmas is the signature event of Project Concern, the program also contributes to other organizations within the Hamilton community, which supports people, and especially children, in need.

EG/C. Martin