

## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

### - INFORMATION -

**DATE:** 2018 March 22

**REPORT TO:** Chair and Members  
Hamilton Police Services Board

**FROM:** Eric Girt  
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** *Year-End Report: Hamilton Police Service - McMaster University  
Partnership - 2017  
PSB 18-032*

#### **BACKGROUND:**

McMaster University is situated in the west end of Hamilton at 1280 Main Street West and is surrounded by inviting green spaces, residential living and a vibrant community.

The McMaster campus is composed of 300 acres of property and 56 buildings providing space for approximately 30,000 students and 10,000 faculty and staff with roughly 3,700 students living on campus in 12 residential buildings. In 2015, McMaster campus housed athletes in student residences during the 2015 Pan-Am Games soccer events played in Hamilton, and in 2016 hosted major events such as 'Ride Don't Hide' and 'Ride to Conquer Cancer'. In 2017, we hosted the North American Indigenous Games contained in the Truth and Reconciliation Report as Call to Action 88. The Games were a larger event than Pan-Am. We are constantly growing our institution and are proud to have opened the L. R. Wilson Building in September 2016. The McMaster Innovation Park at the Longwood site continues to grow and prosper as part of the expanding McMaster properties and we eagerly await the opening of the Fraunhofer Project Centre for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing in 2018. McMaster University is growing with the construction of the Peter George Center for Living and Learning which will house an additional 500 students and our largest academic lecture theaters.

McMaster University Security Services department also manages contract security services to off campus sites. Our campus communities extend to:

- The Ron Joyce Centre - Burlington
- David Braley Health Sciences Centre
- McMaster Continuing Education - One James North
- McMaster Innovation Park
- Ancaster Research Park

- Faculty of Health Sciences
  - Hamilton Health Sciences, 1200 Main St West, Hamilton
  - Stonechurch Family Health Centre, 1475 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton
  - Kitchener
  - St. Catharines

McMaster University was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canada and 66<sup>th</sup> world-wide according to the 2017 Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) and is one of two Ontario universities ranked in the top 100 universities globally.

McMaster has a long-standing partnership with the Hamilton Police Service that is outlined in a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU - June 2016).

McMaster Special Constables are sworn Peace officers, appointed by the Board under the authority of the *Police Services Act*. Their appointments endow them with the responsibilities and duties of a Special Constable and enable them to enforce the Criminal Code of Canada, Federal and Provincial statutes and Municipal By-Laws on the University Campus and Board of Governor's bylaws and regulations. The Hamilton Police Services Board currently has an existing MOU with McMaster Security Services that stipulates McMaster's accountability to the Board that includes indemnity and liability provisions.

### **Protocol with the Hamilton Police Service**

The Hamilton Police Services Board has approval authority for the appointments for Special Constables employed by McMaster University Security.

The Hamilton Police Service works closely with McMaster Security Services to investigate serious criminal incidents. The Hamilton Police Service also supports McMaster Security by providing a wide range of mandatory and voluntary operational training programs.

McMaster Security Services consisted of 31 staff including: 1 Director, 1 Senior Manager, 1 Administrator, 4 Sergeants, 1 Investigator, 10 full-time Special Constables, 8 part-time Special Constables, 2 Technology Specialists, and 3 Dispatchers.

### **Training**

McMaster Security embraces professional development of all staff and continues on an annual basis to strive for excellence on a foundation of continued professional development. The following is a summary of training programs participated in by staff of

McMaster in 2017, to ensure all staff maintain and enhance the knowledge and expertise related to their positions.

<b>Training</b>	<b>2017 Attendees</b>
Use of Force Certification (HPS)	7
Use of Force (Recertification)	14
Block Training (HPS)	14
Bicycle Officer Training (HPS)	1
First Aid & CPR (HPS)	21
Advanced Special Constable Course	7
Crisis Intervention Training (HPS)	6
Sexual Assault Investigation	0
Domestic Violence Investigation	1
Coach Officers Course	1
Radiation Safety Training	19
Due Diligence	13
WHMIS - Core	5
Hydrogen Fluoride	4
Supervisors Course (HPS)	3
Smoke Free Training	20
NAIG Sensitivity Training	8
Dispatcher Training	7
Human Rights Training	1
Workplace Harassment Training	1
By-Stander Training	3
CTIO Counter Terrorism (HPS)	3
General Investigative Techniques (HPS)	1
Accident Investigation Training	2
Canadian Police Knowledge Network (Courses taken)	33
Miscellaneous Training/Courses	2

In 2017, McMaster University Security Services filed 3,687 incident reports which is a 30% increase over the 2016 reported incidents of 2,834. Legal infractions accounted for 870 incidents of either federal or provincial statutes or criminal incidents.

### **Incidents**

Special Constables have investigated the following incidents on campus. In situations of serious assault, sexual assault, indecent acts, inciting hate and other major incidents, McMaster Security works with the Hamilton Police Service to investigate the incidents.

<b>Criminal Incident</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Assault	19	19	23	12	27	29
Breach of Recognizance/Probation	2	3	1	1	0	1
Break and Enter/Attempts	6	2	7	5	17	11
Disturbances	8	9	6	11	12	22
Fraud	7	15	13	4	14	21
Harassing Phone Calls & Email	6	11	7	8	1	8
Harassment/Sexual Harassment	10	16	23	22	27	37
Inciting Hate	1	3	3	3	2	3
Mischief	87	83	62	80	85	100
Obstruct Peace Officer	1	4	2	1	0	2
Robbery	2	0	0	1	0	3
Theft/Possession	258	264	273	146	234	258
Threatening	8	11	6	6	5	10
<b>Total (All Categories)</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>531</b>

The following is a summary of all incidents reported on campus in the stated categories.

<b>Statutes</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Criminal Code	417	444	435	300	436	531
Provincial	136	155	135	103	209	215
Federal	45	61	58	86	95	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>854</b>

### **Hamilton Police – McMaster Partnership**

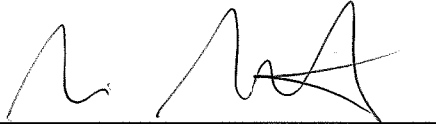
McMaster University Security Services works very closely with Hamilton Police in a variety of areas other than criminal investigations. They have a positive relationship with the Division One Crime Manager and work together to maintain the Mac 91/92 program where McMaster hires Hamilton Police Officers to proactively patrol the Westdale neighbourhood to ensure a safe and content community.

Hamilton Police Service is encouraged by the University to increase their visibility on McMaster campus and the surrounding area during busy times of the school year, for example – move in and move out, Homecoming, large football games, St. Patrick's Day weekend.

Other positive relationships, such as the Ainslie Wood/Westdale Community Association (AWWCA) working with Hamilton Police and McMaster University, contribute to

improving the safety and quality of life for all residents. These partnerships embrace educating the public on initiatives, including traffic safety, Problem Oriented Policing projects, Lock It or Lose It campaigns and Child Identification programs. Every year, AWWCA nominates McMaster students living in the neighbourhood for its "Good Student Award" that promotes positive relation building within the community.

We look forward to continuing our strong partnership in support of public safety.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Girt', written over a horizontal line.

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Chief of Police

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cc: Debbie Clark, Superintendent – Division 1