

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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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 - 2018
PSB 19-006*

BACKGROUND:

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

The McMaster campus is composed of 300 acres of property and almost 60 buildings providing space for approximately 32,000 students, 1,000 faculty, and 7,500 staff. Roughly 3,700 of our students live on campus in 12 student housing buildings. Once again, McMaster was ranked among the Top 100 universities in the world and the top two in Ontario by the Academic Ranking of World Universities and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Named for the third year in a row as one of Hamilton-Niagara's Top Employers, McMaster also proudly holds the honour of being Canada's Most Research Intensive University for 2017 and 2018 and won the prestigious Global Teaching Excellence Award organized by the Higher Education Partnership and Times Higher Education.

Every year McMaster hosts a wide range of activities. Recent events include the Ride to Conquer Cancer, Ride Don't Hide, and the North American Indigenous Games, which one of the Calls to Action contained in the Truth and Reconciliation Report. The Indigenous Games was a larger event than the Pan-Am Games which McMaster helped to host in 2015. These projects in partnership with our greater community align with our vision and commitment to community engagement.

As the University's reputation continues to grow, so too do the facilities on campus. In the last few years we opened the L. R. Wilson Building. It includes a well-used theatre and is home to the Socrates Project which hosts an array of arts and lecture events that attract a wide range of people from across the city.

The McMaster Innovation Park at the Longwood site continues to grow and prosper as part of the expanding McMaster properties. The Fraunhofer Project Centre for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing was officially opened this year and additional commercialization projects are coming on stream. The Innovation Park is currently home to more than 800 employees.

The Arthur Bourns Chemistry Building was renovated in 2018 adding 63,000 square feet of research space, and the expansion of the David Braley Athletic Centre commenced in September, 2018. This expansion will add 100,000 square feet of facilities that will enhance the student health and wellness experience.

McMaster has been responsive to neighbourhood and city interest in the University, expanding the number of residence spaces available to students. A number of projects are currently in process to achieve this goal. The Peter George Centre for Living and Learning will be completed later in 2019 and will provide housing to an additional 500 students, along with classroom and student gathering space and a new home for the McMaster Daycare Centre.

Public consultation and working with city staff have helped advance the planning for a new student residence to be located on Main Street West between Dalewood Avenue and Forsyth Avenue. The final design work on the two-phase project being created in partnership with a development company is being completed. When fully built, it will house more 1,000 students and will be a full part of the University's residence system.

The University has also announced plans to continue to invest in the growth and development of the downtown core. We are investing in a new graduate student residence to be built at the northwest corner of Bay Street South and King Street West. McMaster's first purpose-built residence, specifically for grad students and their families, will house 600 students living in studio, one, and two bedroom apartments.

McMaster University Security Services

The department manages security services for the main Westdale campus, all off campus sites and is supplemented by contract security services for a number of off campus locations. Our campus communities extend to:

- The Ron Joyce Centre - Burlington
- David Braley Health Sciences Centre – 100 Main Street West, Hamilton
- McMaster Continuing Education and university offices – 1 James Street North, Hamilton
- McMaster Innovation Park
- Faculty of Health Sciences
 - ❖ Hamilton Health Sciences, 1200 Main Street West, Hamilton
 - ❖ Stonechurch Family Health Centre, 1475 Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton
 - ❖ Kitchener/Waterloo and St. Catharines

Protocol with the Hamilton Police Service

McMaster has a long standing partnership with the Hamilton Police Service that is outlined in a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU, last updated June 2016) with the Hamilton Police Services Board (HPSB). The HPSB is the sponsoring agency.

McMaster Special Constables are sworn Peace Officers, appointed by the HPSB 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*, *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, Federal and Provincial statutes and Municipal By-Laws on the University Campus, as well as enforcing the McMaster Board of Governor's bylaws and regulations.

The HPSB 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 currently consists 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 for all staff on an ongoing and annual basis. We strive for excellence and know that is built on a foundation of continued professional development. The following is a summary of training programs participated in by McMaster Security Services Special Constables in 2018, as we work to ensure all staff maintain and enhance the knowledge and expertise related to their positions.

Training	2018 Attendees
Use of Force Certification (HPS)	6
Use of Force (Recertification)	17
Block Training (HPS)	23
Bicycle Officer Training (HPS)	3
First Aid and CPR (HPS)	23
Human Trafficking Seminar	3
Crisis Intervention Training (HPS)	6
Asbestos Awareness Training	6
Domestic Violence Investigation (HPS)	2
Ergonomic Awareness Training	8
Fire Safety Training	8

FIT Mask Testing	14
Health and Safety Orientation	6
Coach Officers Course (HPS)	2
Radiation Safety Training	9
Due Diligence	7
WHMIS - Core	5
Hydrogen Fluoride	7
Supervisors Course (HPS)	0
Smoke Free Training	0
Law In Policing	2
Dispatcher Training	5
Violence and Harassment Prevention Training - McMaster	5
Be More Than a Bystander Training – Preventing Sexual Violence	12
Primer on Privacy	1
General Investigative Techniques (HPS)	3
Accident Investigation Training	5
Slips Trips and Falls	7
Canadian Police Knowledge Network (Courses taken)	33
Violence Risk Assessment Training – Level I	1
Violence Risk Assessment Training – Level II	3
Violence Risk Assessment Training – Safety Planning	3

Diversity, Cultural Competence, Sensitivity

Indigenous Community – What is Smudging?	3
Building Trans-Inclusive Work Spaces	2
Human Trafficking	3
Naloxone Administration	19
American Sign Language	1
Mental Health First Aid	3

Incidents

McMaster University Security takes a proactive approach to helping to keep our campus safe. We spend considerable time building strong partnerships, communicating with students, faculty and staff, providing training and educating our key constituencies in safety and how they can help to support the development of an inclusive and safe environment. We encourage people to report any concerns or incidents and we share information through social networks, posters and other communication tools so people are aware of where and how to connect with Security. As a result, we have seen a consistent increase in the number of incidents reported over the past few years.

The number of incident reports increased 52% between 2016 and 2018 and we see this as a positive trend. In 2018, McMaster University Security Services filed 4,309 incident reports, up from 3,687 the previous year. Legal infractions for both criminal and federal statutes accounted for 665 reported incidents or 15% of all those reported.

The chart below details incidents over the past several years. Of particular note in this year's report is an increase in incidents of inciting hatred. These incidents include flyers and graffiti found on campus and vandalism of the rainbow crosswalk at the Sterling Street entrance. McMaster has increased its commitment to inclusivity through a variety of measures including the creation of a new Associate Vice-President, Equity and Inclusion position. Dr. Arig al Shaibah joined McMaster in April, 2018 and has already played a significant role in raising awareness and education of issues around diversity and inclusion and the importance of reporting incidents of hatred.

In situations of serious assault, sexual assault, indecent acts, inciting hatred and other major incidents, McMaster Security works with the Hamilton Police Service to investigate the incidents. The most significant volume of offences fall into three categories – thefts, mischief and break and enters. The greatest number of thefts relate to bicycles and computers. The growth in mischief is attributed to general damage to windows, doors and facilities, and break and enter increases are most significant at the houses the university acquired on Traymore Avenue. These incidents were reduced once fencing was installed at the site.

Criminal Incidents

Criminal Incident	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<i>Assault</i>	19	23	12	27	29	21
<i>Breach of Recognizance/Probation</i>	3	1	1	0	1	1
<i>Break and Enter/Attempts</i>	2	7	5	17	11	22
<i>Disturbances</i>	9	6	11	12	22	10
<i>Fraud</i>	15	13	4	14	21	14
<i>Harassing Phone Calls and Emails</i>	11	7	8	1	8	6
<i>Harassment/Sexual Harassment</i>	16	23	22	27	37	29
<i>Incitement of Hatred</i>	3	3	3	2	3	10
<i>Mischief</i>	83	62	80	85	100	128
<i>Obstruct Peace Officer</i>	4	2	1	0	2	1
<i>Robbery</i>	0	0	1	0	3	0
<i>Theft/Possession</i>	264	273	146	234	258	266
<i>Threatening</i>	11	6	6	5	10	11
Total (All Categories)	444	435	300	436	531	519

The following is a summary of all incidents reported for Criminal, Provincial and Federal offences.

Statutes	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<i>Criminal Code</i>	444	435	300	436	531	557
<i>Provincial</i>	155	135	103	209	215	209
<i>Federal</i>	61	58	86	95	108	108
Total	660	628	489	740	854	874

Hamilton Police – McMaster Partnership

McMaster University works closely with Hamilton Police in a variety of ways.

The President's Advisory Committee on Community Relations (PACCR) benefits from consistent interaction with the Division One Crime Manager. PACCR membership includes community neighbours, landlords, the Westdale BIA, students, faculty, City of Hamilton by-law staff and university representatives, including security. It is co-chaired by a community member and McMaster's Vice-President, University Advancement and meets regularly to share information, discuss any neighbourhood concerns and developments, and assists in bringing a community perspective when planning is done for events such as Welcome Week and Homecoming. The Committee's work contributes significantly to ensuring a safe community with a high quality of life for all residents.

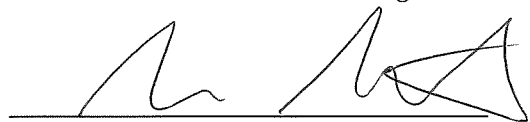
McMaster also has a strong and long-term relationship with the Ainslie Wood/Westdale Community Association. These partnerships embrace educating the public on initiatives, including traffic safety, Problem Oriented Policing projects, Lock It or Lose It campaigns and Child Identification programs.

As well as investing time and attention in community relations activities, McMaster has also invested in the Mac91/92 program for many years. Funded by McMaster and the McMaster Students Union, the University works closely with the Hamilton Police Service to hire Hamilton police officers to proactively patrol the Westdale neighbourhood to help support a safe community. Officers are hired to cover key times including evening and weekends, and during Welcome Week, Homecoming and St. Patrick's Day.

The Hamilton Police Service is encouraged by the University to support McMaster's operational plans during busy times of the school year. The University thanks the Hamilton Police Service for its ongoing support during move in/move out, football games and other sporting events, St. Patrick's Day weekend, and Light up the Night which occurs at the end of the Winter Term. By working together we have been able to coordinate planning, organize alternate events for students held on campus and develop other strategies to be better

prepared for community activities. With this university/police partnership, McMaster and Hamilton have been able to proactively avoid the large street parties that, in other campus towns and cities, can attract tens of thousands of revelers.

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: Jamie Anderson, Superintendent – Division 1