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24 February, 2012

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 12-024)

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

- **Project Road Safety**
- **Recruit Information Night**
- **Fundraising Basketball Game**

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 Di Gregorio

Nancy DiGregorio
Chair
Hamilton Police Services Board

Attachments (1)

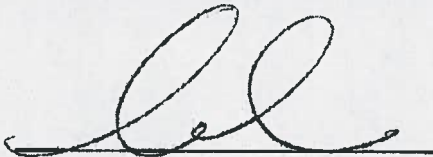
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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2012 February 21
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board
FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police
SUBJECT: *Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report*
(PSB 12-024)

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:

Project Road Safety

Ontario's ban on hand-held devices while driving took effect on October 26, 2009. This law makes it illegal for drivers to talk, text, type, dial or email using hand-held cell phones and other hand-held communications and entertainment devices.

The dangers of distracted driving are real and the evidence speaks for itself: drivers who use cell phones are four times more likely to be in a collision than a driver who is focused on the road. A recent study shows that when drivers take their eyes off the road for more than two seconds their crash risk doubles. A driver using a cell phone is four times more likely to be in a crash than a driver focused on the road. In three seconds driving sixty kilometres per hour you travel fifty metres – that's the distance across half a football field. A momentary distraction can result in death or serious injury.

In January 2012, the Service's Central Breath Tech Unit (CBTU) initiated a short term review of the distracted driving issue by conducting enforcement using the Unit's SUV. The CBTU issued 240 provincial offence notices for distracted driving.

The Service has launched Project Road Safety to raise awareness among motorists about the dangers of driving while distracted and encourage them to change their driving behaviours. The project will run from February 6 – October 31, 2012 and will involve enforcement. As well, it will involve area media as well as the Service's Twitter accounts.

Recruit Information Night

The Service's Human Resources Unit will be holding a Recruit Information night on Wednesday, February 29 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Hill Park Secondary School, 465 East 16th St., Hamilton. There will be information on obtaining the OACP Certificate, the Physical Readiness Evaluation for Police (PREP) Test and interview preparation. There is no registration required. There will be several Hamilton Police Officers also on hand to speak to participants about policing as a career.

Human Resources also holds PREP mentoring nights for police recruit candidates. The next ones are being held as follows:

- Tuesday, February 21st, 2012, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 20th, 2012, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

These sessions take place at Central Police Station, located at 155 King William. To register, please contact our recruiters: Cst.Blake at 905-546-4855; Cst.Nelson at 905-546-8918.

Fundraising Basketball Game

Officer Jack Vanderpol has organized a charity basketball game for Wednesday, March 7, 2012. Tip off time is 1:30 p.m. at Ancaster High School. The Hamilton Police team will be taking on the staff and students of Ancaster High School.

The event is being organized to raise funds for the Newman Boys Trust Fund. There will be an admission fee for the game, and donations can also be made online at: newmanboystrustfund.ca.

GD/C. Martin