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Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports (PSB 12-032)

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

- Vice and Drug Unit
- Bail Compliance Unit
- Distracted Driving Campaign
- Towards Eradicating Racism
- National Victims of Crime Week

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

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Chair
Hamilton Police Services Board

Attachments (1)

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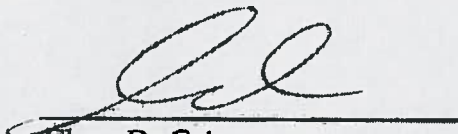
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- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2012 March 19
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board
FROM: Glenn De Caire
Chief of Police
SUBJECT: *Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report*
(PSB 12-032)

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:

Vice and Drug Unit

Through a dedication to upholding the values and ethics of the Hamilton Police Service and, in particular, a commitment to quality service and the relentless pursuit of offenders, the Hamilton Police Service Vice and Drug Unit began the 2012 year with significant results as follows:

Arrests / Charges

- Arrests: 58
- CDSA Charges: 139
- Criminal Code Charges: 46
- Search Warrant Executions: 30

Seized Drugs

- cocaine: 1293 g
- crack cocaine: 111 g
- marihuana: 4788 g
- marihuana plants: 1241
- Cannabis resin: 469 g
- Oxycodone tabs: 115
- psilocybin: 70 g

Total value of all drugs seized: \$1,412,040

Property Seized as Offence Related Property

- homes: 3
- vehicles: 2
- currency: \$11,425.00

Firearms Seized

- .357 magnum
- .cc calibre rifle
- .9 mm handgun
- sawed off shotgun

Integrated Child Exploitation Unit

- Investigations: 18
- Searches Conducted: 5
- Charges: 5

Bail Compliance Unit

To enhance its anti-violence strategy, the Hamilton Police Service has launched a new unit as part of its ACTION (Addressing Crime Trends in our Neighbourhoods) program.

Now in its third month, the Bail Compliance Unit (BCU) is an offender management program. It is devoted to ensuring suspects comply with court-imposed conditions.

The mandate of the BCU is to promote public safety and reduce the fear of crime. This program is a Service-wide crime prevention initiative that identifies and manages violent offenders through education and bail compliance investigations.

The BCU visits the offenders and their sureties following their release and provides education about the BCU. This includes the consequences of non-compliance by both the offender and the surety.



The BCU officers conduct bail compliance checks any hour of the day or night.

Just like ACTION officers, the BCU are in uniform and highly-visible.

This strategy holds offenders and their sureties accountable. The BCU actively monitors the offender to ensure that they are adhering to their conditions imposed upon them by the courts. The BCU will actively search for and arrest these offenders who are breaching court imposed conditions.

Distracted Driving Campaign

The 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 law also prohibits drivers from viewing display screens unrelated to the driving task, such as laptops or DVD players, while driving. The use of hands-free devices is still permitted, and drivers may use hand-held devices to call 9-1-1.

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. Cell phones and other wireless communication and entertainment devices are a significant visual and cognitive distraction for drivers, with average "eyes off the road" times that increase the risk of collision considerably. At highway speed, a driver sending a simple text message travels the length of a football field without looking at 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 addition to legislation and enforcement, the key to success in combating all forms of driving distraction is education and awareness. For this reason, the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) Support Services Division has chosen to undertake this project to address the issue. The following shows the results of the first three weeks of the project:

Total PONs for distracted driving: 190

Tickets issued in Division One: 92

Tickets issued in Division Two: 25

Tickets issued in Division Three: 73

Time Periods when tickets issued:

Between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 24.7%

Between Noon – 2:00 p.m. 24.2%

UPCOMING

Towards Eradicating Racism

In recognition of The United Nations Designated Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Hamilton Police Services is holding an Evening of Reflection. This takes place on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at The Hamilton Spectator Auditorium, 44 Frid Street. The evening will feature community voices and voices of Hamilton Police members. Everyone is invited to attend.

National Victims of Crime Week

For the third consecutive year the Hamilton Police Victim Services Branch has been the recipient of a Department of Justice grant that funds training and events relating to victims of crime. This year they have partnered with the John Howard Society and the focus of the workshops is on youth and victimization.

There will be an official ceremony honouring victims of crime on Monday, April 23 from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. at Central Police Station. The event will also commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Service's Victim Services Branch.

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