

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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16 April, 2012

City of Hamilton 71 Main Street West Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports (PSB 12-049)

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

- Hamilton Police Seize 2.5 kilos of Cocaine and Arrest Five
- St. Patrick's Day and Hamilton Police
- Distracted Driving Campaign
- National Victims of Crime Week
- Police 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

Chair

Hamilton Police Services Board

Attachments (1)

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD - RECOMMENDATION -

DATE:

2012 April 16

REPORT TO:

Chair and Members

Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM:

Glenn De Caire

Chief of Police

SUBJECT:

Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report

(PSB 12-049)

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:

Hamilton Police Seize 2.5 kilos of Cocaine and Arrest Five

On March 28, 2012, Hamilton Police conducted a number of early morning searches at various locations in the Hamilton area that resulted in the seizure of illegal drugs and the arrest of five people.

As a result of information that was brought to the attention of the HPS Vice and Drugs Unit, an investigation was initiated into mid-level drug trafficking that was ongoing in the city of Hamilton.

The investigation led to a series of search warrants being obtained and on March 29, 2012, during the early morning hours, over 40 HPS officers from Vice and Drugs, ERU, HEAT, BEAR and the GWEU, simultaneously executed those search warrants at seven premises, including four residences, three businesses and three vehicles.

As a result of the investigation and warrants executed, Hamilton Police arrested and charged Jesse Johnson, 24 years of age, of Hamilton, and Jonathon Cwierdzinski, 20 years of age, of Dundas with a number of drug trafficking and proceeds of crime related offences. They were both held for a bail hearing.

Police further arrested and charged Fahd Ikram, 23 years of age, Danyal Ikram 25 years of age and Mahvesh Ikram (f) 20 years of age, all of Ancaster with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking and additional drug offences. Fahd and Danyl Ikram were held for a bail hearing. Mahvesh Ikram was released on a Promise to Appear with a court date of May 9th, 2012.

Hamilton Police seized 2.4 kilos of pure cocaine from a home searched at 144 Diiorio Circle in Ancaster. A further 12 oz of suspected cocaine was seized from a business, the Monfort Restaurant, located at 246 Governors Rd. in Dundas. The investigation is ongoing.

St. Patrick's Day and Hamilton Police

The following is an email that was sent to Hamilton Police on the Service's response to St. Patrick's Day from a citizen in Westdale:

Sgt. Moreton:

I'd like to thank you and the other members of the HPS for the work you did in Westdale on St. Patrick 's Day. From my perspective near King and Newton, what started out as a smoldering powder keg in the morning was damped down to a non-event by nightfall.

By noon on Saturday, I was becoming anxious; there were many houses on King St.W. and Sterling St. whose lawns were littered with drinking students and empty beer bottles; groups of students were wandering the neighbourhood, seemingly looking for parties, as others hooted and called them into houses and drives for drinks; loud music and mounting shouting were coming from many nearby back yards.

I called HPS three times over the course of the afternoon, and in each case there was a response within half an hour and the party either shutdown or settled down to a mere shout-punctuated hubbub. At 11 p.m., I was able to go to bed with my bedroom windows open – that's how quiet it was.

The out-of-control rioting in London shows us where a long day of unconstrained drinking and partying can lead a suburban neighbourhood. The plans put in place to keep things under control here were clearly effective and are a credit to you and your colleagues, and testament, too, to the cooperation between the city, the police, the university and the AWWCA.

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. As part of our ongoing efforts to inform and educate citizens, Hamilton Police will be holding their first-ever 'tweet-along'. Corporate Communications will join Traffic Services and give Twitter followers a first-hand look at what Divisional Safety Officers are observing on our city's roadways.

UPCOMING

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 20^{th} anniversary of the Service's Victim Services Branch.

Police Week (Please see attachment)

GD/C. Martin

Attch: Police Week Events



Hamilton Police Service

Police Week' Events

May 12th – May 19th, 2012

"Working Together for a Safer Community"

Saturday, May 12th

1000	Crime Stoppers "Shred-it Campaign"— Limeridge Mail Parking Lot, Hamilton
	Monday, May 14th
1000 - 1300	Citizenship Court - Stoney Creek City Hall, 777 Hwy. #8, Stoney Creek
1800 - 2030	Annual Awards Night - Theatre Aquarius, 190 King William St., Hamilton (by invitation event)
	Tuesday, May 15 th
0900 - 1300	Chief for a Day - Central Station, 155 King William St., and Marine Unit
	Wednesday, May 16 th
1100 - 1400	Police in the Park - Gore Park, 1 Hughson St South at King Street East
Noon	School Safety Patroller of the Year presentation at Bayfront Park
	Thursday, May 17 th
0830	Police Chaplains' Reflection Service - front of Central Station
1200 - 1400	North End Idol - Cathy Wever Memorial School, 160 Wentworth St. N., Hamilton
0900 1700	ERU ProAction Day -
	Friday May 18th

Friday, May 18

Police Station Public Art Gnomen Launch - Central Station Noon