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June 22, 2012

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

Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports (PSB 12-061)

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

- Hamilton Police Commitment to Road Safety
- Distracted Driving Campaign Results
- Alcohol Related Driving Charges
- Support Our Troops

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,

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Nancy DiGregorio
Chair
Hamilton Police Services Board

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- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE:

2012 June 18

REPORT TO:

Chair and Members

Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM:

Glenn De Caire

Chief of Police

SUBJECT:

Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report

(PSB 12-067)

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 Commitment to Road Safety

Distracted Driving Campaign Results

Support Services has completed the 16th week of its distracted driving program. So far, 895 distracted driving tickets have been issued. The average age of drivers receiving the tickets is 35 years old for women and 38 years old for men.

Over 43% of the tickets have been issued during 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. timeframe.

Alcohol Related Driving Charges

From January to May, 2012, Hamilton Police have made 349 alcohol related driving arrests. Citizens have been encouraged to call 9-1-1 if they suspect an impaired driver and as a result, police were able to make 85 of its arrests based on information from the community.

By the end of May this year, Hamilton Police have pulled over 16,333 vehicles in RIDE lanes. This is an increase from 13,981 from the previous year.

Support our Troops

The Service marked the beginning of "Support Our Troops" month at a kick-off ceremony held on June 6, 2012, at Central Police Station, which concluded with the raising of the Canadian Forces Ensign.

Local military representatives joined Hamilton Police Services Board Vice Chair James Kay and Hamilton Mayor Bob Bratina at the ceremony.

Several members of Hamilton Police who are currently in the military reserves were also on hand in their military uniforms. In addition to their demanding police duties, these members devote countless hours to their military units in their off-time. There are 16 members of the Military Reserve Force presently serving with the Hamilton Police.

When 'Support Our Troops' month concludes June 30, the Hamilton Police Service will continue to fly the Ensign at Central Station as long as any Hamilton based soldier is deployed. As has been done for some time now, Hamilton Police vehicles will continue to display the yellow ribbon of support.

Detective Sergeant Bob Gauvin recently returned from a deployment with the Canadian Forces' participating in the UN response to the uprising in Libya. I have included his remarks:

"Chief, Colonel Campbell, other members of the Hamilton Police Service, the Canadian Forces and other guests who have come today to honour and support Canadian Force members serving both locally and as Reserve Force members employed as members of the Hamilton Police Service, welcome.

My name is Robert Gauvin, I am a proud member of the Hamilton Police Service currently serving as the Detective Sergeant in charge of the Vice and Drug Unit. I am also a Major in the Canadian Forces serving for the past three years as a legal advisor in the office of the Judge Advocate General.

It was almost exactly one year ago today that I was contacted by the Office of the JAG Chain-of-Command and offered the incredible opportunity to deploy as a legal advisor on OP MOBILE:

Operation MOBILE was the Canadian Forces' participation in the United Nations response to the popular uprising in Libya against the regime of Moammar Gadhafi. More specifically, my participation was in relation to Canadian Forces' participation in Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR, the NATO-led joint combat mission, which called on the international community to protect civilians and civilian-populated areas in Libya.

I was in attendance last year at the Support Your Troops Day listening to Chris Gagen speak of the unconditional support he had received from both the Chief and his policing chain of command when he deployed to Afghanistan. I remember thinking – wow, I guess I will be putting this support to the test real soon!

What I soon learned was that, similar to Chris' experience, I immediately received the unconditional support and assistance to deploy from both my immediate supervisor Superintendent Kinsella and Chief De Caire.

Once approved by the Chief, the need to commence mission specific training was immediate. So too was the need to get my policing responsibilities in order for proper transition to my peers who would be filling in during my deployment. Throughout this rapid period of transition and training, the support and encouragement I received from all facets of the Police Service was impressive.

This support continued throughout my deployment with several phone calls and emails from both the Chief and members of the Police Service. This contact, while brief, maintained my connection to the Police Service and preserved my being part of the policing team.

Upon my return from OP Mobile, I was welcomed home by several members of the Service and was invited as a guest to the Chief's annual gala making my return to the Police Service seamless.

My personal success while deployed was, in part, due to the leadership, team building and problem solving skills and abilities I developed while a police officer. In turn, the extensive leadership, operational and legal training and experience I have gained while a member of the Canadian Forces, has had a profound positive impact on the abilities I need to meet my policing responsibilities.

The opportunity to deploy with the Canadian Forces, serve my Country, help protect innocent civilians and represent the Hamilton Police Service ranks as one of the greatest experiences of my life".

GD/C. Martin