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MESSAGE FROM SUPT. BRODY SMOLLET
UNIT COMMANDER OF 12 DIVISION

During the first months of 2010 we have experienced a higher than usual volume of break & enters and thefts from motor vehicles. These occurrences involve damage to both homes and businesses as well as vehicles in the form of a broken door or window and the theft of whatever is valuable inside the home/business or car, such as cash, jewellery, IPODs, GPS systems, or anything else that may be of value.

While these thefts are taking place all over the division, there is a concentration of them in the southeast corner of 12 Division. A program was undertaken recently to help educate vehicle owners that involved auxiliary police officers placing pamphlets on the windshields of vehicles in areas that are hardest hit. We have also been fortunate to arrest a couple of people and have charged them for a number of these offences and this seems to have slowed the thefts for the time being. However, everyone should continue to be aware of this matter and make sure their property is properly secured and not leave any valuables in your vehicles.

This will be the last community bulletin I will be writing. On February 28, 2010 I will have retired from the Toronto Police Service and will move on to a private life. In April, there will be a new Unit Commander at 12 Division but it has not yet been determined who it will be.

I have enjoyed my time working in this community and I hope that everyone continues to work hard to make this a better and better place to live and work. I know that the members of 12 Division will continue to do their part and if everyone joins together, we can make a difference.

Remember, your neighbourhood is our neighbourhood!

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12 DIVISION ARRESTS OF THE MONTH:

1: Five Men Arrested & Charged for Break & Enters Committed During the months of January & February Within 12 Division:

It is alleged that: the five men committed break & enters into various homes and businesses mainly during the months of January and February 2010. All were arrested either as a result of being observed by citizens who called police or as a result of being identified by way of an ongoing investigation. Three of the men were arrested while trying to break into a St. Clair Avenue West address, the fourth was caught red handed trying to smash a glass door on Weston Road with a rock and the fifth was identified as a result of property he had left at the scene of an entry on St. Clair West which had occurred late last year. The men were all charged accordingly and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing. Four of the five accused were already out of jail either on bail or probation for other criminal offences.

Arrested: RAFFMAN Lee, 50 years of Toronto
DAETEH Ohene, 22 years of Toronto
ALLEYNE Korey, 20 years of Toronto
DaSILVA Artur Manuel, 42 years of Toronto
DOAN Joseph, 31 years of Toronto

Charges: Break & Enter X 2
Break & Enter with Intent
Break & Enter – Commit an Indictable Offence
Possession of Burglar Tools X 4
Mischief Over \$5,000 X 3
Fail to Comply – Recognizance
Fail to Comply – Probation X 3

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2: Five Young Offenders & One Adult Arrested and Charged with Robbery During the month of February by 12 Division:

It is alleged that: two of the youth were involved in a street robbery that occurred on Gulliver Road on Thursday, February 11th. A third was charged as a result of another street robbery in the area of Eglinton and Weston Road on the 13th. The remaining two were arrested after a convenience store hold-up on Scarlett Road that occurred on Wednesday, February 3rd. The lone adult was arrested as a result of an ongoing investigation after he was identified as the person responsible for a hold-up of a small grocery store back in October last year.

Arrested: Five Young Offenders Who Cannot be Identified ranging in age from 15 to 17 years of age.
JEREMIE Issac, 20 years of Toronto

Charges: Robbery X 5
Robbery While Armed with a Firearm
Disguise with Intent to Commit an Indictable Offence X 5
Weapons Dangerous X 3
Intimidation X 2

3: Man Out on Bail Arrested on Weapons Charges After He is Involved in a Fight & Attempts to Flee From Officers:

It is alleged that: the accused was present during a fight that was taking place near the intersection of Scott Road and Roger Road. Officers received a radio call to attend and upon their arrival the accused quickly left the scene and made his way northbound up a nearby laneway. The officers followed the accused who then jumped a fence in an attempt to flee but officers quickly caught up to him. When

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they tried to place him under arrested, he resisted and had to be subdued, handcuffed and placed in a waiting police car. The officers then searched the area nearby where the accused had jumped the fence and located a loaded 357 mag. handgun. He was taken to the station where he was investigated further and found to be out on bail in relation to charges of assault and threatening death. The accused was charges accordingly and held in custody pending yet another mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: GRIFFITH Lamar, 19 years of Toronto

Charges: Cause Disturbance
Assault with Intent to Resist Arrest
Possession of a Restricted Firearm with Ammunition
Poss. of a Restricted Gun Knowing It's Poss. Is Unauthorized
Carry a Concealed Weapon
Careless Storage of a Firearm
Poss. Of a Firearm Obtained by the Commission of an Offence
Weapons Dangerous
Fail to Comply - Recognizance

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TRAFFIC RESPONSE UNIT

Divisional Traffic Sergeant:

Sgt. Sandra Gregory # 1972

Phone: 416 808-1224

Traffic Complaints Officer:

P.C. Trias # 9595

Phone: 415 808-1215

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d12/>

From Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 19th, the Toronto Police Service will be running a Pedestrian Safety Campaign to coincide with the March break. There were 31 pedestrian fatalities in the City of Toronto in 2009 and we have already had 8 pedestrian fatalities in 2010. With the children being out of school for the March Break, the number of pedestrians using the roadways will increase exponentially. This campaign encourages all pedestrians to exercise a cautious approach when travelling on our roadways. Officers will be paying particular attention to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians who commit traffic violations that may jeopardize pedestrian safety.

Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety is for all ages. Unfortunately, in traffic incidents involving pedestrians and motorists, it is the pedestrian who suffers, often with tragic results. In many cases it is not the driver's fault. It is the responsibility of both driver and pedestrian to ensure each other's safety by following some simple rules.

As a pedestrian:

Cross at marked crosswalks or traffic lights, not in the middle of the block or between parked cars;

Make sure drivers see you before you cross;

Cross when traffic has come to a complete stop;

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At a traffic light, cross at the beginning of a green light. Do not cross once the "Don't Walk" signal begins to flash or once the light has turned to yellow. Never cross on a red light;

Watch for traffic turning at intersections or entering and leaving driveways;

Wear bright or light-coloured clothing or reflective strips, when walking in dusk or darkness.

As a motorist:

Be patient, especially with older pedestrians who need more time to cross the road;

Always look for pedestrians, especially when turning;

Remember, stay alert and slow down on residential streets and through school zones.

Breaking the law can be costly. Fines for offences at pedestrian crossings, school crossings, and at crosswalks where there are traffic signals are \$150 and 3 demerit points. All fines are double (\$300) in Community Safety Zones near schools and public areas.

As a parent or caregiver:

Teach and reinforce the proper techniques for crossing the road safely with your child.

Stress the importance of walking on the inside of the sidewalk, or where there are no sidewalks, as far away as possible from the travelled portion of the road;

Stopping before the edge of the sidewalk at all times;

Being alert and stopping at driveways and where there are no curbs.

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Traffic Enforcement Activities:

From Feb. 1 – Feb. 7th, the distracted driving campaign, “Control your fate, the message can wait” was held. For 12 Division, this resulted in 24 motorists charged with driving with a hand-held communication device, 2 with driving while using a hand-held entertainment device and 1 with Careless Driving. In addition, there were 172 persons charged with various distracted-related offences (i.e. red light, stop sign, unsafe lane change, etc.).

In order to address the various complaints received about speeding, disobeying signs and other aggressive driving behaviour in our residential neighbourhoods, we will be running enforcement campaigns throughout the year. On Feb. 9 – Feb 10, officers in 12 Division laid 81 charges in our first Calm Down, Slow Down Campaign.

There were 9 R.I.D.E. spot checks set up in 12 during February with 2,145 vehicles stopped. As a result, there were 34 roadside screening device tests performed with 5 motorists receiving a 3-day suspension for blowing in the warn range and 2 motorists arrested for drive over 80 mgs. There were 11 other charges laid and 1 unrelated arrest.

In February, members of 12 Division investigated 49 accidents. There were 20 involving varying degrees of injury and 29 property damage accidents.

I would like to thanks Ken Shaw Lexus Toyota located at 2336 St. Clair Ave. W. for hosting our Child Seat Inspection Clinic. We had a good turn-out with 45 child seats inspected. When installing a child safety seat, please read the manual that accompanies the seat and your vehicle service manual in regards to child seat installation. If you would like to find a Child Seat Clinic or speak to an inspector about how to install a seat, please call the hotline at (416) 808-1975.

Remember, Drinking and Driving Don't mix, take a Cab or use a Designated Driver.

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COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

Divisional C.R.U. S/Sgt.

S/Sgt Daryle GERRY

Phone: 416-808-1011

As the Officer-in-Charge of 12 Division's Community Response Unit (C.R.U.). I have a good grasp of community issues and problem solving in relation to them based on my prior experience as a Sgt. in 14 Division's C.R.U. office where I spent 5 years before being promoted coming to 12 Division.

My officers will continue to be visible and accessible. All officers have been assigned to neighbourhoods within 12 Division. If you have any (non-emergency) problems within your neighbourhood, I urge you to contact your neighbourhood officer and the issue will be assessed and addressed if necessary. 12 Division CRU can be reached at 416-808-1011 or 416-808-1036.

I am looking forward to working with the community in 12 Division.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT:

Our officers are very involved in our neighbourhoods. Here are a few of the activities in which they have participated during the four weeks. CRU officers have issued 81 Provincial Offences Tickets, arrested 29 people, and investigated approximately 444 others. Most recently they attended several addresses with local Liquor Inspectors and they have laid 3 charges covering liquor offences against the people operating the respective premises. They have also attended 17 public meetings or community events, 38 school visits; and have paid special attention to separate areas involving 40 activity checks where there have been community complaints.

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Since the beginning of the year, CRU officers have issued 268 Highway Traffic Act tickets and investigated approximately 877 people for varying reasons with 60 people being arrested. The CRU will also continue to pay special attention to licenced premises, after-hours clubs, and booze cans within 12 Division. Their efforts since the beginning of the year have resulted in 5 Liquor Licence Act charges being laid. In other areas of concern, they arrested 1 person for prostitution activities, made 24 drug arrests, and investigated & arrested 23 people for robbery/b&e/theft. In relation to weapons offences, so far this year there have been 16 charges laid.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER COMMENTS:

BREAK & ENTERS:

If you come home to find your premises has been broken into, or a window or a door is unexplainably open, HELP FIGHT CRIME:

Do NOT enter – the criminal may still be inside.

Use a cell or neighbour's phone to call the Police.

Do NOT touch anything or clean-up until the police have inspected for evidence.

Note the licence number(s) of any suspicious vehicle(s).

Note the description(s) of any suspicious person(s).

CALL: 911 (Emergency) or 416-808-2222 (Non-Emergency)

Window Security: Most windows can be pinned for security:

Simply drill a 3/16" hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame – place a nail/pin in the hole to secure the window.

Sliding glass doors/windows can be lifted out of their tracks with relative ease.

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Install self tapping screws in the upper track far enough that they still allow the door/window to slide into place but out far enough to prevent the door/window from being lifted up out of the track. Place a piece of wood into the bottom track-this will resist lateral forcing of the door/window.

Door Security: Key Control is Important.

Locks with key holes in the knob are NOT reliable-they can be easily forced.

Doors should be mounted so hinge bolts are not facing out to the outside of the door.

Install a minimum of one inch-deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.

Chain locks are poor security – install a wide angle viewer instead.

Padlocks should have a 'heel and toe' locking mechanism.

If keys are lost, locks should be changed as soon as possible.

Lastly, if your going to be away for any length of time, please ensure that you have someone keep an eye on your home and arrange for them to collect any mail, newspapers or other items that, if left, would signal a would-be thief to your absence.

Remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Here is a list of community-based activities for the month of March that officers from 12 Division will attend. If you would like a Toronto Police Service representative from 12 Division to attend your community event, please contact 12 Division at 416-808-1200 and ask for the Community Response Staff Sergeant.

March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Weston PCP Meeting @ 1901 Weston Rd 7:00 PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Police Community Partnership Mtg. 7:00pm @ 1884 Davenport Rd.	12	13
14	15 March Break begins	16	17	18 Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting @ 12 Division 7:30pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			