

23 Division Community Bulletin December 2009



Message From Superintendent Ron Taverner and Inspector Scott Baptist

Every year, each of the seventeen divisional Community Police Liaison Committees (CPLC) has a town hall meeting inviting people to join representatives from the Police Service to discuss crime that affects their community. This year 23 Division CPLC hosted a town hall meeting at Thistledown Collegiate Institute featuring a panel discussion with Chief Blair, Justice Rick Blouin, educator Karl Sprogis and moderator Mark Dailey. The theme for this year was Safety in the Streets. We had a very good response and a successful evening.

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UNIT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...



Also in November was the kickoff for the TPSlinks system. This is a community automated notification system that delivers vital information the community members of Toronto. Information can be sent to a selected geographic area made possible through a community member's sign-up page. Messages will be prepared and delivered by divisional Service members in various formats including voice and text messaging. We encourage anyone who wishes to enrol and receive messages from TPSlinks to visit our website at www.torontopolice.on.ca or complete a hardcopy registration form available on the TPSlinks internet site and at our station. Please register we feel it is important that you are aware of what is happening in your neighbourhood.

ARREST OF THE MONTH



On November 7th at approximately 12 noon, police responded to a report of gunshots in the area of Martin Grove Road and Silverstone Drive.

Witnesses observed a male running while firing shots behind him with a handgun. He then entered a waiting motor vehicle and fled the scene.

This area is highly populated with a mix of residential and retail properties. The accused showed no consideration for innocent bystanders carrying out their business on this Saturday afternoon.

Thankfully, a keen eyed witness was able to gather a good description of the get away vehicle and pass it on to police.

An immediate investigation began with several officers searching for possible victims and others looking for the suspects.

Police Constable Jeff Doupe spotted the vehicle and with the assistance of other officers, a high risk vehicle stop was initiated, 2 males were arrested without incident and the handgun was recovered.

The two accused males in this incident are facing a total of 16 weapons and drug charges.

SECOND ARREST OF THE MONTH



In our last bulletin, we mentioned that there have been a number of home invasion style armed robberies in the area. One such incident occurred at the residence of a cab driver, which is also a common location for other drivers to gather and socialize. In an evening near the end of September, three males attended this location armed with a handgun and made a demand for cash. After gaining cash and other valuables, the suspects entered a vehicle and fled the area. At this time, the wife and daughter of one victim arrived home and the three gave chase to the suspects. The vehicle then stopped and one suspect exited, pointing a shotgun at the victim, his wife and child. They then made good their escape.

An investigation commenced and police were able to identify the suspects. During the arrest of one suspect, he assaulted the officer and attempted to disarm him.

All parties are in custody facing several firearm and robbery charges.

CRIME PREVENTION



REMINDER:

Even though the weather tells a different story, the holiday season is once again upon us! For many of us, the holidays are a time for getting together with family and friends and shopping until you drop!

Unfortunately, there are some who prey on us during this season and use the fact that we are shopping more and spending more time away from home to their advantage.

Always remember that if you have to leave purchases in your vehicle, make sure that they are locked and out of sight. Thieves will walk through parking lots looking for an easy target!

When it comes to your home, thieves will also take advantage of your family outings for an opportunity to commit a Break and Enter. Remember to keep your holiday gifts away from windows and other areas where they can be easily seen from the outside. Make your home appear to be occupied and ALWAYS keep your doors and windows locked.

As always, be a good neighbour and report suspicious behaviour in your neighbourhood to the police.

From all of us here at 23 Division, have a safe and happy holiday season.

TRAFFIC RESPONSE



The Toronto Police Service is dedicated to the safety and security of all road users. We strive to accomplish this both through traffic related education and enforcement.

Our children are our most valuable but vulnerable members of society. They count on us to keep them safe and out of harm's way. One very important way to accomplish this is through the proper installation of child car seats. We would like to announce that the Traffic Services Car Seat Hotline is up and running.

Members of the public wishing to book an appointment at one of our upcoming clinics or who have a general car seat related question can phone 416-808-1975 and a member of our office will return their call.

When there are no appointments available at Traffic Services, members of the public will be referred to local divisions who are running car seat clinics.

Community Police Liaison

Committee



Who We Are?

Our members live or work within 23 Division's geographical area. We are dedicated to increasing safety and security for the public by identifying community and policing concerns. The committee meets 10 times a year at 23 Division in the community room. Members may also participate in sub-committees and special projects.

Mission Statement:

To encourage trust through understanding, shared knowledge and involvement, this will lead to a meaningful partnership between community and police to maintain safety and security.

Who Can Participate?

voting members represent social service organizations, ratepayers groups, faith groups and the police
you must live or work within 23 Division's geographic area
you must be interested and committed to participating
you must be willing to problem solve
non-voting guests may participate with proper notification to the committee.



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Our Mandate:

- to establish and maintain a meaningful community-police partnership
- to work together in identifying, prioritizing and problem solving policing issues
- to be proactive in community relations, crime prevention and communicating initiatives
- to act as a resource to the police and the community
- **What We Do:**
- Identify and increase public awareness of crime issues.
- Develop and organize community information meetings and workshop related to crime prevention and public safety.
- Share information and establish linkages with other organizations concerned with community and public safety.

- Increase dialogue between the community and police to address issues relating to crime, disorder and violence.
- Be available to members of the community.
Arrange community information meetings.
Provide inclusive consultation with the community and police in problem solving.

Upcoming meetings: Tuesday December 8, 2009 at 6:30pm

23 DIVISION FAITH MEETINGS



23 Division is committed to serving and working together with all members of our community. This not only includes understanding and appreciating our diverse cultures, but also includes the various Faith based beliefs of our community members. To accomplish this, 23 Division holds a monthly meeting with leaders from Religious Centres located within our community. The meetings consist of Faith leaders from any religious denomination and provide an opportunity to build a stronger community without any borders.

Upcoming meeting dates: December 15, 2009 at 9:00am