

31 Division Community Bulletin Spring 2009



A MESSAGE FROM THE UNIT COMMANDER



Superintendent
Chris White
Unit Commander of 31 Division

Welcome to the No. 31 Division Community Bulletin for the month of April 2009. This message serves as an introduction to the No. 31 Division website, a communication package designed to provide the community with a wealth of important information about the area in which they live.

The information contained within this website can be accessed by members of the public for the purpose of providing them with a range of statistical data, news publications about their community, traffic safety tips, initiatives and divisional maps.

The members of No. 31 Division are working hard to deliver the kind of policing that meets the needs of the community by remaining visible to the public, building relationships with the people, increasing educational and athletic initiatives, and encouraging daily interaction with the community. Partnership development through these opportunities not only enhances the quality of life within No. 31 Division, it strengthens the participation of all members of the community, including youth.

Recently, representatives from the Toronto Police Service, ProAction, the Government of Ontario, the Toronto District School Board and many professional athletes attended a "Generation Change Sports Day" at the Downsview Hangar in order to promote leadership and teamwork skills through sports participation with No. 31 Division youth.

As in previous years, plans are well underway to implement the Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy, or TAVIS, during the summer months, in order to reduce the violence in our neighbourhoods.

Further, the No. 31 Division Open House has been scheduled for Saturday, 2009 May 09, and all community residents are invited to attend this annual event.

Keep informed and become involved in your community - visit our site regularly for updated information.

Thank you.

Superintendent Chris White
Unit Commander, No. 31 Division



COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT (CRU) NEWS

Building trust, one hoop at a time



On Monday November 17, 2008 the TPAAA basketball team played an exhibition basketball game at Chaminade College. This game was set up by the 31 Division Street Crime Unit in partnership with ProAction who provided funds to purchase drinks and pizza for the participants.

This was attended by approximately 800 students and it was an opportunity for youth in the 31 Division community to have positive interaction with the police through a sporting event.



In early March of this year the senior boy's basketball team from C.W. Jeffreys Collegiate Institute and the Service's men's basketball team came together for a second year in a row for a friendly but competitive game on the hardwood floors of C.W. Jeffreys Collegiate Institute.

Under the coordination of Detective Jon Ling of 31 Division's Street Crime Unit along with Police Service Amateur Athletic

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Association, over 200 students, teachers and local community media were on hand to enjoy the thrilling match which saw the police team win by only one point in the final seconds of play.

Detective Ling stated that “this continues to be an excellent opportunity for us at 31 Division to build and enhance trust, confidence and positive relationships with youth in our school environment”.



Inspector Memme and other members from 31 Division’s Community Response and Street Crime Units were also on hand to support the players as well as interacting with students and teachers and providing them with literature and promotional items related to crime prevention and employment opportunities within the Service.

Reduce the risk of vehicle theft:

When parking your vehicle:

- Turn ignition off and take the keys with you
- Park in a well-lighted, attended area if possible
- Lock all valuables in your trunk
- Completely close and lock doors and windows
- Turn your wheels to the side to make it harder to tow

When at home:

- If you have a garage, use it and lock it
- If you have a rear-wheel drive car, back into driveway
- If you have a front-wheel drive car, park front end first
- Always set the emergency brake
- Don't leave the ownership or insurance cards in the vehicle when unattended
- Drop business cards or address labels inside doors to assist with vehicle identification



TRAFFIC MATTERS

School Bus Safety

According to the Ministry of Transportation, about 70% of deaths involving a school bus occur when students are getting on and off the vehicle.

The penalties, if convicted, for not stopping for a school bus are:

- First offence: \$400 to \$2,000, and six demerit points
- Each subsequent offence: \$1,000 to \$4,000, six demerit points and possibly six months in jail



IMPORTANT: Vehicle owners – not just drivers - can be charged if their vehicle illegally passes a stopped school bus.

Officers from across the Toronto Police Service will continue to conduct traffic enforcement in the area of school zones, and will be issuing notices of violation for infractions they observe.

The Toronto Police Service is reminding motorists pay special attention while in school zones and to stop for school buses when required.

**The annual Spring Provincial Seat-belt Campaign will run April 15-26th
Officers will show a zero tolerance for offenders.
Remember: "Seat-belts save lives"**

CHILD CARE SEAT INSTALLATION

Child car seats are only effective when installed properly. 31 Division has several officers that are trained to install child car seats. The installations are by appointment only. They are booked on Fridays between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. To book an appointment call **416-808-3134**.



Remember, "Slow down and drive safe".

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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

'Neighbourhood Watch' is a crime prevention program that encourages citizens, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in their communities. The program has been shown to be an effective means of reducing residential burglaries.



PC Phil Harris

The Neighbourhood Watch program involves neighbours getting to know each other, taking the time to watch out for each other, and working together in a program of mutual assistance. It is truly 'neighbors watching out for neighbors'. A police officer patrolling your community may not recognize a stranger in your yard - but your neighbours would! Neighbors know who you are, what type of car you own and may be the first to notice a burglar at your window or door. Each neighbor can effectively watch those homes to each side, the front, and the back of their own home.

To develop a Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood, contact the Crime Prevention Office at 31 Division. You will receive information to assist you and your neighbours in developing a community plan. For the program to be totally effective, each resident must take an active role in both security improvement and observation.

'Neighbours' Night Out' is a citywide event promoted by Neighbourhood Watch. It is held annually on the third Tuesday of June. Neighbours are encouraged to hold small neighbourhood gatherings, which facilitate getting to know each other and resulting in safer more friendly communities. These events are usually held between the hours of 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

Planning a 'Neighbours Night Out' gathering for your street does not necessarily mean a lot of work. Your event can be as simple as inviting 4 or 5 of your immediate neighbours together to have a coffee and sit out on the lawn to visit awhile. Some neighbourhoods plan larger events such as a community BBQ. It's all up to you and your neighbours. Streets that have held these events in the past report that following such an event there is a renewed sense of community resulting in an increased friendliness amongst the neighbours.

If you are planning a 'Neighbours Night Out' event, we would appreciate you registering your event with the 31 division Crime Prevention Office so that our community police officers can drop by and say hello. 31 Division is located at 40 Norfinch Dr. Toronto (416-808-3133).

For more information or to find out how you can be involved, please call the 31 Division Crime Prevention Office at 416-808-3133.

Remember, Be Alert, Be Careful & Be Safe



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Here is a list of activities for the upcoming months. If you would like a Toronto Police Service representative from 31 Division to attend your community event, please contact 31 Division at 416-808-3133 or 416-808-3108

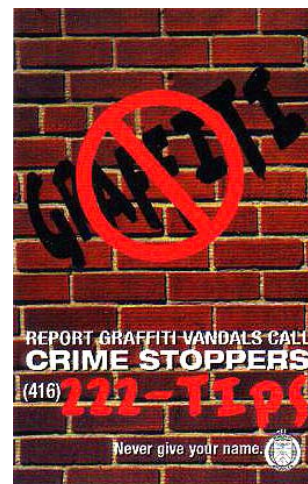
April 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06 Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting at 7pm in the 31 Division Community Room All are welcome to attend	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	01	02

Graffiti Eradication Project

Graffiti is an act of vandalism that;


- increases taxes to fund clean-ups
- decreases local property values
- heightens fear of crime in the community
 - gives the impression that no one cares about the overall state of the community

Spring is a great time for your community to plan a Graffiti clean up Project. For further details contact the 31 Division Crime Prevention Office at 416-808-3133.



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May 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
03	<p>Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting at 7pm in the 31 Division Community Room All are welcome to attend</p>	05	06	07	08	<p>Community Open House & BBQ 11am – 3pm</p> 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
*** POLICE WEEK ***						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	01	02	03	04	05	06

Toronto Police On-Line Bicycle Registration

To Register your bicycle On-Line go to the Toronto Police website at

www.torontopolice.on.ca

Click on the bicycle registration icon
(located on the right hand side of the web page)

Fill in the required information and submit.





Sponsors
 ProAction
 31 Division C.P.L.C.

You Are Invited to
**31 Division's
 COMMUNITY
 OPEN HOUSE
 & BARBECUE**
 In celebration of
Police Week



SATURDAY MAY 9th
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
31 Division
40 Norfinch Dr.
Toronto
416-808-3100

A FREE BBQ

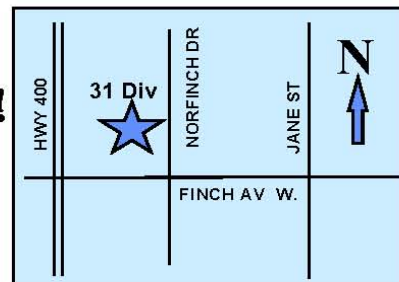
Snooky Tynes and the Tynes 4, Face Painting, Balloons, **BLINKY** the Talking Police Car, Police Displays, Tours of the Police Station, and other fun activities!

Everyone is Welcome



**We hope to
 see you there!**

For further details contact
 PC Phil Harris
 Crime Prevention Officer
 416-808-3133



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COMMUNITY ALERT is a computer operated information system being utilized within the 31 Division area of Toronto. It is maintained and upgraded with donations made by the community.

The **COMMUNITY ALERT** system uses a telephone auto dialer, fax and e-mail to inform citizens, businesses and community organizations about incidents of crime and other information important to the community.

In order to participate in the **COMMUNITY ALERT** program, you are required to complete and return the consent form below. The information you provide on this form will be maintained under police security.

The program is free; no contribution is required to register. If you do wish to contribute, however, a space has been provided on the consent form for this purpose. Any donation will assist in the maintenance and continuation of the program.

For further information, contact ;.....**PC Phil Harris, Crime Prevention Officer, 31 Division
416-808-3133**

Return completed form to..... **31 Division - Crime Prevention Office
40 Norfinch Drive,
Toronto Ontario
M3N 1X1**

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**Response
Slip**

I authorize 31 Division, Toronto Police, to enter the information contained herein, into the "Community Alert" System.



Name: _____

Address: _____
(#) (Street Name) (Unit #)

(City) (Prov. (Postal Code)

(If business or organization, put business name & address)

Phone # _____

Fax _____

e-mail address (*Print clearly*): _____

If business or organization - contact

person name: _____
(Last) (First)

Position: Owner Manager Employee

Signature: _____

Donations \$5 \$10 \$20 Other →

(Make cheque payable to "31 Division Community Alert")

Office use	Watch Area	Watch Position	Date Entered
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