

31 Division Community Bulletin
2011 Fall Edition



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40 Norfinch Dr.

31 Division

Unit Commander

Superintendent David McLeod





A Message from the Unit Commander
Superintendent David McLeod

I consider it both an honour and a privilege to be assigned as the Unit Commander of 31 Division.

An *honour*, because it demonstrates the Command's confidence in me and a *privilege*, because of the great resources (both internal and external) that are available to enhance the delivery of service to this community.

Since my assignment, I have had an opportunity to meet some of the community organizations that have served this area so well for many years. Over the coming months I hope to meet many more.

I intend to use these meetings and discussions to guide and frame our policing strategies for the next three years.

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with other communities in this capacity and from that experience, have learnt some significant lessons.

Most important among the lessons I have learnt, is that the community wants a voice in addressing its own safety and security.

The partnership opportunity that this creates is very important to me and to the way I intend to manage and lead this division.

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I strongly believe that the delivery of effective police service starts with a high level of mutual respect and trust between the community and the police.

We recognize that we are public servants working for you-the community.

Our role will be to join efforts with you to identify issues that impact the safety and security of all and to find ways to address them in an effective manner.

It is well known that the Police cannot, by itself, solve all of the issues that we all face. We need your help and your trust.

We do not expect to get them automatically. We know we must work to earn and keep them. That's just what we are going to do.

David McLeod
Unit Commander
31 Division



A Message from Inspector Randy Carter
Second In Command

Welcome to the Fall Edition of the 31 Division Community Bulletin. Since arriving at 31 division in June of this year I have had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with an increasing number of residents and business owners from the area we service. This is beneficial as it allows me to see what the needs of our neighbourhoods are and how we can best address them. Our seven major crime indicators are down an average of 10% over last year but I am learning from you that some neighbourhoods still feel unsafe. We are trying to increase our presence in these neighbourhoods and I fear this presence may be having an adverse effect. Please know the presence of the police in your neighbourhood is not an absolute indication that crime is occurring. It is our job to prevent crime as well.

A positive observation is the increase in your calls to our Service when you are witnessing serious problems. A quick review shows us that often, more than one of you are calling us about the same event and that needs to continue. We are more efficient at solving problems relating to safety and the liveability of our neighbourhoods when we partner with you. That partnership can start as soon as you call 911.

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That partnership arguably can start even before you call by taking heed to our advice and our promotions surrounding crime prevention initiatives and by maintaining your awareness of your surroundings and in particular, your neighbourhoods. We recognize what makes one neighbourhood feel unsafe may not be the same as another neighbourhood we are responsible for and it is with this that we have a variety of strategies to address traffic problems, crime problems and disorder problems so you can feel safe in your homes and businesses. I ask you to call us if you have a problem in your neighbourhood the police can help you resolve.

Please enjoy this fall season as winter will soon be fast upon us and I look forward to communicating with you in the new year.

Inspector Randy M Carter,
31 Division,

Together we can keep our neighbourhoods safe and livable. Call us. Trust us.

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31 Division Traffic Response Unit

From the desk of: Sergeant Angelo Costa #65

I want to entrench that all officers at 31 Division and the Traffic Response Unit are committed to Traffic Safety for all concerned using our highways and surface routes.

We have recently completed two Traffic Campaigns, The Back to Schools and the third instalment of the Canada Road Safety Week campaigns. These two campaigns were targeting aggressive driving behaviour in and around the Greater Toronto Area. Both of these campaigns were very successful in controlling those that may have had a sense of entitlement while operating a motor vehicle.

In closing I urge you all to be cognizant of your surroundings and others using all surface routes, this time of the year be aware of all those that are not in motor vehicles, such as pedestrians, operators of e-bikes and cyclists, they are more fluid in their interaction with normal traffic.

Angelo Costa
Sergeant #65
D31 Traffic Response Unit

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CRU – Community Response Unit

With the help of ProAction For KICKS and Generation Change, Officers from 31 Division are in the process of setting up Leadership offices at both Firgrove Public School and York University, in the Tait MacKenzie Athletics building. Our goal is to have both of these location open by October.

We hope this will encourage our youth, our community partners and our local residents to support The Toronto Police Service, while developing and improving our partnerships and relationships. The students will receive physical training through athletics, as well as education through interaction and presentations. It will also assist the students with becoming aware of the same activities being available in our local Secondary Schools and Post Secondary Education, right here in our own backyard at York University.

At the present time we have been given access to the Main Gym at York University on Sundays from 1600 to 1730 HRS.. We will instruct local youth in Soccer, Football, Hockey, Rugby, Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Cheerleading and Fitness. Our partnership will include interaction with the various Faculties, Athletics Centre Staff, Students, Varsity Athletes and Coaches who will also instruct and mentor in their related sport. The two people spearheading this at the University are Craig Okazaki, Manager of Facility Operations and Dragan Spasojevic, Manager of Community Relations and Crime Prevention.

If you would like further information in regards to these programs contact 31 Division CRU at 416-808-3119

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31 Division School Resource Officer Program:

As part of the School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) program, six officers from 31 Division are assigned to the following high schools within the division:

C. W. Jefferys Collegiate Institute	PC Quang (Gary) Hoang
Downsview Secondary School	PC Christofer Lemieux
Emery Collegiate Institute	PC Colin Mohammed
James Cardinal McGuigan	PC Andrew Willet
St. Basil the Great College School	PC Lauren Scott
Westview Centennial Secondary School	PC Allyson Douglas-Cook

The S.R.O. program continues to flourish as officers continue to bridge the gap between police and youth. The S.R.O.s from 31 Division are preparing to organizing various events involving their respective schools, throughout the 2011-2012 school year.



CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

SAFE SCHOOLS, SAFE STREETS SAFETY CAMPAIGN

On Tuesday September 6 2011, children across the city returned to school. The Toronto Police Service are reminding all road users to be extra vigilant.

Here are some reminders to help promote the safe arrival and departure of children at our schools.

- Slow down in school areas.
- Obey all traffic and parking regulations. (parking in No Parking /No Stopping Zones and near corners and crosswalks obstructs everyone's visibility)
- Walk your child to school – park a block away and walk.
- Teach your child about traffic and pedestrian safety.
- Do not obstruct school bus loading zones.
- Cross the street at the Crosswalk or traffic lights and NOT midblock.
- Be patient - safety is more important than convenience.





CRIME PREVENTION TIP FOR OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Dress your child in a light coloured costume with reflective tape or armbands placed on the costume to help increase visibility. Enlarge the eye openings on masks in order to improve vision. Consider the use of makeup as an alternative to a mask. Ensure the costume is the proper length in order to reduce the risk of tripping. Do not allow your child to ride a bicycle while in costume as it could become entangled in the chain or spokes. Carrying a small flashlight to light the way between houses is a good idea and helps make children more visible on dark residential streets.



It's very important that no treats are consumed until they have been inspected by an adult. Make sure children eat before they begin to Trick or Treat.



Young children should be accompanied by an adult. Older children should be encouraged to go out in groups and stay together.



Discuss with your children the route they will be taking and what time they are required to return home. Tell the children to Trick or Treat along one side of the street, then carefully cross over to the other side at the corner. Caution them to avoid running back and forth across the street.



Instruct your children as to what they are to do if they encounter problems or require assistance.



LET'S ALL HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN.

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CRIME PREVENTION TIP FOR NOVEMBER

Apartment building security

We all have the potential to be victims of crime. Each of us can **REDUCE THE RISK** of our homes/property being victimized by eliminating the opportunity.

Lobby Security

- Unknown or suspicious persons trying to get in to the building should be referred to the Management, Security or the Superintendent
- DO NOT allow strangers to enter the building as you are leaving or entering. Cooperate with all other tenants in keeping the main outer doors locked at all times
- DO NOT buzz anyone into the building whom you don't know
- Use only your first initial on the lobby directory, doorbell, mailbox, and phone directory

Door security

- Doors should be mounted so hinge-bolts are not facing outwards
- Install one-inch deadbolt locks on all exterior doors
- Chain locks are poor security - install a wide angle viewer instead and NEVER open your door to a stranger
- NEVER leave your door unlocked, even while taking out the trash
- DO NOT leave notes on your apartment door or on the lobby directory
- If keys are lost or if you move, locks should be changed
- If you see a stranger carrying items out of a neighbours apartment, ***CALL 911***

Elevator safety

- Look to see who's in the elevator before entering
- DO NOT enter the elevator if you do not feel comfortable - wait for the next one
- When in the elevator - stand beside the control panel
- If a suspicious person enters the elevator, exit before the doors close.

Helpful hints

- Keep a record of your valuables
- Identify your property by engraving an identifying mark - proper identification makes it easier for the police to return personal property
- When engraving, hold the engraver straight up NOT on a slant
- The identification should be readily visible without marring the appearance of the item
- Be a good neighbour and report any suspicious activity to the Police

If a crime has occurred

- DO NOT enter - the criminal may still be inside
- Use a neighbour's phone and call the police
- DO NOT touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence
- Note the licence number of any suspicious vehicle
- Note the description of any suspicious person(s)
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Remember, Be Alert, Be Careful & Be Safe!

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31 Division Community Police Liaison Committee

The 31 Division, **C**ommunity **P**olice **L**iaison **C**ommittee extend a warm welcome to all residents, educators and business operators in the 31 division area, to attend our monthly meeting.

Our meetings provide a unique opportunity for you to meet your community police officers and hear about, and discuss local policing issues of interest to you.

Our meets are held the first Monday of every month. For further information contact 31 Division at 416-808-3100



Toronto Police Service
31 Division
Auxiliary and
Community Response Officers

Toy & Gift
Drive



The Auxiliary and Community Response Police Officers of 31 Division are conducting a "Toy & Gift Drive" to support needy children & seniors.



A drop box is located at the front desk of 31 Division Police Station to collect new, unwrapped toys for boys & girls (ages newborn to 17 years.) and gifts for seniors.

New toys and gifts may be dropped off anytime at the front desk of 31 Division Police Station located at 40 Norfinch Dr. Toronto. Donations will be accepted until Friday December 14th.





INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD?



The Toronto Police Service invites you to apply for the position of School Crossing Guards to work in 31 Division.

Your main duty will be to ensure that all school-ages children up to including grade six students cross the street safely. You may as a courtesy assist older children, adults, elderly citizens, the disables or any other person you feel would benefit from your assistance. The salary for this position is \$10.67 per hour, with a 12% travel allowance and 4% vacation pay equal to a total of \$12.38 hourly. Positions are available for either regular shifts or on an on call basis.

Qualifications required:

Applicants must be eligible to work in Canada.

Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

Applicants must have the ability to communicate in English.

All applicants must pass a vision test.

All applicants must provide a Certificate of Fitness from their family physician confirming that they are physically fit to carry out the duties of a crossing guard.

Applicants must not have been convicted of a criminal offence for which a pardon has not been obtained. If a pardon was obtained, proof of pardon must be provided.

A Security check will be conducted.

For further information about school crossing guards please contact the School Crossing Guard Co-ordinator Police Constable Leslie Gilbert #86783 at 416-808-3134.

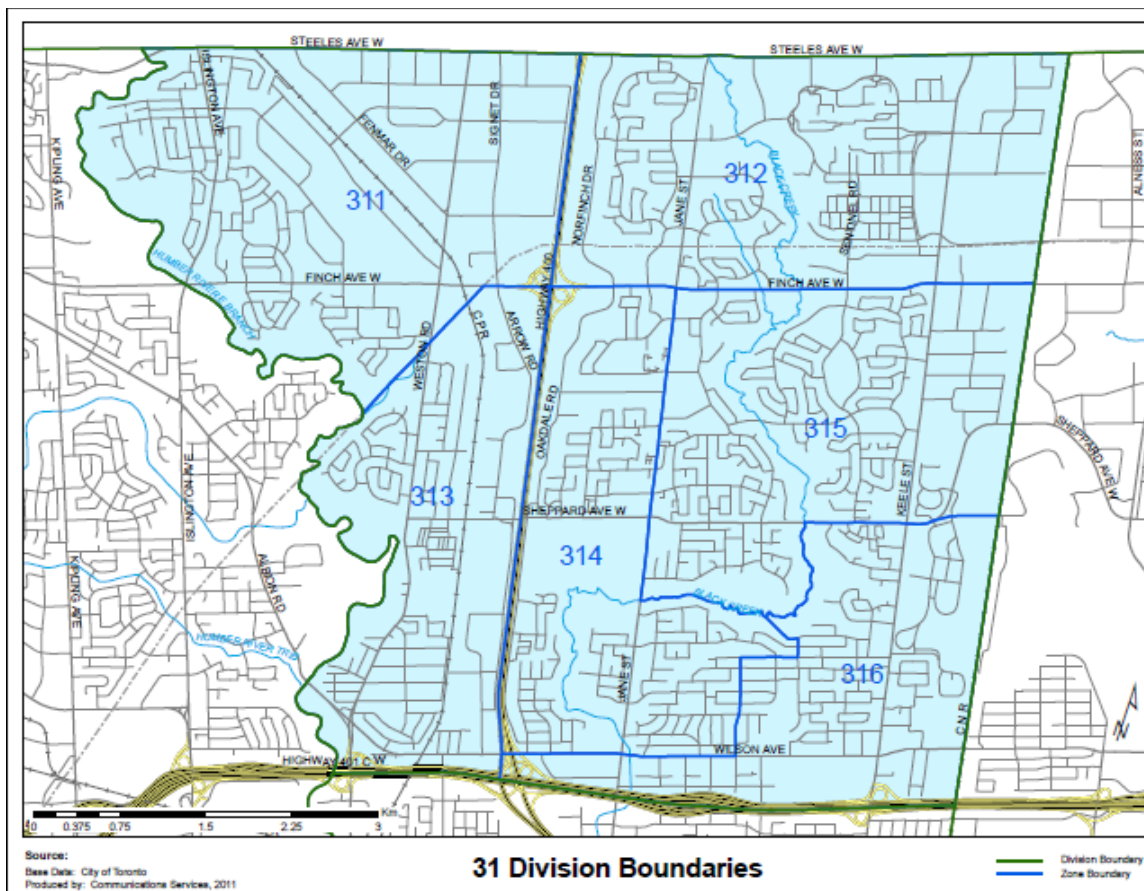
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31 DIVISION NEW BOUNDARIES

Divisional Boundaries are
West- Humber River
North - Steeles Ave E
East - Canadian national Railway line
South - Hwy 401



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COMMUNITY AUTOMATED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

TPS *links*

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- Community Events
- Threats to School Safety
- Neighbourhood Crime Alerts
- Missing Person Notifications
- Crime Prevention Information
- Marine & Water Safety
- Emergency Incidents
- Existing Amber Alerts
- Severe Weather Alerts
- Information Alerts
- Road Closures

