



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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**T**wenty-two is already upon us. Many of us will be embarking on new-years resolutions of various types.

How about a resolution to actively prevent yourself from becoming a crime victim?

Many criminal acts are committed by opportunistic criminals who take advantage of lapses in personal security both at your home and work or while you are out and about on your daily chores.

Grocery stores are a prime example that we see all the time: women leaving their wallets sitting in their open purse in the grocery cart, while they are busy selecting a grocery item nearby. An opportunistic thief can grab the wallet and make off with it in a few seconds. The easiest way to prevent this is to not carry your purse into the grocery store at all, just take sufficient cash or a debit or credit card to pay for your purchases. If you leave your purse in the car, lock it in the trunk where it can't be seen.

Thefts of valuables from

cars is also a very common but preventable crime. GPS devices, cell-phones and other electronics left in unlocked or even locked cars are just an invitation to an opportunistic thief. The best advice is to take it with you or lock it in the trunk.

Break-ins and thefts from homes and businesses, often result in losses of thousands of dollars of jewellery, electronics like laptops and computer tablets, and cash. This is because many people leave these items laying around in plain sight when they leave the house.

Jewellery is best kept hidden in a secure location (not a fancy jewellery box on the dresser), electronics like laptops and tablets should be hidden in inconspicuous locations, and if cash is kept at home, it should be locked into some type of safe in a hidden or out of the way place in the basement or a closet.

In business break-ins, the cash float is often stolen out of the cash register. A cash float should never be left in the regis-

ters but should be locked away in a safe or drop-box. A good deterrent is to leave the empty cash drawer standing upright on the counter where it can be seen from outside the store.

Petty-thefts of cell-phones, tablet computers, MP3 Players and the like can often be prevented by keeping the devices out of sight as much as possible. Walking down the street while talking on your phone or listening to music often distracts you from what, and more importantly, who is in your surroundings. It is safest to keep your eyes and ears open as the saying goes, so that you know what's going on around you.

Engaging in criminal activity, buying and using illicit drugs, or drinking alcoholic beverages in excessive amount, also often leads to becoming a crime victim.

We don't want you to be paranoid, or think that Toronto is not a safe city, but just taking a few little precautions and changing some habits can greatly decrease your risk of becoming another crime victim.



### 32 Division boundaries:

- North:** Steeles Ave.
- South:** Lawrence Ave.
- East:** Bayview Ave.
- West:** The railway right-of-way between Dufferin St. and Keele St.



### 32 DIVISION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## NOTABLE ARRESTS IN THE PAST MONTH

### Murder

The victim was stabbed by his girlfriend and succumbed to injuries.

- *A 21yr old female was charged with Murder.*

### Optical Store Entry

The suspect smashed the front door glass and climbed through to gain entry to an optical store. The suspect smashed a display case and pried another, stealing designer frames and glasses.

- *A 35yr old male faces a charge of Break & Enter.*

### Murder

The suspect and the victim got into an altercation and the suspect stabbed the victim and left him in a car and fled. The victim was found in the passenger seat of an SUV. Paramedics determined that the male was deceased. The suspect turned himself in at the station.

- *A 38yr old man faces a charge of Murder.*

### Possession of a Firearm

The suspect was arrested at a banquet hall and a loaded .25 calibre handgun was seized. It had been concealed in the suspect's jacket pocket.

- *A 58yr old male faces several firearms charges.*

### Mugging Robbery

Two suspects approached the victim on the street and demanded his wallet. They assaulted him and the victim observed a handgun in one suspect's waistband. The suspects managed to get the victim's ear-phones and gloves. They were arrested a short distance away and the victim's property recovered.

- *Two 19yr old males face several charges including Robbery.*



## CRIME TRENDS

**THEFTS FROM AUTOS**—Petty thieves continue to enter unlocked cars or break into locked cars to steal small items that are easily pocket-able, including GPS units, cell-phone and cell-phone chargers, iPods, laptop computers and cash. It is always advisable to not leave any of these items in your car, especially in plain site. If you need to leave these items in your car, lock them in the trunk—"Out of sight...Out of mind".

**THEFTS OF CAR TIRES**— With many people finally making the switch to winter tires, often expensive summer tires and fancy alloy wheels are often left in plain sight and unsecured in garages. If the car they belong to is sitting outside overnight, it's a big clue that the expensive tires and wheels are inside the garage. It is advisable to park your car inside the locked garage. If this is not possible, always keep your garage doors closed and locked. You may also consider locking your out-of-season wheels and tires together with a cable-lock or length of chain to prevent theft.

**THEFTS OF CELL-PHONES AND TABLETS**— With the popularity of Blackberrys, iPhone and Android smart-phones and tablet computers, many of these devices are being snatched right out of peoples hands while they are using them on the subway or in the subway station. It is advisable to keep these items close at hand and sit away from the doors on the train. If someone steals your device, get a good description of the suspect and call 9-1-1 from the nearest payphone (it's free) or tell a TTC employee to make the call for you.



**CURRENT ON-LINE CRIME STATISTICS:**  
<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/statistics/>





# CRIME PREVENTION - TIPS-OF-THE-MONTH

## Thefts From Garages



### ***What do you have in your garage that is of value to thieves?***

At this time of the year, many car owners have wisely put winter wheels and tires on their family car.

But those nice expensive alloy wheels and summer performance tires are then left in the garage at home until the spring.

Those alloy rims and tires are often worth thousands of dollars.

If your car is parked in the driveway outside (with those ugly black winter rims and snow tires), you are inadvertently advertising the probable presence of expensive alloy wheels and summer tires in the garage.

It's advisable to take precautions by always keeping your garage closed and locked. Additionally, the alloy wheels

and summer tires can be secured by locking them together with a length of sturdy chain or a cable and a good quality pad-lock which makes them very difficult to steal.

Whether they are locked-up or not, they can also be concealed with a tarp or hidden behind other items in the garage if possible.

Other items of value in your garage may also be the target of theft. Snowblowers often get stolen during the winter months, and lawn mowers get stolen during the rest of the year.

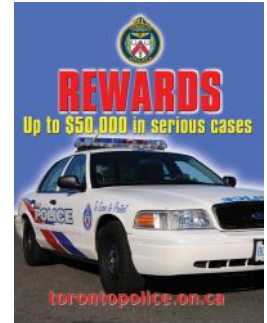
In all my years of regular patrol work, I was always amazed by how many unlocked garages I encountered when responding to alarm calls, or searching for missing or wanted persons.

Always remember: **“Lock-it or lose-it”**.



Submit a tip on-line at:  
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Submit a tip from your cell phone by texting “TOR” to  
“CRIMES”  
(274637)  
along with your tip.

**All tips remain confidential.**



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## TRAFFIC SAFETY - ISSUES AND CONCERNS



Photo: Toronto Police Service

### RIDE campaign continues

A woman faces criminal charges after refusing a breath test, and a man's drivers licence was suspended for three days during a joint RIDE program involving officers from 54 and 55 Divisions on Friday, Jan 6.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the Ontario Provincial Police, GO Transit Safety officers and Canadian National Railway Police also took part in the joint exercise on the Bloor Viaduct. Spot-checks were also carried out simultaneously on Royal Drive in 55 Division and Pottery Road in 54 Division.

The female driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and her vehicle impounded for a week after she refused to submit to a breathalyser test.

Police conducted 78 breath tests during the Bloor Viaduct exercise; 76 drivers passed.

In the other two spot-checks, a repeat suspended driver was nabbed and charged with operating a vehicle with a suspended licence while a Class G1 driver, who was not supposed to be driving after midnight as a condition of his licence, was caught switching seats with his girlfriend. He was charged.

"We are sending a very clear message to the public

that they should not drink and drive," said 55 Division Traffic Sgt. Doodnath Churkoo.

**"Each day, four people in Canada lose their lives because someone makes the wrong choice by getting behind the wheel impaired."**

Last year, Toronto Police conducted 556 spot checks during the 37-day holiday program that concluded on January 1.

Of the 2,552 drivers tested, 146 drinking and driving charges were laid in comparison to 76 for the same period a year ago, and 227 had their vehicles impounded (119 were seized in 2010). A total of 118 drivers were issued 90-day suspensions and 26 were given warn-range suspensions in comparison to 50 for the previous period in 2010.

In the initial stages of the 2011 RIDE campaign, police arrested a 32-year-old man who was recently released from prison after serving a two-year sentence for impaired driving. He was bound by eight separate lifetime court-ordered Criminal Code disqualifications from operating motor vehicles in Canada and his extensive criminal history also includes six prior convictions for alcohol-related driving offences, three for failure to stop after an accident, four for driving while disqualified and one for dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

The accused fled the spot-check. When officers apprehended him, he refused to identify himself. His identity was discovered through fingerprints.

He faces impaired driving, refusing breath sample, operation while disqualified under the Criminal Code, failure to stop for police and failing to provide identification charges.

***RIDE spot-checks are intensified during the annual Christmas Holiday season but also occur regularly throughout the year.***

If you have any concerns, questions or driving complaints please contact me.

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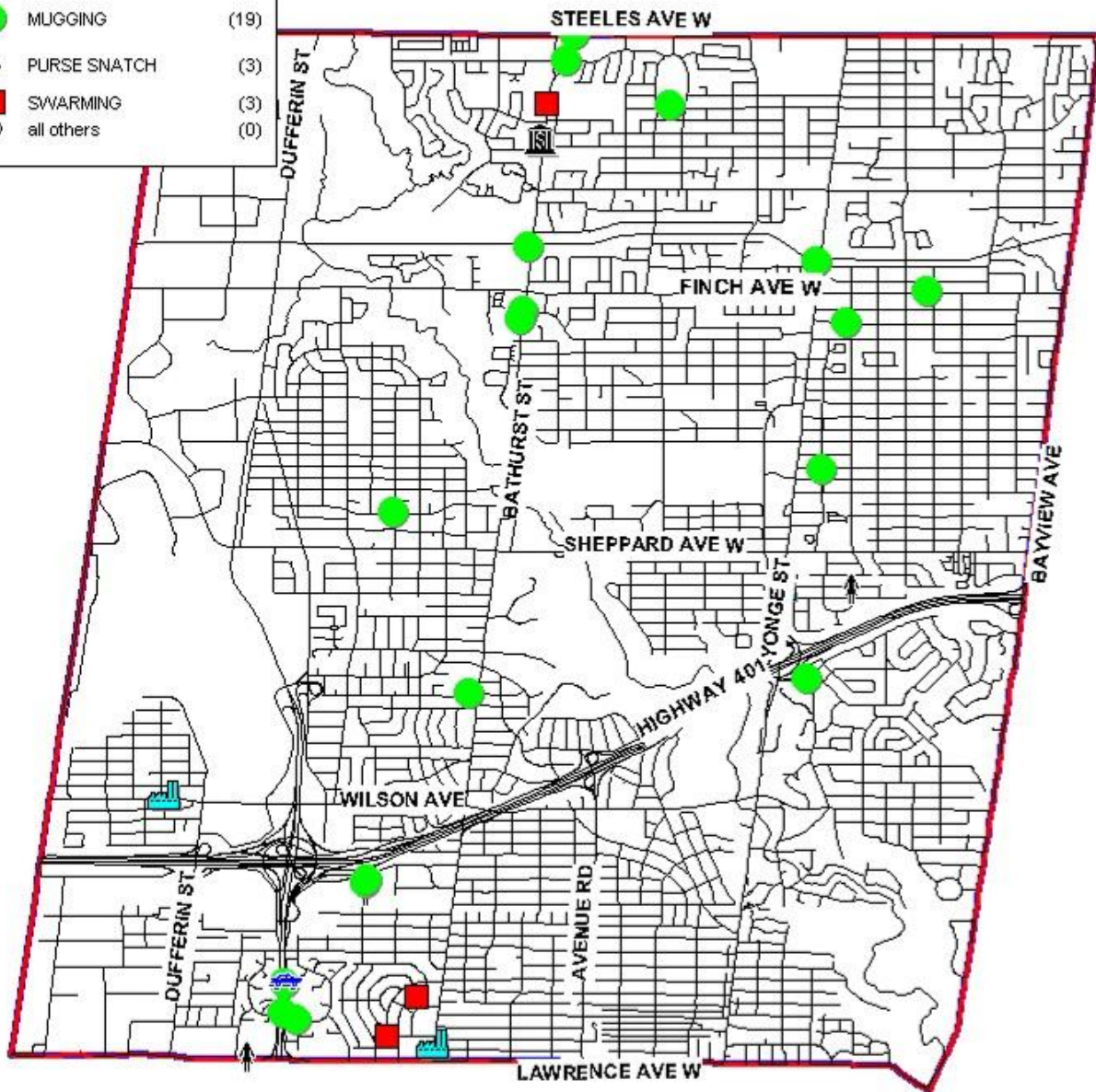


# CRIME MAP - ONE

## 32 Division Robberies November 20 - December 20, 2011

### Robbery Legend

	BUSINESS	(3)
	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	(1)
	HOME INVASION	(0)
	MUGGING	(19)
	PURSE SNATCH	(3)
	SWARMING	(3)
	all others	(0)



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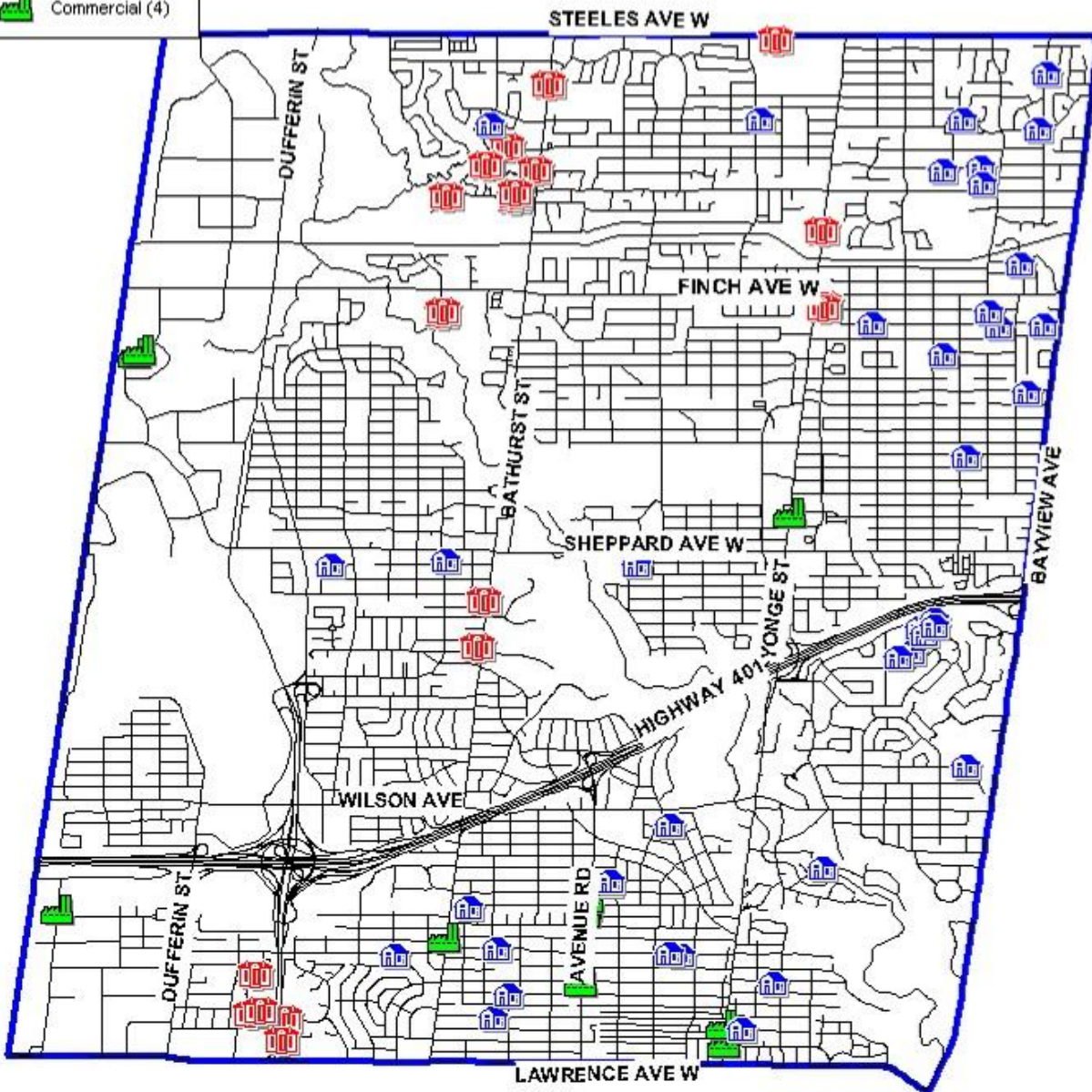


# CRIME MAP-TWO

## 32 Division Break & Enters November 20 - December 20, 2011

### Type of Entry

-  House (38)
-  Apartment (16)
-  Commercial (4)



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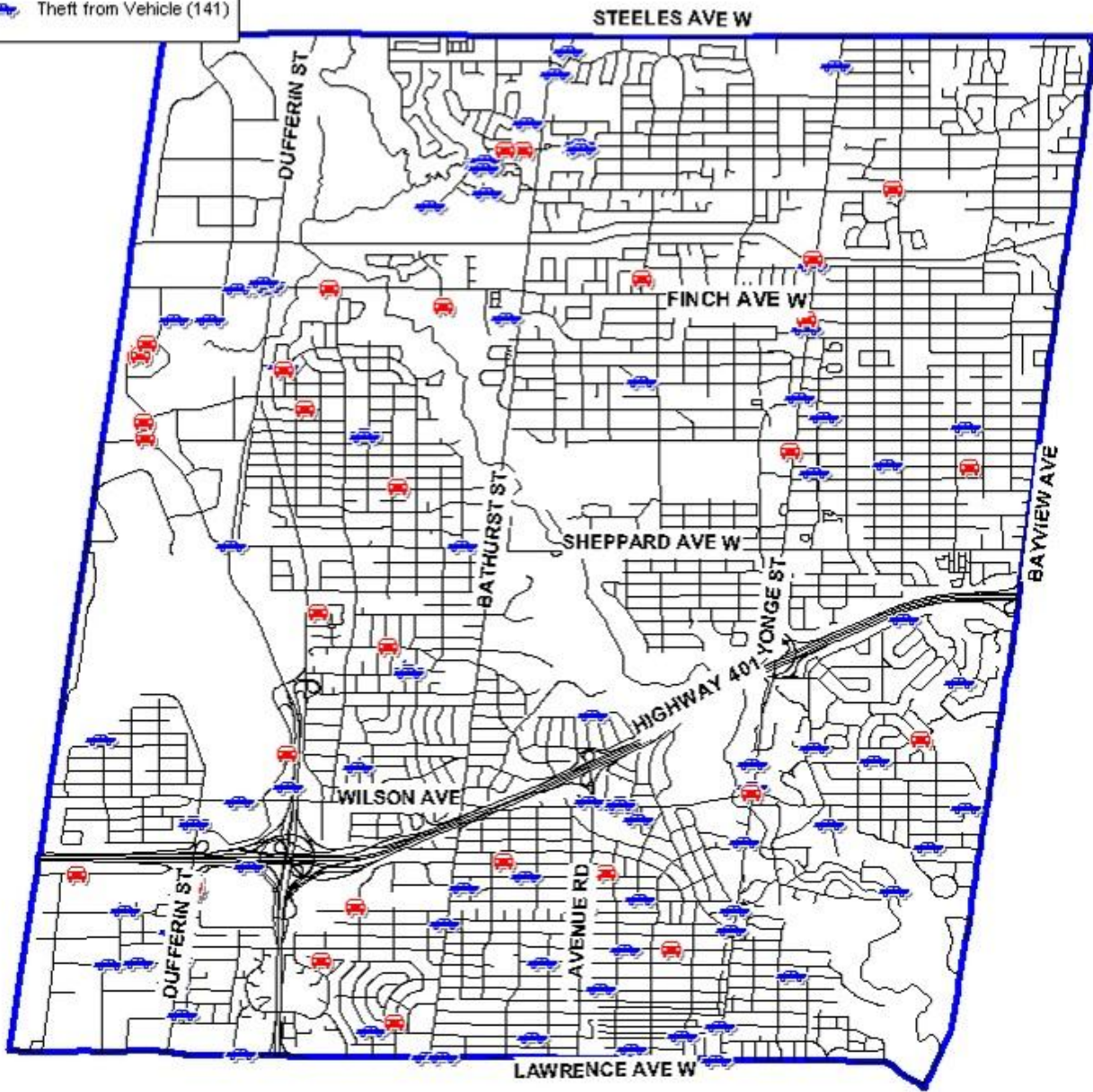


# CRIME MAP-THREE

## 32 Division Theft of Vehicle and Theft from Vehicle November 20 - December 20, 2011

### Legend

-  Theft of Vehicle (49)
-  Theft from Vehicle (141)



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR - JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Years Day				Fast of the 10th Tevet (Jewish Religious Holiday)		Christmas Day (Eastern Orthodox Christian Holiday)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						Makar Sankranti (Hindu Festival)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (USA Statutory Holiday)					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Chinese New Year					Saraswati Puja (Hindu Festival)
29	30	31				

**January** is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of seven months with the length of 31 days. The first day of the month is known as New Year's Day. It is, on average, the coldest month of the year within most of the Northern Hemisphere (where it is the second month of winter) and the warmest month of the year within most of the Southern Hemisphere (where it is the second month of summer). In the Southern hemisphere, January is the seasonal equivalent of July in the Northern hemisphere.

January starts on the same day of the week as October in common years, and starts on the same day of the week as April and July in leap years. In a common year, January ends on the same day of the week as February and October, and ends on the same day of the week as July in a leap year.

Source: [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)



### Bears fun heroic efforts

Special Olympics athletes got a boost from the thin bear line.

Thousands of Hero Bears were sold during December 2011 for \$10 to benefit Special Olympics Ontario.

“Through sport, persons with intellectual disabilities broaden their horizons, come out of their shell and interact with the community,” Det. Michael Puterbaugh said. “The athletes always have a smile on their face, win or lose.”

Puterbaugh, a member of the committee that organizes the Toronto Law Enforcement Torch Run each year, said the bears were another way to raise funds for a worthy cause.

Hero Bears have worn the uniform of many police services proudly over the years.

Nationally, Torch Run initiatives have raised \$26 million for Special Olympics organizations since 1987.

Puterbaugh said seeing the joy in Special Olympics athletes at events fuels volunteers to organize and raise money each and every year.

Thirty-five bears were purchased at 32 Division.

### Crossing guards recognized



When Const. Tony Belmonte became the 32 Division Crossing Guard co-ordinator a decade ago, he promised he would make the men and women who provide excellent community service outdoors in various weather conditions feel special.

The annual Christmas party is one of the few occasions that the guards meet in one place to social-

ise and learn a little bit more about each other.

“I wanted to give my group a sense of identity and make them feel they are part of the Toronto Police Service,” said Belmonte, who has been with the Service for 37 years.

“The Xmas party is held in a police facility and we provide some of the refreshment, but the guards also bring in their native food.

“...The only other time that they come together as a group is in late-August, prior to the new school year.”

To show his appreciation for their exemplary service, Belmonte – he has been at 32 Division since 1985 – launched the Performance Award 10 years ago.

“It’s given to individuals who go above and beyond their duties,” he added.

“These are the people who come early, stay late and seldom call in sick. This award means a lot to them, and their colleagues work harder each year so that they can be considered for the honour.”

This year’s recipients were Bina Shah, Survesh Chopra, Kash Sharma, Akbar Belquis and Subash Sharma. Subash is part of three husband-and-wife teams that comprise the 47 regular and six spare school-crossing-guard unit in the Division.





## AROUND THIRTY TWO DIVISION—PART 2



### Officers donate to Sick Kids

The Hospital for Sick Children is the beneficiary of a \$5,000 cheque presented by officers from 32 Division. The money, raised from the Division’s annual Christmas party, was donated to the hospital’s Burn Unit.

“In the past, we have made donations to the Salvation Army, but this year we chose Sick Kids because it’s a great medical facility,” Sgt. Manny Campanile said of the fundraiser.

Community Response Unit officers asked local businesses for donations of prizes to be raffled in support of the hospital.

The cheque was presented to hospital donor representative Kim O’Callaghan.

“This means everything,” she said. “We only get so much from what the government allocates and the rest of it is through donors. We would not be able to do half the stuff we do without donors. It makes such a difference and we appreciate this more that I could say.”

O’Callaghan added the Burn Unit is a high-needs area of Sick Kids.



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**Our vision:** Healthier Children. A Better World.™



Lined-up at the buffet table, ready to enjoy a festive meal.

### 2011 Holiday Community Luncheon

On Thursday December 15th, 2011 we hosted our annual Christmas season Holiday Community Luncheon at the Willowdale Presbyterian Church beside the station.

Over 100 of our community partners, school principals and students, crown attorneys and other came out for this informal meet-and-greet and to share a light meal.

An entire cube-van full of toys for the Chum/City Christmas Wish Foundation were donated by people that attended.



Students from Loretto Abbey arrived bearing gifts.



Some of the organising officers and attendees from 32 Division.

