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## ***42 DIVISION***



Superintendent Kathryn Martin



Inspector Dave Saunders





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## WELCOME TO 42 DIVISION

"I am very happy to be here at 42 Division and am looking forward to working closely with the community"

Superintendent Kathryn Martin began her career with the Toronto Police Service as a uniform police officer in 1986. Over her 25 years of service, she has accumulated an extensive investigative background and has provided strong leadership to the various roles she has held in her career in policing. She is a strong proponent of victim's rights and investigative integrity. Kathryn is a dedicated mentor both in the policing community and the community at large: a role that she cherishes.

As a young uniform officer in Scarborough's busy 41 Division, Kathryn worked in primary response where she was sought out to teach in classrooms of all ages and to speak at a variety of community events leading to a fulltime position in the Community Response Unit. Her career long commitment to youth issues, victims of crimes and their families and community in general was generated at this early stage.

Superintendent Martin's next posting was as an undercover officer: first in the Drug Squad and then in a covert role at the Intelligence Bureau leading to her first promotion to Detective. Over the next five years, Kathryn honed both her investigative skills as well as her mentoring role, inspiring and challenging the many young officers her work brought her into contact with.

In 1999, Superintendent Martin achieved the first of her career dreams and was accepted into the elite Toronto Homicide Squad and worked there for eight years: at that time one of only two women. During that tenure she worked on a series of high profile cases, was promoted to Staff Sergeant and Operational Manager of the Squad, meaning that she lead, mentored, organized and assisted more than 50 officers. She also received the Toronto Police Service investigative Award of Excellence: 'The Bill Bishop Award'.

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In 2007, she was promoted to the Senior Officer rank (Inspector) and returned to 41 Division where she was involved in several community initiatives such as Habitat for Humanity and the 41 Division Community Police Liaison Committee. She was instrumental in engaging local business associations to be active in the community by sponsoring an annual post secondary education bursary for a local youth shelter, "Second Base".

In 2008, she was promoted to Staff Inspector and returned to the Homicide Squad, this time as the Unit Commander: the first woman in the Service's history to achieve this honour. She is an avid supporter and consultant of a Toronto based community group, United Mothers Against Violence Everywhere (UMOVE).

Superintendent Martin is a member of the provincial Forensic Science Advisory Committee, as well as a member of both the Ontario Association of Chief's of Police and Canadian Association of Chief's of Police Professional Standards Committees. She was recently honoured by the Governor General and was invested into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

Superintendent Martin is married with two children, two grandchildren, and has a Bachelor of Science Degree (Honours) and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.

We are very pleased to welcome Superintendent Martin to 42 Division.

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## CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES



On Monday, September 19, 2011, at approximately 4:32 AM, two males were driving in a 2002 Mercedes S50 with Ontario licences plates eastbound on Sheppard Avenue East in the City of Toronto.

The driver turned into the parking lot on Sheppard Avenue East failing to signal his turn. 42 Division officers were on patrol driving behind the vehicle conducted a search on the plate and received information the owner of the car was prohibited to drive.

Police followed the accused car into the parking lot to investigate the prohibited driver and observed movement of both males inside the car. The car continued to the rear of the parking lot and parked.

At this time, the police officers stopped to investigate the vehicle and occupants. As the officers approached the driver side to speak to the driver, they immediately observed a small green baggy containing a white substance sitting on the driver's seat by the accused right thigh. The officers further observed the handle of a gun lodged in between the drivers seat and the front console. Both males were immediately taken out of the car and arrested. While one of the males was being searched as part of the arrest procedure, a prohibited knife was located in the front right pant pocket.

A search of the immediate area of the car revealed a black starters pistol containing a magazine holding five blank rounds. Police also located a black satchel on the front console between the driver and passenger containing Crystal Meth.

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Further investigation revealed that one of the males was on a recognizance with the following conditions:

- 1) **Shall not possess, until dealt with according to law, any firearm cross-bow, prohibited weapon, restricted weapon, prohibited device, ammunition, prohibited ammunition or explosive substance.**
- 2) **Curfew: not to be away from your place of residence each and every night between the hours of 10PM and 6AM.**

Both accused were read Rights To Council and transported to 42 Division to be held pending a Show Cause Hearing the following morning.

## CHARGES

Carry Concealed Weapon C.C. 90(1)  
Possession prohibited weapon C.C. 90(1)  
Fail to Comply Recognizance

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

*by Jim Giczi 42 Division Traffic Sgt*



Traffic safety continues to be identified as a Toronto Police Service priority. The annual national traffic safety and enforcement initiative, **Operation Impact**, took place during the Thanksgiving weekend from Friday, October 7, 2011, 12 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Monday, October 10, 2011.

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Operation Impact was presented in partnership with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, police services from across Canada and Transport Canada. Operation Impact's goal was to bring together police services from across Canada to raise awareness about public safety on our roadways.



The focus was on behaviour that puts drivers, passengers and other road users most at risk. Aggressive driving, not wearing seat belts, driving while impaired and distracted driving offences are some of the preventable causes of crashes and collisions.



This initiative was strategically chosen, as Thanksgiving is a significant long weekend. Traffic Services believes that, through education and targeted enforcement measures, we will be able to encourage safe driving practices to reduce injury and death on our highways.

**For further information, please contact the 42 Division Traffic Office at 416 808-4283 or Sgt Jim Giczi at 416-808-4224/[jim.giczi@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:jim.giczi@torontopolice.on.ca)**

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## CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN

*by Gary Gomez 42 Division Crime Prevention Officer*



### CASH FOR GOLD



If you are observant and get around our city, you, like most citizens will notice the ever increasing “cash for gold shops” springing up like dandelions in a field. A person takes their gold in and sells it to the clerk with no questions asked. In many cases you do not even need identification. It is very fast money, especially if the gold came into your possession illegally. Yes I am talking about **Break and Enters for gold**.

Prior to the easy drop into a “cash for gold store” the thief would have to sell his loot to a fence(person buying stolen property) or a pawn shop where there are strict rules. Pawn shops are required to keep records of all transactions, complete with identification particulars of the seller. They are also regularly reviewed by the police.

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## **Please be reminded of the following tips:**

Always lock all doors and windows, even when you are home.

Always acknowledge someone knocking on your door, even if you do not wish to answer it. Switch the lights on and off, move the curtains and turn on the television or radio to indicate to the person knocking that the home is occupied. Thieves are less likely to break into an occupied home.

Always report suspicious persons or situations in relation to your home and neighbourhood immediately to the police so an officer can come and investigate it right away. Remember to give a description and direction of travel of any individuals involved.

Fortify your exterior doors /door frames throughout the house with deadbolt locks and strike plates.

Light up the home with well-placed effective lighting. Make it easy to spot unwelcomed visitors with well-trimmed hedges, foliage and trees to minimize dark corners and handy hiding spots. Motion sensor lighting is advisable for the front and back porch lights.

Consider installing a very loud alarm system. If your neighbours hear the alarm, they might look in the direction and witness something significant such as a suspect vehicle, damage to your door or window or suspects still in the area.

**For more information, please contact me at 416 808-4220 or  
gary.gomez@torontopolice.on.ca**

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## 42 Division Auxiliary and Volunteer Update



*By PC Mark Gray 42 Division Volunteer/Auxiliary/Youth Coordinator*

Fall is in the air every time I look around.

Change is inevitable whether it be the leaves changing their colours; dusk arriving sooner or the crisp bite of the evening air. Fall is upon us and there are a few changes here at 42 Division as well.

In my efforts to ensure that the Auxiliaries and volunteers are having meaningful and interesting experiences here at 42 Division, the Auxiliaries have been tasked with spearheading the **TPSlinks** registration. The Auxiliary Officers have been going out within 42 Division to sign up participants and households to our TPSlinks Program. TPSlinks is the Toronto Police Service's Community Automated Notification System.

While undergoing this endeavour, the Auxiliary Officers have been receiving information from victims, which has been passed on to investigating officers. This said information has been quite useful and has aided the investigating officers.

As a result of the Auxiliaries and their tireless efforts, 42 Division has to date approximately 1600 participants signed up for the TPSlinks, which, by far exceeds any other divisions across the city.

Never forgetting about the Volunteers, we are now in the process of starting up a youth component to our Volunteer program in order to give youths a chance to give back to their community.

**For information regarding Auxiliaries, Volunteers or Youth please contact me at: 416 808-4251 or [mark.gray@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:mark.gray@torontopolice.on.ca)**

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## Community News

The 42 Division Community Services Unit is pleased to be involved in the North West Scarborough Local Immigration Partnership (NWS LIP) which is a community driven initiative funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). The program was initially established in December 2009. Since then, it formed Partnership Councils which consists of a wide range of organizations deeply invested in the wellbeing of and effectively serving newcomers to northwest Scarborough neighbourhoods.

The NWS LIP focuses on six neighbourhoods; Steeles, L'Amoreaux, Agincourt, Agincourt South-Malvern West, Agincourt North and Milliken, all located within 42 Division . This boundary includes Steeles Ave to the north, Markham Rd to the east, Hwy 401 to the south and Victoria Pk to the west.

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The goals of the L.I.P. are to:

Enhance access to current and relevant information about programs and services for Newcomers.

Enable communities to play a valuable role to assist new immigrant's settlement process.

Ensure effective service through coordination and partnerships among service providers.

The Toronto Police Service, 42 Division Newcomer Outreach Program provides new immigrants with information on Police Services in Toronto and how to access those services. The program also explains some rights and responsibilities under Canadian law. The Toronto Police Service has developed a special Multi Language DVD entitled "A guide to Police Services in Toronto" in order to provide our Newcomer population with the information. The DVD can be viewed in 25 different languages and can viewed by going to [www.torontopolice.on.ca](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca) and clicking on Newcomers Outreach.

Additionally, 42 Division Crime Prevention provides workshops to Newcomers on the following topics:

**Crime Prevention**  
**Home Safety**  
**Personal Safety**  
**Elder Abuse**  
**Financial Safety (theft and fraud)**

**For further information, please contact:**  
**Police Constable Gary Gomez # 6528**  
**42 Division Crime Prevention Officer**  
**at 416 808-4220 or [gary.gomez@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:gary.gomez@torontopolice.on.ca)**

**For more information on the LIP please contact:**

Tel: 416-609-9393

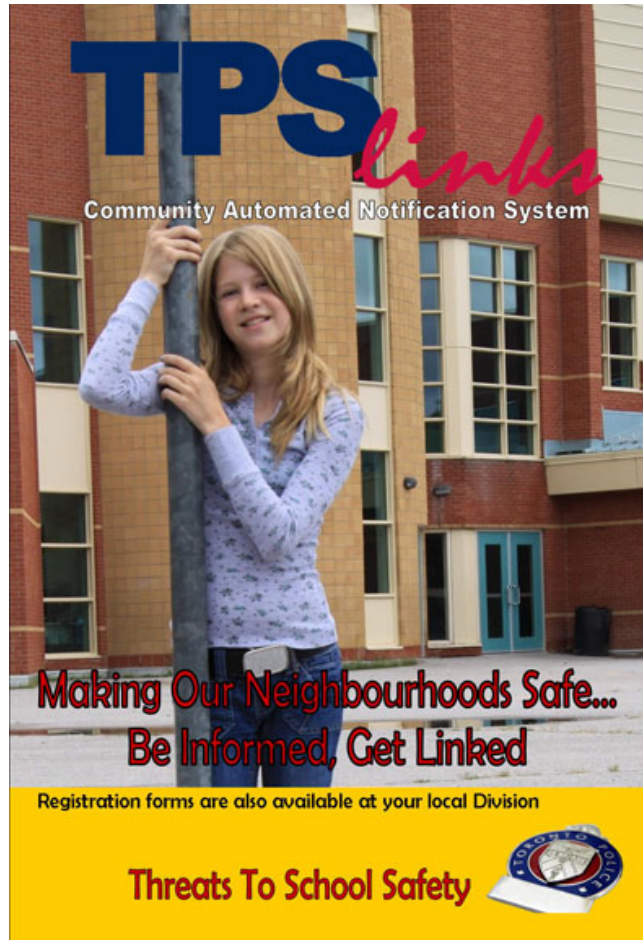
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- Existing Amber Alerts
- Missing Persons
- Emergency Incidents
- Neighbourhood Crime Alerts
- Severe Weather Alerts
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- Marine and Water Safety
- Crime Prevention Information



Community members signing up for TPSlinks, dependant upon the mode of messages receipt, will require:

- A telephone and/or cellular telephone number that is currently in service and/or a valid e-mail address for receiving messages
- A valid e-mail address for logon purposes
- A local Toronto address

## Welcome to the Toronto Police Service Community Automated Notification System

You can receive the messages by voice on your home, business or cell phone, by text to your cell or other handheld device or by e-mail. We can't send you the messages unless you sign up! To register, please go to [www.torontopolice.on.ca](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca) and click on the TPSlinks icon to follow the registration process. If you don't have access to a computer, you can pick up a hard copy registration form at the station, or you can call P.C. Gary Gomez at 416-808-4220 to make arrangements to receive one.

Thanks to our hard working 42 Division Auxiliary Officers, we now have over 1,600 community members registered with TPSlinks.

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## Lighter side of Policing



NEW CASTLE, Del. -- Delaware State police have arrested a man they say presented an indecipherable bank robbery note to a teller.

Troopers say about 2:50 p.m. on Saturday, a man walked into the WSFS Bank branch in New Castle and gave a teller a deposit slip with a note written on it.

Police say the teller could not read the note, handed it back to the would-be robber and asked him to rewrite it.

The man fled the bank on foot. Troopers say a New Castle County police officer saw the suspect and took him into custody.

Little Sammy's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station. There they saw pictures tacked to a big bulletin board.

The label clearly read, "The 10 Most Wanted."

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

"Yes," said the policeman, "the detectives want him very badly."

So Little Sammy asked, while tugging on the man's belt, "Um, mister, why didn't you keep them when you took their pictures?"



## Halloween Safety Tips

### SAFETY RULES FOR KIDS

- Wear costumes that are short enough so that you do not trip.
- Decorate costumes with reflective tape.
- Shoes should fit well so you don't fall.
- When you go out, carry a glow stick or flashlight with new batteries.
- It can be hard to see out of a mask, so use makeup or face paint instead.
- Trick or treat in groups with a trusted adult – it's safer and more fun.
- Carry a cellular phone with you, if possible.
- Visit only houses with the lights on.
- Don't eat any treats unless they are checked by a parent or the adult looking after you.

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## *Always Remember!*

- Be alert and aware of what's going on around you.
- Watch out for cars. Remember that it may be hard for drivers to see you.
- Stay on well lit streets and always walk on the sidewalk.
- Walk, don't run, and obey all traffic signs.
- Never take shortcuts through backyards, laneways or parks.
- Do not go into anyone's car or house, even if you know the person.
- Stay away from lit pumpkins.
- Do not approach pets or other animals.
- Leave your iPod at home.
- Be polite and say "thank you."

Trick or Treating is a lot of fun, but it can also be dangerous. Using safety tips and common sense can help make the evening enjoyable.

Remember the excitement at this time of year sometimes makes us all forget to be careful.

A parent or responsible adult should **always** take young children on their neighbourhood rounds.

Have your children carry a cell phone if possible. Notify police immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

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## PARENTS

- Parents should always accompany children when they are trick or treating.
- Make sure that your children wear costumes that are bright and reflective, and short enough to prevent tripping.
- Purchase flame resistant costumes, wigs and accessories.
- Make sure that emergency identification is secured discreetly within your child's Halloween costume.
- It is best not to have your children wear masks. Face paint is a safer alternative.
- Have children carry flashlights with new batteries.
- Teach children their home phone number and how to call 911 if there is an emergency or they become lost.
- Avoid using candles in pumpkins. Consider using battery powered lanterns or chemical light sticks.
- Children should have a proper meal before heading out to trick or treat. This will discourage them from eating treats before they are properly checked.
- Watch out for traffic; motorists may have a hard time seeing you.
- Wait until children are home before you sort and check treats. A responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped, or suspicious items.
- Make sure treats that can cause choking are given only to children of appropriate age.
- Plan your entire route before heading out and make sure family members know it.

**EMERGENCY 911**  
**POLICE NON – EMERGENCY**  
**(416) 808-2222**

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Steeles L'Amoreaux Neighbourhood Action Partnership (NAP)  
and The Scarborough Hospital invite you to



**Let's Talk about Health**

**Thursday November 24, 2011**

6:00pm-8:00pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

at the Salvation Army Agincourt Community Church  
3080 Birchmount Road

**FOOD - PRIZES - FUN**

- > Open to residents of Steeles L'Amoreaux (Postal Codes include M1V, M1T and M1W)
- > Youth Welcome
- > Child Minding available for children ages 2+
- > Shuttle bus transportation may be available
- > Free parking

**SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

**RSVP no later than November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Call (416) 291-3248 now to reserve your seat.

*Come Share Your Ideas*

