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Community Message from Superintendent John Tanouye - Unit Commander, 51 Division -

The Toronto City Budget cutbacks have affected us all. The TPS has responded with retirement incentives that were accepted by 12 Senior Officers. We continue to work towards implementing initiatives to reduce our overall budget that will not affect our ability to deliver world class policing services to our communities.

Summer is coming to a close. We hosted successful events such as Pride, Caribana, The Diabetes Dragon Boat Fund-raiser and the Regent Park 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament.

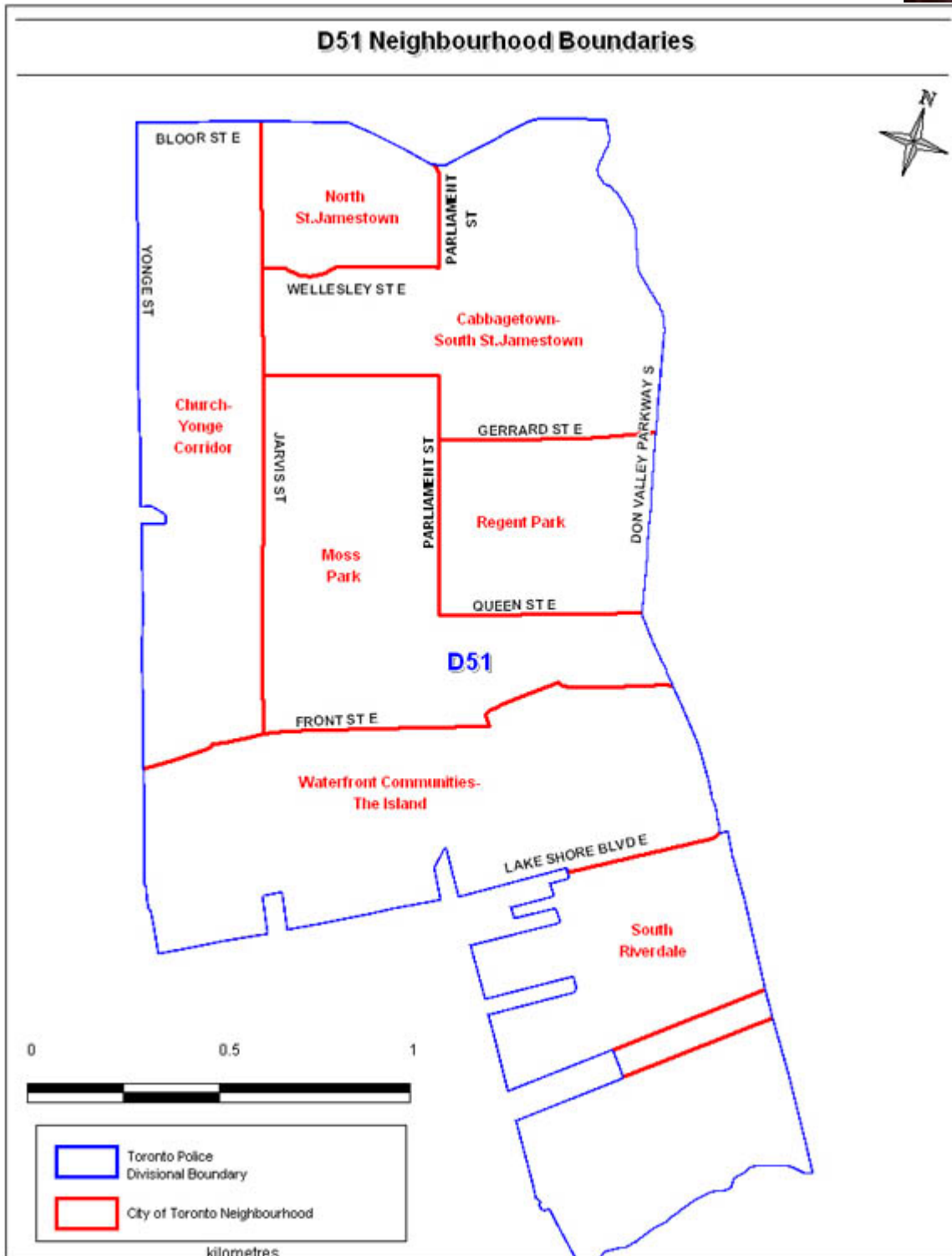
On the 1st of September, Insp Kuck was promoted and transferred to 53 Division. We wish him well at 53 Division, our neighbour to the north. Inspector G. Meissner has transferred to 51 Division. He brings with him experience with the Public Order Unit and will be a great addition to the unit.

Regards,

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Neighbourhoods in the 51 Division

Chief Blair has consistently emphasized the importance of having officers dedicated to neighbourhoods in order to:

- build trust and strengthen community partnerships,
- aid in the understanding of the local environment,
- identify, prioritize and reduce crime and disorder, and
- assist in developing solutions to reduce crime and disorder.

Community members interested in speaking with their assigned Neighbourhood Officer(s) are encouraged to telephone the 51 Division Community Response Office at 416-808-5100.

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NEWS RELEASES

Sep 07, 2011, 12:05 pm

Fraud investigation, Older women targeted, Police request assistance identifying two women, Security camera images of suspects released

51 Division
416-808-5100

The Toronto Police Service is requesting the public's assistance identifying two women in a fraud investigation.

It is reported that:

- two women watch as older women pay for merchandise with their debit cards or use an ATM
- the two women stand very close to their victims and memorize the PIN as the victim enters it on the keypad
- shortly thereafter, the suspects remove the victim's wallet from their purse or follow the victim and steal it
- the majority of thefts have occurred in North York and areas close to the Yonge-University TTC subway line, including uptown and downtown Toronto
- on occasion, the two women have used a sharp device to cut a slit into the victim's purse to help steal the wallet
- the women would then attend a nearby ATM to withdraw cash from the victim's account by using the victim's debit or credit card and the victim's PIN
- police have investigated several similar thefts, dating back to at least the beginning of 2011

Description of suspects:

#1) white, 20-36,, slim-to-medium build, with straight dark-brown hair, carrying a medium-to-large-sized light-coloured or beige shoulder bag hanging down to the hips/thigh area.

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#2) white, 20-36, slim build, with straight dark-brown hair with ends wavy when long, carrying a dark-coloured shoulder bag with outer pockets hanging down to the hips.



One or both suspects have, on occasion, worn large sunglasses, caps on their heads and scarves around their necks which may be pulled over the lower part of their face when they attend the ATM.

Police are asking the public to be vigilant when using bank cards. When entering your PIN, be aware of who can see your PIN being entered and block their view as you enter your PIN, using your body and spare hand.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Constable Alan Fujino or Detective Barry Radford at 416-808-5107, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637), or [Leave A Tip on Facebook](#).

Constable Wendy Drummond, Corporate Communications, for Constable Alan Fujino, 51 Division

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Rowing the waterfront for kids

A yeoman's job by officers from 51 Division turned a waterfront trek into an opportunity for youngsters.

Photos courtesy of Toronto News 24

The Challenge For Hope, held Aug. 20, pitted officers in a 16- km row against the I Challenge Diabetes team, to raise \$15,000 for the Diabetes Hope Foundation.

The 15 officers from the downtown Division plunged headlong from the Bayside Rowing Club on Commissioners St., across the waterfront in a Viking boat race, to benefit teens with diabetes.

"Hearts, guts and glory came out on the lake that day," Insp. Heinz Kuck said, of the effort of his novice team, who managed to keep it to a close second to the I Challenge Diabetes team, which included organization founder Olympic rower Chris Jarvis.

"It was really encouraging to see everybody else, who is very new at this sport, taking it on with the cause in mind," Jarvis said.

"Going for 16 km is a long way."

The event came out of a conversation between Jarvis, Kuck and Bayside Rowing Club head coach Dominic Kahn.

Kuck was pleased by his team's effort to learn the sport in a few months of practice.

"It was a fabulous effort; they came out as a team and experienced the joy and hardship of a long row."

He said rowing takes hard work and finesse.

"You have to work to get the correct timing of your catch and pull so you have long, strong strokes."

But the day resulted in more than just calluses for determined rowers.

Diabetes Hope Foundation director of development Vivian Li said 29 teens will get to go to camp next summer to have fun but also learn how to cope with their disease.

"The biggest thing is to take away peer support," Li said.

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"Some have never met a teen with diabetes."

She said that the teens, identified by hospitals, learn to manage their disease through frequent testing, insulin injection, exercise and nutritional guidance at the camp.

"These teens are at high risk of severe complications," Li said, of the importance of day-to-day vigilance in combating the disease.

Kuck said supporting the cause opened his eyes to the struggle that young people undergo in fighting juvenile diabetes.

"I am blown away by how many people are affected – it's hitting more and more youth."

According to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada, our country has the sixth-highest rate of type 1 diabetes in children 14 years or younger in the world. Further, the incidence of type 1 diabetes is rising by three to five per cent in Canada with the greatest rise occurring in five-to-nine year olds.

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From the Traffic Office:



September is here and that means another school year is upon us and the daylight hours are getting shorter.

We have the kids back in school and ready to roam. Extra care and attention must be paid to our driving as the kids will be out on the streets going to various parks, playgrounds, stores and to friend's homes. As we approach intersections we have to be aware that the kids will be running, cycling and rollerblading across the roadways

Slightly reducing our speed and focusing on the task at hand will help ensure that the kids will enjoy the summer as it is meant to be.

With the continued nice weather, remember that we share the roadway with others (cyclists). Caution must be used when opening our car doors. Take extra care when opening the door by making a shoulder check no matter what seat inside the car you are seated in.

The cyclist has the right of way when passing a stopped or parked vehicle when opening a door.

And always: If you have had a drink, **DON'T DRIVE.**



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Pedestrian Safety Advice

Traffic Services
416-808-1900

To ensure pedestrian safety, police would like to remind the public of their responsibilities crossing the roadways.

To lawfully cross a signalized intersection with pedestrian controls, you may only enter the roadway when the walk signal is illuminated for your direction of travel.

It is illegal to enter the roadway if the "do not walk signal" is flashing or is solid. When there are no pedestrian controls, you may only enter the roadway on a solid green signal for your direction of travel.

Where there are painted lines on the roadway indicating either a pedestrian crosswalk or pedestrian crossover, you must cross within those lines. It is illegal to cross a street mid block and interfere with traffic.

The Toronto Police Service is encouraging pedestrians and motorists to be alert and take the necessary steps to ensure their safety by following these tips:

- *cross with traffic controls and be cautious when crossing any intersection,*
- *pay attention to surroundings when entering and leaving TTC vehicles,*
- *make sure you are visible; wear bright or reflective clothing,*
- *make an effort to get eye contact with drivers before stepping off the curb,*
- *be patient and courteous and respectful of all road users,*
- *cross on a fresh signal and watch out for vehicles turning across your path.*

Pedestrians have the same responsibility as motorists to follow the rules of the road and not compromise their safety or that of any road users. No matter who has the right of way, pedestrians should always be prepared to stop, look and listen for other traffic to avoid a collision.

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Child Safety Seat Clinics

Child Safety Seat clinics to have your **installed** child seat inspected continue to be held weekly at 51 Division by appointment only. Appointments are usually booked 1 to 2 weeks in advance.



Please call the 51 Division Traffic Office at (416) 808-5124 to book an appointment.

CHILD SEAT INSTALLATION TIP: Most seats inspected are installed incorrectly. Rear facing seats for new-borns and infants generally are at such a high angle, the child's head flops forward. Having the proper angle is necessary for neck development and also for better flow of breath.



PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY & PLEASE WALK SAFELY



Crime Prevention Safety Tips

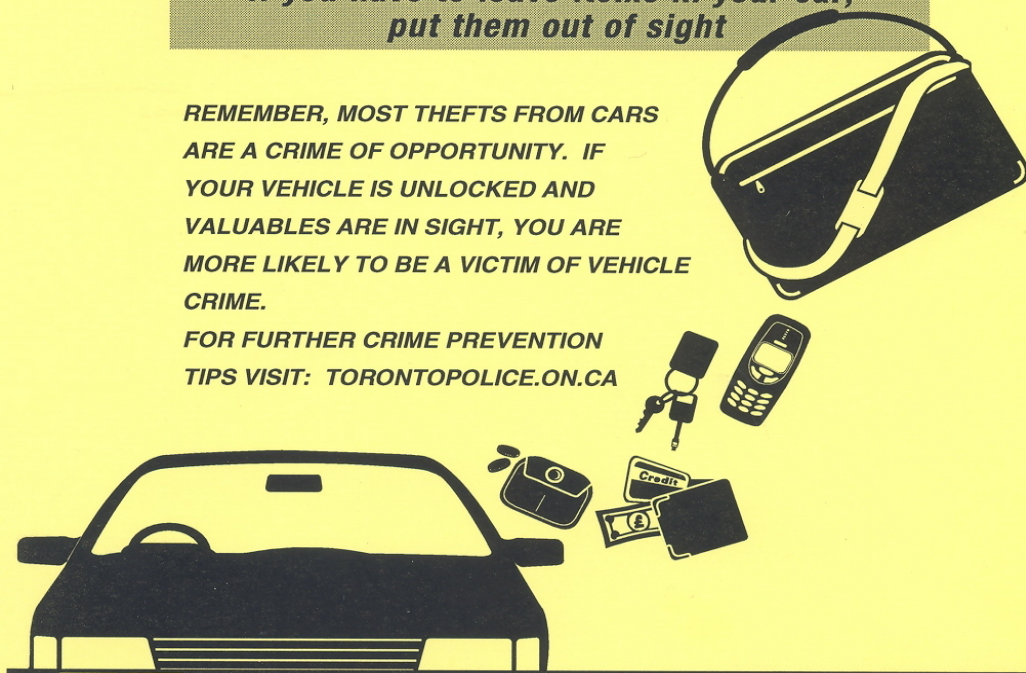
KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS SAFE

Don't leave anything on display in your car

*If you have to leave items in your car,
put them out of sight*

REMEMBER, MOST THEFTS FROM CARS
ARE A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY. IF
YOUR VEHICLE IS UNLOCKED AND
VALUABLES ARE IN SIGHT, YOU ARE
MORE LIKELY TO BE A VICTIM OF VEHICLE
CRIME.

FOR FURTHER CRIME PREVENTION
TIPS VISIT: TORONTOPOLICE.ON.CA



Compliments of 51 Division, 51 Parliament Street, Toronto (416) 808-5100



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Here are some of the most commonly stolen items, left on view in vehicles and stolen by car criminals:

Satellite navigation systems

One of the most desirable motoring accessories currently available. Easy to steal, easily to carry and extremely easy to sell on by the car criminal. Mark your GPS with your car number plate to make it less easy to sell if it is stolen. Never program your home address into the device under an obvious name such as "home" as a thief will be able to locate where you live and if your car is in town, they may assume that your home is likely to be empty. Never leave your GPS equipment in the car, always take it with you. Make sure the GPS mounting stalk is removed from the windscreen and wipe away any suction mark left on the glass - this is a clear indication there may a GPS hidden inside the car.

Laptop computers

These have a high resale value for car criminals who will be more than happy to steal them from your car if they are left on view - and they usually benefit from having a case to make them easy to carry away. You not only lose your computer but all the information stored on it. This could affect your business, result in customers no longer having trust in you if you lose their data or could mean personal information such as photos and documents are lost to you. Never leave your computer in your car.

Car stereos

These remain popular with thieves. Quick to remove from the car, they are easily sold on. Always remove the detachable control panel and take it with you when you leave your vehicle. If there is a PIN number security code in the audio equipment ensure it has been activated. Never keep the Pin number with the stereo or with the user manual in the car.

CDs

It doesn't matter what your choice of music is - CDs left on view in a vehicle are music to the ears of car criminals who steal them to sell on. Never have large numbers of CDs in your vehicle and always take them with you in a portable CD case when you leave the car.

Wallets, purses and credit cards

These are attractive to car thieves as they are the gateway to untold riches. Always take your money / wallet / purse with you. Don't hide it inside the car.

The two places a car thief will look first on breaking into a car are inside the glove box or under the car seat.

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Thieves have even been known to break in to a car for a few loose coins - after all it's all money in their pocket.

Mobile telephones

These have a high resale value for the car criminal, are easy to carry and are easy to sell on. For the owner/loser it means inconvenience as the loss of all your contact numbers could lead to possible loss of business and personal opportunities as no one will be able to contact you.

Electrical items and jewellery

A treasure trove of opportunity awaits a car criminal who sees items such as cameras, video cameras, watches, iPods and even jewellery left on view inside the car. A smashed window, a few seconds and they are away with your property.

Coats and clothing

Frequently left on view on the back seat of the car. Popular with thieves, not only for their resale value, but the pockets may contain valuable items such as money, keys or even details of where you live. One thief broke into a car to steal hat, gloves and a scarf on one cold night.

Car number plates and catalytic converters

Number plates are generally stolen in order to be used on vehicles involved in other criminal activity. You can prevent this by having anti-theft number plates fitted which shatter when anyone tampers with them, or self locking screws to attach them. Where possible, park in well lit, busy car parks or where there is security coverage including CCTV monitoring.

Power tools and other work equipment

Never ever leave tools in your vehicle overnight. Always remove them to a secure locked area and place a notice or sticker in the window stating that tools are removed overnight. You will not only have the expense and frustration of having to source and replace specialist equipment, if they are stolen, but you could lose valuable work if you don't have the tools to do the job.

Remember: Car criminals have even been known to break into a car for a cuddly toy. All the items above are personal to you. You have worked hard to afford them. Don't let a thief steal them just because you left them on view in the car.

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Tips to Reduce Risk of Identity Theft:

1. Before you reveal any personal identifying information, find out how it will be used and if it will be shared.
2. Pay attention to your billing cycles. Follow up with creditors if your bills don't arrive on time.



3. Guard your mail. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at your local post office. Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after delivery. Ensure mail is forwarded or re-routed if you move or change your mailing address.
4. Put passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information like your mother's maiden name, your birth date, and the last four digits of your SIN or your phone number.
5. Minimize the identification information and number of cards you carry.
6. Do not give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the internet unless you have initiated the contact or know who you're dealing with.
7. Keep items with personal information in a safe place. An identity thief will pick through your garbage or recycling bins. Be sure to tear or shred receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements and credit offers you get in the mail.
8. Give your SIN only when absolutely necessary. Ask to use other types of identifiers when possible.
9. Don't carry your SIN card; leave it in a secure place.

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TPS LINKS

Toronto Police Service Community Automated Notification System Overview:

In support of Community Mobilization efforts, The Toronto Police Service (TPS) introduced the TPSlinks system at the last quarter of 2009. TPSlinks is a community automated notification system that delivers vital information to residents and business owners within the city of Toronto. TPSlinks utilizes sophisticated software by strategically sending information to a selected geographic area made possible through a community member sign-up webpage.

Messages are prepared and delivered by local Divisional Toronto Police Service officers through voice and text messaging. Message types and user delivery profiles can be tailored to meet the needs and preferences for each registered community member. Community members can choose to change their profile or unsubscribe at anytime.

Types of Messages:

TPSlinks transmits messages using landline and cellular telephone options. The registration page enables community members to create a user profile which will specify the message types that the community member wishes to receive and restrict the types that are not desired. TPSlinks will send informative messages ranging from city events to safety notifications and emergency incidents. The following are examples of message types that will be delivered:

Special Events

Community Meetings

Road Closures

School Lockdowns

Critical Incident Notifications

Missing Person Notifications

Citizen Evacuations

Suspicious Person Notifications

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How do I register:

Residents and business owners within the city of Toronto who wish to enrol to TPSlinks are provided with two registration methods as described below. They can register online via the

Toronto Police Service internet site or complete a hardcopy form available online and at their local police station. Community members will be required to create a TPSlinks user profile by completing all required fields on the TPSlinks registration form. The user profile will increase the speed in which the system delivers messages, and will identify the geographic area where the messages are to be delivered.

Community members also have the option to edit their online user profile or unsubscribe at any time. To unsubscribe, simply go to the registration page, open your user profile and select the deregister button at the bottom of the page. Your information and all identifiers will be removed and subsequent messages will not be delivered. To change an existing user profile, select edit with the user profile and make the appropriate changes. The changes will occur immediately.

Method 1: Online Registration (recommended method)

Click on TPSlinks [Register](#) and follow the simple registration process.

Method 2: Hard Copy Form

Simply print and fill out the following registration form (see Terms of Participation below) and deliver it to your local police station. Hard copies are also made available at the Divisions.

Note: In the case of technical difficulties, please DO NOT call the Toronto Police Service Emergency (911) or Non-Emergency (416-808-2222) numbers. Instead, send an email to: TPSlinks@torontopolice.on.ca. (See FAQs for more info).

What to Expect:

Phone Message Option

Community members who select messages to be delivered to their home or cellular telephone will receive calls from TPSlinks with a pre-recorded message. If the telephone is not answered, the TPSlinks will leave a message at the end of the voice mail greeting.

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Text Message Option

Community members who choose the text message option will receive text messages from TPSlinks on their cellular or blackberry devices. Please note your phone carrier may charge you for incoming text messages.

Who will Receive Messages:

TPSlinks is available to all community members who work or live in the city of Toronto. Long distance phone numbers will not be accessible and messages will not be delivered to these numbers.

Requirements:

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

A telephone or cellular telephone number that is currently in service or a valid e-mail address for login purposes. When the Toronto Police Service sends a message, the address provided by the community member on the registration page will be used and all community members who are within the selected geographical area will receive the message. If information was not entered, or entered improperly, the appropriate message will not be delivered.

Terms of Participation:

Subscribers will be required to accept terms of participation prior to the commencement of message delivery.

Please refer to the "Terms of Participation" on the TPSlinks Register page.



Make a Difference – Call the Tip Line



**Urban Organized Crime Squad
416-343-GUNS (4867)**

reportingguns@torontopolice.on.ca

- * Guaranteed confidentiality**
- * No call display**
- * Remain Anonymous (If you wish)**

The Life You Save Could Be Your Own.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

As 2011 moves along, the Community Response Unit is once again at the forefront in terms of community events and issues.

In order to address crime and disorder issues in the division, an initiative was established for 2011. This project is: Project P.A.C.T. (Police and Community Together). Crime analysis combined with community input were the impetus for this year long initiative involving the Primary Response Unit and the Community Response Unit.

Our Traffic Unit has established three priority areas for the year: school zones, traffic gridlock and bicycle related enforcement.

As the summer unfolded the demands of the many demonstrations and protests continued to tax our resources to the limit. Notwithstanding this we were able to continue to address community concerns and issues and respond in expeditious and effective ways to address community safety and security.

Many community celebrations, festivals and events were celebrated throughout the summer and indeed this summer lived up to its promise and was a very busy and interesting season for the Community Response Unit. There were many varied and interesting community parades, events, and festivals scheduled to take place. These events such as Woofstock, The St Jamestown Community Festival, Pride Parades and Festival, Caribana Festival and parade and BuskerFest were exciting and enjoyable community affairs and we thank everyone who attended and enjoyed these wonderful parades and festivals and made them the resounding successes that they were.

We look forward to attending and enjoying your community meetings, events and festivals scheduled for this fall, and to working together with you to continue to address community safety and security concerns and issues.

As always be safe, look out for the little ones and remember that school started on September 8th, and we need to be especially vigilant and careful in and around our schools.

Please drive carefully and don't drink and drive.

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Building Bridges

Scholarship Fundraising Cocktail Reception Gala
Thursday November 10th, 2011

Corus Entertainment Inc. - Corus Quay
25 **Dockside** Drive * Toronto

We would like to extend an invitation to you to join our team of sponsors for the 3rd annual Building Bridges Gala. The Toronto Police Service's 51 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) has been serving the Division since 1996.

51 Division is bounded by Bloor Street to the north, Queens Quay to the south, Don Valley Parkway to the east and Yonge Street to the west.

The Community Police Liaison Committee is made up of community volunteers and Toronto Police Service members from within the Division. Our mandate is to work together in the identifying, prioritizing, and problem-solving of local policing issues by being proactive in community relations, crime prevention, education, mobilization, and communications initiatives.

This fundraising initiative is an opportunity for us to work towards our goal of providing bridging scholarships for at risk urban youth to attend George Brown College with guidance from such community partners as Pathways to Education and the Regent Park Community Health Centre, as well as support for various youth programs in 51 Division.

We are honoured to have George Brown College as our co-presenter of the evening's fashion and art show again this year. We are asking for your donation towards this fundraiser in the form of cash donations or in-kind products or services. Sponsorship would provide numerous name recognition outlets citywide, marketing and advertising opportunities and your corporate name attached to a very worthy cause.

Our goal is that our annual Building Bridges Gala surpasses the tremendous success of our earlier fundraisers, exceeding all expectations. We hope that we can count on your support to help us achieve that goal.

For further information, please contact Superintendent John Tanouye Co-Chair at 416-808-5114 51 Division CPLC

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Community Police Liaison Committee



The Community Police Liaison Committee (C.P.L.C.) is comprised of community volunteers and police service representatives from the local division's geographic area. Each divisional committee is inclusive of all members of our communities to reflect the demographics of the local police division and its component communities.

The mandate of the Community Police Liaison Committee is:

To work together in identifying, prioritizing, and problem solving of local policing issues by:

- **Being proactive in community relations**
- **Crime prevention, education, mobilization**
- **Communication initiatives**
- **Acting as a resource to the police and the community**

All of the seventeen police divisions throughout the City of Toronto, including Traffic Services, have a C.P.L.C. to provide advice and assistance to the local unit commander and to work in partnership with the local police division towards promoting safe and secure communities.

If you require further information with respect to the C.P.L.C., do not hesitate to contact the Community Response office at 416-808-5119.

We look forward to meeting you.

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FROM OUR COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

51 Division Community Response Unit has a separate and dedicated phone line that enables residents to call in and leave messages pertaining to minor complaints of a non-emergency nature such as drinking in the parks, trespassing or loitering, community safety issues, information of suspected criminal activity or any other issues that do not require immediate police assistance.

Once a voice message is received, it will be sent to the appropriate person or unit in 51 Division to be investigated. This process might take a few days. If possible, please leave your name and phone number, so that we may contact you for additional information. Once your complaint has been investigated, someone can call you back and advise you of the results of the investigation.

The dedicated phone line number is: 416-808-5119

As a reminder, please call **9-1-1 for emergencies** and for general calls for service of a non-emergency nature, please call:

Toronto Police Communications at 416-808-2222

TDD (TTY) – telecommunications Device for the Deaf.

For emergencies, dial 9-1-1 and press the space bar announcer repeatedly until a response is received.

**Should you wish to report a crime and remain anonymous,
you have the option to call:**

**Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS (8477) or toll free at
1-800-222-TIPS or visit their website:**

<http://www.toronto-crimestoppers.com/>

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Here is a list of special dates for September/October. If you would like a Toronto Police Service representative from 51 Division to attend your community event, please contact Lynne Robertson at 416-808-5187.

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day	6	7	8	9	10 Cabbagetown Festival Festival of Praise Parade Queen's Park
11 Cabbagetown Festival	12	13	14 C.P.L.C. Mtg. 6:30 PM @ 51 Division	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 P.E.A.C.E. Officers memorial Run	23	24
25 AIDS Walk for Life	26	27	28	29	30	

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OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Day	11	12 C.P.L.C. Mtg. 6:30 PM @ 51 Division	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Hallowe'en 					