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Superintendent Scott Gilbert

And

Inspector Sonia Thomas

From the Desk of Superintendent Gilbert

It's hard for me to believe that it's been two years since I was transferred to 53 Division as the Unit Commander on January 1st, 2014. It seems like it's only been a few months and not two years.

Shortly after my arrival at 53 Division I made the following statement in my first community bulletin:

"I understand the value teamwork and partnerships play in what we do, I also understand the value and importance of delivering high quality, respectful, and timely policing services that meet or exceed the community's expectations of us. This is my commitment to all of you". It is with that promise in mind that I, and all the men and women of 53 Division, have been working very hard to build and maintain your trust, prevent victimization, build partnerships, and solve crimes and as a result I am pleased to say we have seen reductions in our crime rates.

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It was also through the establishment of key partnerships and determined police work that last year we were able to break up a long running criminal organization (Project Yellow Bird) that had been plaguing our communities for several years by breaking into homes to steal valuables and car keys for high end cars which they then stole and shipped to Eastern Europe.

Unfortunately our respite from car thefts in 53 Division did not continue and early this year we saw a new pattern of car thefts targeting newer Lexus, Acura, Toyota, and Honda SUV's and sedans.

The thefts continued for a period of several months and while it may have seemed that we were not making headway we in fact were.

Early on the lessons learned and key partnerships we formed through Project Yellow Bird came into play and we were able to recover a number of stolen vehicles as well as arrest a key individual in this scheme which in turn allowed us to identify other members of a sophisticated Criminal Organization that were stealing vehicles and shipping them to Africa.

As I write this I am pleased to say that on December 10th, 2015, our Major Crime and Community Response officers as well as approximately 175 other officers from a dozen other law enforcement agencies executed 36 search warrants at homes and businesses and arrested 20 key individuals in this Criminal Organization. Arrest warrants are outstanding for several others and the investigation is continuing even though we have put a significant dent in it by arresting the key players.

While I wish we could have come to this resolution much earlier these are extremely complex investigations requiring thousands of hours of work as well as judicial oversight to ensure we get it right the first time.

I look forward to providing you with more information on Project CBG in the future.

On another note I want to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy holiday season. During this festive time please protect yourselves, look out for your neighbours, and if you decide to drink, please don't drive.

My family unfortunately knows all too well the high cost of drinking and driving having lost two relatives in needless collisions involving drinking drivers.

If you chose to drink please use public transit, a designated driver, or a taxi service to ensure your safety and the safety of those around.

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As always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me or my Second in Charge Inspector Sonia Thomas.

Regards,

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53 DIVISION COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT



Staff Sergeant Matthew Moyer

The Community Response Unit continued to grow with changes in 2015 that included a new Sergeant for our management team. The CRU welcomed Sergeant Mike McGhee from 'E' Platoon of the 53 Priority Response Unit. Jazen Brautigam had completed his term in the CRU and he transferred to the Marine Unit in May of 2015. Mike McGhee quickly became a great addition to the CRU and brought with him a nice balanced resume as well as a working knowledge of the personnel currently in the CRU. Together with Sergeant Chaz Stern, the Community Response Unit formed two strong teams.

The current formula for Staff development in the Toronto Police Service involves mentoring and developing your supervisors as well as your front line members. In the CRU, new members of the Service are now assigned to the CRU within their first year as part of their learning. Both FA-1 and FA-2 have had the pleasure of supporting the learning for these new Officers. The learning goes directly to the responsibility of the "Neighbourhood Officers". Two teams of Neighbourhood Officers support each new member assigned for ten weeks. Police Constable's Lisanin, Grewal, Jiri and Michaelides are the Neighbourhood Officers from 53 Division and they are assigned to Thorncliffe Park Community. In 2015,

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In 2015, the Community Response Unit arrested approximately one hundred persons (100) and this resulted in over two hundred and fifty charges laid to offenders in 53 Division. Some of the arrests resulted from investigations that involved 250 Davenport Road, 90 Asquith Avenue, Thorncliffe Park community, and the final project directed at thefts from the Divisional Liquor Control Boards Stores.

A great relationship with the Divisional Major Crime Unit, Divisional (I.L.P.) Intelligence led Policing reports and community stakeholder's feedback resulted in the best results which speak to improving community safety.

This summer, unlike others put great demands on resources and allocation of personnel as the Pan Am and Para Pan Am games required the Community Response Unit balance their commitment to these global events while ensuring that the Divisional needs were met. A big challenge for the Community Response Unit this past summer came in the form of a change in the curriculum for students, namely the new sex education bill. This raised serious concerns from certain members of the Thorncliffe Park Muslim community. A parent group opposed to these changes being taught in the classroom began to arrange demonstrations. The use of the 'Neighbourhood Officers', the School Resource Office (P.C. Stather) assisted the Division with ensuring public safety.

The Community Response Unit (Staff Sergeant Moyer) was a sitting member of the (C.C.R.T.) Thorncliffe/Flemington Crisis Response table. With the support of community and city agencies, a group of community outreach services was created to address meet the needs of these two communities which spread over two divisions, 53 and 54 Division.

A rally for 'Peace' after events in Europe was supported by the 'Thorncliffe/Flemington Crisis Response Table' and this garnered great support from members of the adjoining communities, surrounding neighbourhoods and the press. It showed that 53 Division and the Toronto Police Service were prepared to partner for peace with our communities.

The Community Response Unit in conjunction with the Community Police Liaison Committee (C.P.L.C.) sponsored a Divisional 'Open House' on May 2, 2015. In excess of 500 people from midtown attended the station, participated in the station tour and experienced the interactive events set up around the building. The event featured the Marine Unit, The Police Dog Services, the Courts, Emergency Task Force and Traffic Services, M.A.D.D. and other community and Crime prevention presentations.

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The next event was the Community Response Unit's charity B-B-Q. This year, the event was very well received from the community and it raised \$500 for the Canadian Mental Health Association program, 'Ride Don't Hide'.

The Divisional 'Town Hall' was held on September 9 2015 at North Toronto Collegiate School. The community had the opportunity to hear from and meet our new Chief, Mark Saunders. The key note presentation was from the Services, Sex Crimes Unit and it covered 'Human Trafficking and Internet Safety'.

In December of this year, the C.P.L.C. again stepped up and supported the Divisional 'Crossing Guard' program with a donation to their Christmas party. 53 Division oversees approximately 70 Crossing Guards and the community was invited to support their guards. This year marked the second straight year that 53 Division was recognized with the award of, 'Canadas Top Crossing Guard'. Parachute Canada presented the award again this year and it identified 53 Division as a strong advocate for promoting safe communities and neighbourhoods.

The Toronto Police Service, 'Public Safety/Special Events' were responsible for detailing the Community Response Unit with 140 events both in and out of 53 Division in 2015. Added responsibility this past year was the overseeing of twenty-one (21) Consulates and numerous Global callouts from neighbouring divisions, as well as domestic events of a lesser need, the Community Response Unit was still able to meet their requirement for community engagement.

The Community Response Unit quickly became to the go-to Unit for supporting the Toronto Police Service relationship with the Ontario Special Olympics. Events in 43 Division, 55, 51, 23 and 31 Division were attended to and supported by the D53 Community Response Unit. Under the direction of Leslie Koski, events were scheduled for CRU Officers to attend, participate and encourage those less fortunate or developmentally challenged to compete in basketball, track and field, soccer and bocce ball.

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As Traffic Safety remains a Service Priority, 53 Division Community Response Unit made traffic education and enforcement a priority. As a result of a child (traffic) fatality in 2014 and a major project that resulted in construction all along Eglinton Avenue by Metrolinx, traffic/vehicles moving through and throughout the Division started to divert their routes through residential streets and off the main arteries. This increased volume of traffic had a direct impact on the Service's commitment to 'Safe Streets and Neighbourhoods'. Four major Traffic initiatives were executed in Leaside which included tickets, warnings, education, presentations and Social media awareness. 53 Division utilized the expertise of two 'Community Safety/Traffic Complaint Officers'. The results created immediate support for Leaside and it sent a message for commuters that safety will be maintained.

As a follow up for maintenance, the Chief of Police (Mark Saunders), the Superintendent (Scott Gilbert) and the Inspector from 53 Division (Sonia Thomas) and the Staff Sergeant from the Community Response Unit (Matt Moyer) attended and participated in a Town Hall held in Leaside to speak to the community residents and share their thoughts for a safer Leaside.

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P.C. Janet Stather (School Resource Officer) and P.C. Chris Spencer (School Liaison Officer) provide a great Service to the students in 53 Division, both very young and those in high school. P.C. Spencer joined the Community Response Unit for the September start of the school year where he is posted at Northern Secondary School as a full time liaison. Developing relationships with students, getting involved with their school events, providing lectures that speak to current challenges for today's youth is the forefront of this placement position. Conversely, P.C. Stather focuses on the needs of a younger audience in 53 Division. Janet must cater her instruction to the ever challenging needs of today's youth, liaise with the teachers and keep the parents aware of the challenges that she recognizes for the school from a safety perspective.

Officers continue to provide training to students that pertain to such current topics as, Social media, bullying, L.G.B.T.Q. issues for students, drug questions and community safety.

P.C. Tim Somers and P.C. Alex Li represent the Division and in certain situations, the Toronto Police Service with their expertise in 'Crime Prevention'. Conducting presentations to community groups, Neighbourhood Associations and groups from the private sector are part of the responsibilities that this Unit fulfills that speaks to crime prevention. This unit reports weekly to the Divisional Crime Strategy plan. Assisting victims of crime with a safety analysis to prevent future victimization and posting community alerts on social media (Facebook and Twitter) serve to further support the community members with suggestions for 'best practises'.

Under the direction of the Divisional Policing Support Unit (D.P.S.U.), the 'Youth In Policing Initiative' and our Divisional Auxiliaries falls under their mandate and they are collectively used to support the office of the Crime Prevention Officer in 53 Division.

I am very proud of the efforts and accomplishments that the members of 53 Division Community Response Unit made over the past year. The challenges were varied, the details modified and the Officers gave it their 'all' in order to maintain our Service commitment to 'Safe Communities and Neighbourhoods'.

Matthew Moyer
Staff Sergeant #1261
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Community Response Unit

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Crime Prevention Officers



Constable Timothy Somers #90023 , Constable Alex Li #9104

It has been a very busy year for the Crime Prevention Office! Both officers have been busy with Community Lectures, CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Auditing, Neighbourhood Community Watch Groups, along with our other many duties which are part of our daily job.

A few of the significant events from this year are the Community BBQ, the 53 Division Open House in May, the Town Hall Meeting, and most recently, the 53 Division-RioCan Toy Drive to benefit Ronald McDonald House Toronto.

We are continuing to create new initiative for 2016! We are the officers which are in charge of 53 Division Social Media. Please follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/TPS53/>.

To learn more about 53 Division Community Events and Crime Prevention follow Staff Sergeant Matthew Moyer **@TPSMattMoyer**, Constable Timothy Somers **@PC90023** and Constable Alex Li **@copwholovescars** .

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DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET

With the recent increase in Break and Enters and Theft from Vehicles, and Vehicle Theft, here is some ways to protect yourself and your property.

Lock your windows and doors, especially basement windows, rear ground floor windows and patio doors.

Sliding glass doors/windows can be lifted out of their tracks with relative ease. Place a board or bar in the track or install lock pins to secure the sliding door.

Maintain control of your vehicle keys at all times, both at and away from home. Do not place them in routine and usual locations, e.g. foyers, kitchen counters or in purses. If possible keep your spare or secondary keys secure in a drawer or cabinet.

Leave a ground floor light on during the night.

Consider placing a cellular telephone in your bedroom in event that your telephone lines are tampered with. Call 911 if you hear an intruder in your home. DO NOT CONFRONT INTRUDERS.

If you have a garage, use it to park your car and lock it. If you do not have a garage or cannot park in it and have more than one car, always park the most expensive one ahead of the other one.

DO NOT start your vehicle and leave it unattended, UNLESS the vehicle is equipped with a factory installed auto starting system.

Participate in the 'LIGHT THE NIGHT' crime prevention initiative in 53 Division, by joining with your neighbours in leaving all of your exterior lights on all night. Increased night-time illumination will act as a natural deterrent to these offenders who utilize the cover of darkness to their full criminal advantage. Additionally, position a motion detector light in your driveway and at the rear of your home, which is a long-term investment in providing the desired illumination effect after the 'LIGHT THE NIGHT' program request concludes.

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If your home has an alarm system USE IT! Arm the perimeter portion during the night while you are asleep.

Ensure that your home alarm panel is not visible from exterior doors or windows, by moving it or covering it. It is important that potential intruders do not know that the alarm system is on or off.

Invest in a cellular based vehicle tracking system for your car. This is very important, as it will allow the police to locate your car and possibly arrest those responsible if your car is stolen. This is a very effective tool for the police.

Be aware of suspicious persons and vehicles in your neighbourhood, especially in the evening and overnight hours and report suspicious activities immediately to the police.

Neighbours' watching each other's residences makes for a safer and more secure community. Consider forming a Neighbourhood Watch Program

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

I am Police Constable Wai Lau and I am the School Crossing Guard Coordinator for 53 Division. My immediate supervisor is S/Sgt. Matthew Moyer of the Community Response Unit. My duty is to supply a school crossing guard for 61 locations to assist the children grade 6 and below going to and from public, catholic, private and Jewish schools. I advertise, interview, hire, train, equip, placement, administration and termination of all the 53 Division school crossing guards.

We were fortunate to have won an honourable award, 2014 Canada Most Favourite School Crossing Guard Award, Jacinto "Jake" APACIBLE #48844 and in 2015 Canada Most Favourite School Crossing Guard Award, Pedro ATIENZA #48175.

At present we have 72 School Crossing Guards ranging in the senior years, 7 guards over the age of 80. 25 guards between 70 and 79 years old. And 24 guards between 60 and 69 years old.

There were 19 guards resigned this year, 2 potential School Crossing Guards in process with HQ. 8 potential School Crossing Guards awaiting the Personal History forms

With the generosity of 53 Division Superintendent and the Community Policing Liaison Committee, they donated funds to the Annual 53 Division School Crossing Guard Christmas Party in the police station.

There are opportunities to assist Community Response Unit and Crime Prevention & Disorderly Management Teams with events, demonstration and the Auxiliary Police.

I am also the 53 Division YIPI (Youth In Policing Initiative) Program Coordinator – Spring, Summer and Fall groups.

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School Resource Officer

YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the past year at Northern Secondary School there has been a great deal of time spent investigating and providing crime prevention tips in relation to the theft of personal items within the school. Also during the year the SRO has visited classes and provided students the opportunity to ask questions of the Police that they may ordinarily feel uncomfortable asking. This has assisted in building positive relationships with the students which will hopefully last into their adulthood. The SRO has assisted in numerous classes and participated in projects affording the opportunity to work one on one with students.

There has been a large focus on mental health issues within the school and the SRO has participated in school programs to assist in the awareness of these issues. The SRO has worked with the school administration providing educational support regarding disciplinary issues that arise within a school setting. The SRO has also investigated several reports filed by students that do not involve the school directly however the student felt comfortable speaking with the officer about the sensitive matters.

PC Christopher Spencer #90087
53 Division
School Resource Officer

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Community Traffic & Safety Officers

Focus was on providing a safer environment for residents in the various communities in our division.

Most enforcement done in the neighbourhoods was Stop Sign and Speed Enforcement.

The position of Community & Traffic Safety Officer is often dictated by the needs generated by ILP's. Community challenges for safety are recorded at the divisional level and disseminated to us for investigation. Enforcement & education go hand in hand with making the community feel safe. A drastic change needs to be seen in the driving behaviour of motorists.

A number of meetings with local Councillors and Neighbourhood Residents in complaint areas have been held, in order to find solutions to have a safer environment.

Thank you

PC Cannella
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53 Division Toy Drive

Photo-Left to Right **Constable Jami Bernier, RioCan Nicole Young, RioCan Lorelei Fernandes, Constable Timothy Somers, RMHC Stephanie Karapita, RMHC Laura Vickers, Staff Sergeant Matthew Moyer**

The Toy Drive was very successful with over 1000 toys collected, plus over \$3000 in cash.

Police Constable Timothy Somers is the coordinator of the initiative. Constable Somers was on camera with City News Toronto talking about the Toy Drive to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto. The RioCan Yonge Eglinton Centre partnered in this Community Initiative.

Staff Sergeant Matt Moyer, Sergeant Michael McGhee, Team Leader, Constable Jami Bernier along with the 53 Division Community Response Unit , were instrumental working alongside Constable Somers to make this Toy Drive a success. Thank you to the wonderful residents of the Community for donating to this great Charity!

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School Liaison Officer

My name is Janet Stather and I am the Community School Liaison Officer (CSLO) at 53 Division. I am responsible for delivering presentations at 31 Public and Catholic Schools as well as individual presentations at a number of Private Schools within the division. Children are delivered presentations from JK/SK to Grade 8 and we cover a wide curriculum ranging from Traffic Safety and Personal Safety in the younger grades to Sexting , Cyberbullying and Online Safety in the Grade 8 classes.

The CSLO works closely with schools and parents dealing with a variety of safety issues, be it parking or traffic concerns, school lockdowns, community issues as well as criminality. We also liaise with several units at 53 Division on a regular basis.

Over the past year I have had the opportunity of providing numerous tours and presentations at the police station to a variety of community groups, Cubs Scouts, Brownies or Girl Guides to name a few.

Homework Clubs were also attended throughout the division and lectures presented on Personal Safety and a variety of other topics to children. During the year I also attended and delivered presentations to parents at Parent Council/Association Meetings at various schools. In 2015, I also participated in an after school initiative, the Running and Reading Club held at Thorncliffe Park Public School. I attended the school weekly and acted as a Coach. The Program aims at improving children's physical, mental, emotional and social health, fostering discipline, goal-setting and literacy.

This year has been full of highlights, including the Running and Reading Club competing in the Regional Challenge at the University of Guelph and finishing 4th overall. I was thrilled to be able to attend the season ending event as a Coach and help cheer on and support the kids. I also take great satisfaction in hearing from parents and schools that the kids I speak to think of me as a "Superstar" and often regale their parents with stories about what they have learned both from and about the police. I look forward to continuing to foster that positive relationship between students and the police in the coming year.

The year has also had its share of challenges, none more so than the issues involving Social Media, Online Safety and Awareness, Cyberbullying and Bullying. I will strive to continue educating students and parents alike on their responsibilities in respect to these ever present issues.

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Mobile Crisis Intervention Team

MCIT

The Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) under the direct supervision of P.C. Brian Urquhart has been a welcomed addition to the challenges that Police Officers in 53 Division face with respect to dealing with citizens facing mental health issues. While partnered with a trained nurse, this form of intervention and street level assessment help expedite the service to those in crisis. The relationships with Mental Health service providers and the networking with local hospitals has been a great learning experience for our MCIT Officer, as well as the other members of 53 Division.



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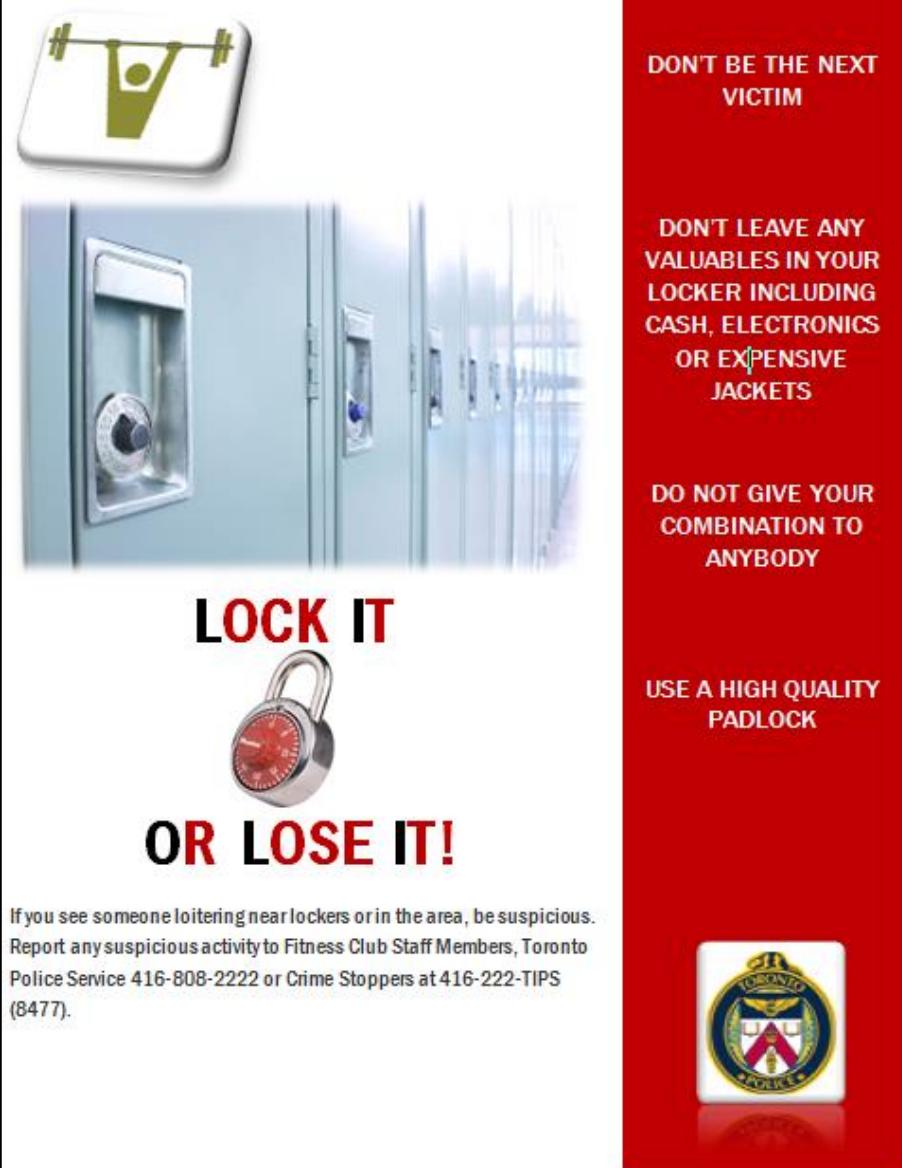
Emergency Car Kit

As the cold winter months are upon us it's important to be prepared for all types of weather conditions if you are travelling long distances by vehicle. Try to purchase an emergency car kit or create your own. Listed below are just a few things that you should have:

- Food that won't go bad, such as energy bars (replace every few months)
- Solar emergency blanket
- Water
- Extra clothing as well as gloves, toque and boots
- First aid kit
- A knife to cut seatbelts if necessary
- Small shovel, scraper and snowbrush
- Candle (include something to hold the candle such as a can)
- Flashlight (replace batteries regularly)
- Whistle
- Roadmaps
- Copy of your emergency plan
- Bag of road salt
- Extra windshield washer fluid
- Tow rope
- Jumper cables (be familiar with using them)
- Road flares or small reflective pylons

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The poster features a large image of a row of blue lockers with combination locks. In the top left corner, there is a small graphic of a person in a green vest working out on a bench press. Below the lockers, the text "LOCK IT" is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Underneath "LOCK IT" is a large image of a silver padlock. Below the padlock, the text "OR LOSE IT!" is written in large, bold, red capital letters. To the right of the lockers, there is a vertical column of safety tips on a red background:

- DON'T BE THE NEXT VICTIM
- DON'T LEAVE ANY VALUABLES IN YOUR LOCKER INCLUDING CASH, ELECTRONICS OR EXPENSIVE JACKETS
- DO NOT GIVE YOUR COMBINATION TO ANYBODY
- USE A HIGH QUALITY PADLOCK

If you see someone loitering near lockers or in the area, be suspicious. Report any suspicious activity to Fitness Club Staff Members, Toronto Police Service 416-808-2222 or Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS (8477).



If you have any questions about Crime Prevention, please contact the Crime Prevention and Disorder Management Officers,

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Detective Sergeant D. Sabadics #5784

For the 2015 YTD, 53 Division focused its resources within identified crime hot spots. By providing proactive policing in those areas that have experienced chronically high victimization rates, property crime has seen a significant reduction in victimization levels in the categories of Break and Enter, Theft Over \$5,000.00, and Theft from Auto over for the same period in 2014. Conversely, there has been a general upward trend in violent crime that includes the major crime categories of Sexual Assault, Assault and Robbery as well as an upsurge in Auto Thefts when compared to the same period last year throughout our policing boundaries. It is noted that police resource deployment was impacted across the city this summer during the PanAm and ParapanAm Games. Overall, all cited violent and property crime categories fell within or below the 5 year averages for major crime occurrences.

During this time period, 53 Division participated in the following 3 Service-wide initiatives:

Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (TAVIS) which supplemented uniform presence in our violent crime hot spots; and

Project Spring Clean that focuses proactive policing efforts on reducing Break and Enter, Robbery and Auto Theft victimization levels.

Neighbourhood Resource Officer Initiative that focuses on improving neighbourhood safety by reducing violent and property crime in identified high victimization neighbourhoods.

As noted, these initiatives have contributed to decreasing property crime levels in 53 Division this year.

Having the most affluent neighbourhoods to police not only in Toronto, but also within Canada continues to be a challenge and currently efforts are still underway to address an escalating rate in 53 Division and across Toronto relating to the theft of Acura and Lexus SUV makes and models from residential neighbourhoods during overnight hours.

Crime management strategies in 53 Division will continue to focus front line policing efforts in areas that are experiencing a disproportionate amount of major crime in the form of robberies, break and enter, motor vehicle thefts and violent crimes. Weekly crime management meetings continue to supplement this effort by adjusting deployments to follow historical and current crime trends to ensure that optimal resources are in place at the right place at the right day of the week and at the right times during those peak crime days. These constant reviews ensure

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around the clock policing in identified crime hot spots to best prevent criminal victimization.

Equally important to improving your safety and security is the need for community members to reduce the opportunities for crime by reporting suspicious persons and vehicles to the police and undertaking efforts that would target harden your property from the criminal element.

53 Division will assist you in improving your situational awareness of crime and vulnerabilities and you are strongly encouraged to call our Crime Prevention Officers, 416-808-5337 or 416-808-5308 for their advice in that regard.

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53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee

53 CPLC UPDATES

2015 started off the year with a new executive. Elected John Plumadore, Civilian Co-Chair, Masood Alam, Vice Chair, Heather Mitchell, Treasurer. Later in the year Daly McCarten elected Volunteer Secretary. 53 CPLC introduces a new "Forum" format to its meetings. Each meeting allows for a 20 minute topic on policing matters for presentation followed by a Q & A session.

To date we have discussed the following topics: Citizen's Arrest; Cyclist Rules of the Road; Vagrancy Law and Street Investigations (Carding). Other new initiatives include establishing our objectives for 2015-16; 1) SAVY Awards (Student scholarships), 2) Community Prevention (Domestic Violence), and 3) Community Safety (Flashing light Stop Sign).

53 has also documented its volunteer committee years of service for future recognition ceremonies going forward. We have also set about a corporate campaign fundraiser to support our three new initiatives. Also in 2015 we revised and updated our By-Laws, and our committee directory has been updated and circulated for accuracy.

53 Division continues to be one of the safest divisions in the Toronto Police Service jurisdiction. Crime rates are low and we lead the way in new policing methods.

Submitted by

Civilian Co-Chair
John Plumadore

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AUTO THEFT



PROTECTION TIPS



A professional can steal your vehicle in just 30 seconds – without the key.
Protect your vehicle from theft with a few simple precautions:

- ✓ Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.
- ✗ Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running.
- ✓ If you have a garage, use it and lock the door as well as your vehicle.
- ✗ Never leave your car keys in plain view or in an easily accessible area.
- ✓ Keep your vehicle registration certificate and proof of insurance on you at all times. Don't leave these documents in your glove compartment.
- ✓ Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- ✗ Never leave valuable objects or packages in full view. Put them in the trunk.
- ✓ Give only your ignition key to a parking lot attendant. Keep all other keys with you.

→ Inform your local police department, or call the IBC TIPS Line at **1-877-IBC-TIPS**, if you see vehicles or vehicle-related activities that look suspicious.



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