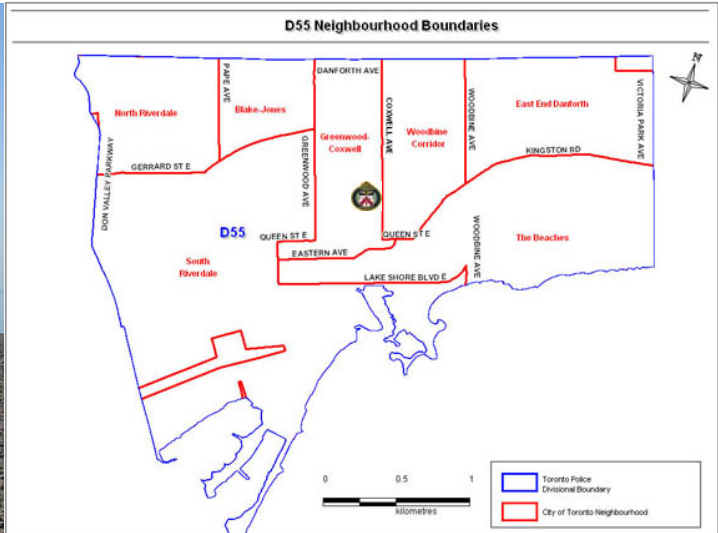


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MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT WAYNE PEDEN 55 DIVISION UNIT COMMANDER

School is out and summer is here. This will be a very busy season with some major events being hosted including the Beaches Jazz Festival, Canada Day Fireworks, the Taste of The Danforth and The Festival of South Asia to name but a few.

To ensure a safe and friendly family environment within the parks, there will be a heightened police presence throughout the course of the summer.

We are pleased to mention also, recently several of our officers were honoured with Officer of the Month Awards for 2007. Congratulations to each of them on a job well done.

We look forward to working closely with our community members during this season and wish you a Happy and Safe Summer 2008.

NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE OFFICER

Are you noticing disorderlies frequenting the same house on your street at all hours? Have you witnessed drug use or alcohol consumption in your neighbourhood park? Is there a senior living alone on your street that now appears to have "boarders" who you made find suspicious? Is there a suspected "grow op" on your street? How do you address these problems? Obviously if it is a life threatening situation, you dial 911. If there is no imminent danger, you can call Crime

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Stoppers, contact your local MPP, attend 55 Division and fill out a Community Complaint Form and/or contact me for assistance. I will look into the matter of ownership of the property, liaise with the Municipal Licensing and Standards and other agencies to get to the root of the problem. If these problems are not addressed they will surely escalate. If you are experiencing any of these types of issues in your neighbourhood, please take the necessary steps to advise the police so an investigation can commence.

Have a great summer!

P.C. Bill Boag #3456
55 Division
Neighbourhood Resource Officer.
william.boag@torontopolice.on.ca
Phone: 416 808-5570

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

Now that summer is around the corner, 55 Division is the host of many community events. Well known events such as the Taste of the Danforth and The Jazz Festival bring many visitors to our neighbourhoods. As in the past years, we have doubled the number of officers in the Community Response Unit to accommodate not only the number of people coming to the area but also the demand for police service.

The City's display of fireworks at Ashbridges Bay celebrating Victoria Day was very successful this year. Officers seized a large quantity of fireworks that were being set off illegally so that the attendees could enjoy a safe evening. We will be following the same procedure for Canada Day on July 1st, so please leave your fireworks at home.

The parks project started early this year and has been very successful. The complaints have decreased and it would appear that the message is getting out there. Our officers are patrolling the parks and school yards on the weekends during the evening hours when the offences of illegal substance abuse are occurring as well as crimes of mischief, robberies and assaults.

Last month the Community Response Officers did a John Sweep along Queen St. E. in the west end of 55 Division. This project was put together because of the information we had received from the community. Our community complaint form is an invaluable tool that gives us the information we need to look after the concerns of the citizens in our area.

This summer promises to be a busy one as there are so many things to do and see in 55 Division during the next few months. We hope that you will join us and that you have a safe and happy summer.

If you would like more information please contact a Community Response Supervisor.

Sgt Spanton #678
Sgt Warner #5606
55 Community Response Unit

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Phone: 416 808-5534 or 416 808-5595

HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON

For the month of June, the High School Liaison officer and the Elementary School Liaison officer teamed up and participated in a number of events, including a question and answer session at Queen Alexander Public School, regarding women in policing. Officers participated in a presentation with a number of female students aged 12-13 with regards to a possible career in policing. Following the presentation students, officers and staff members enjoyed a friendly baseball game at Eastdale Collegiate.

Officers also took part in the Glen Ames Public School Activity Day, participating in a variety of events.

With regards to enforcement, patrol was increased at The Adult Learning Centre at 1 Danforth Avenue, where complaints have been made in relation to drug activity.

P.C. Michelle Priem #8527
55 Division
High School Liaison Officer

TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT BICYCLE SAFETY



Most Canadian children age six to sixteen ride bicycles. Children start cycling for enjoyment at a very young age. As they mature and become more experienced cyclists, the transition from toy to transportation is made. With increasing independence, parents have less control of where the bicycle is ridden and how it is used. The attitude you as a parent, instill in your children from a young age will determine how they will ride for years to come.

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Starting Out:

Make sure your child's bike and helmet are the right size. He or she should be able to straddle the bike with both feet on the ground; a bike that is too big or too small is a safety hazard. Ten-speed bikes are not a good idea because small hands often cannot coordinate the handbrakes. Buy a bike with a coaster brake. As a minimum, your child's first bike should be equipped with a bell and reflectors.

For young children, set the following hard and fast rules:

- No playing on the road.
- No riding on busy streets.
- No riding at night.
- Stop for all stop signs.
- Ride on the right with traffic.
- Make your own decisions

Common Dangers:

The majority of bicycle injuries do not involve motor vehicles. Most injuries are the result of falls, collisions with stationary objects, and collisions with other bikes or pedestrians. Most accidents occur less than five blocks from home, in familiar surroundings.

The most serious incidents - including over 90 per cent of cyclist deaths - involve motor vehicles. In most collisions involving child cyclists, the child's action is a key factor. He or she may have violated a law or may simply have poor road sense. Teach your children as if their life depended on the lessons. It does.

The following are some of the most common causes of bicycle injuries:

Exiting a Driveway:

A youngster exits a driveway on a bicycle and gets hit by a car. Very often these incidents involve younger children: the average age is less than 10.

Does your driveway present obstructions to the view of passing motorists, such as bushes or trees? If so, trim them back. Most importantly, teach your child about driveway safety. Go outside to the driveway and have him or her practise the following steps:

- Stop before entering the street.
- Scan left, then right for traffic.
- If there's no traffic, proceed into the roadway.

Running the Stop Sign

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Most cyclists who get hit riding through stop signs know that they are supposed to stop. They just don't see why, or they get distracted. Impress on your child that, while he or she may not get hit every time, running stop signs is very dangerous. Take your child to a stop sign and explain what it means, emphasizing the following:

- Stop at all stop signs regardless of what is happening.
- Scan both directions for traffic.
- Wait for any cross traffic to clear.
- Proceed when safe.

Above all, practise what you preach!

Turning Without Warning

These collisions occur because the bicyclist makes an unexpected left turn without scanning behind for traffic or signalling.

Teach your children to walk their bikes across busy streets, at least until they have some advanced training and are old enough to understand traffic. In the meantime, for residential street riding, you can teach them to always scan and signal before turning left. Go to a playground to practise riding along a straight paint line while scanning behind. Stand alongside and hold up two fingers on your hand after the child rides by. Call their name. After 10 or 15 minutes of practice a 10 year old should be able to look behind and identify how many fingers you are holding up, all without swerving.

After Dark

Most crashes involving cyclists being hit by a car overtaking from the rear happen at night. These overtaking accidents can be serious. Most, however, involve older cyclists; the average age is about 20.

Rule out night riding for your youngster. It requires special skills and equipment. Few kids have either. Make your child understand that, if he or she gets caught out after dark on a bike, the only thing to do is to call you for a ride home. Maybe you could tape telephone money to the bike so that, in an emergency, your child can call.

For adults and teenagers, the first requirement is to be visible: use bright lights and reflectors, and wear light coloured clothes with reflective tape. The second requirement is to watch your shadow in the headlights of overtaking cars. If your shadow moves to the right as the car approaches from the rear, this means it is moving left to pass you. If your shadow stays right in front of you, it means the car is headed straight for you. Get out of the way!

Following the Leader

Many car/bike collisions take place when children are following each other. The first one may run a stop sign and get through. The second one may get hit. This pack think behaviour is hard to counter.

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Teach your child always to assess the traffic situation for him or herself. When a group is riding around, each cyclist should stop for stop signs. Each one should scan to the rear before making left turns.

Head Injuries

Less than 20 per cent of reported bicycle injuries involve collisions with cars. Most occur in falls, or as a result of riders losing control. A bad fall can result from a skid, catching a wheel in a crack or even getting a shoelace caught in the chain.

In a fall, the forehead usually hits the ground first. Head injuries cause most bicycle-related deaths and can result in serious injury such as brain damage. Up to 85 per cent of serious head injuries could be prevented by wearing a helmet.

Two-thirds of all cyclist deaths involve head injuries. Transport Canada statistics for 2001 reveal that all cyclist fatalities under age 15 were not helmeted. That's why it's critical for your child to wear a bike helmet that fits properly and is certified by CSA International.

When choosing a helmet, your child should try on several helmets carefully. Level the helmet over your child's forehead and adjust the chin strap to fit snugly and comfortably. It should protect the forehead without slipping forward or backward; and it should not move unless the scalp moves. A trained salesperson will help you ensure the fit is right.

Insist your child always wears a helmet when riding. (It goes without saying that parents must set an example by always wearing theirs when cycling.) Remember, a helmet only works when you wear it!

Never forget that example is the best teacher.

- Get into the helmet habit.
- Always stop at stop signs.
- Practice what you teach.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH E-BIKES



Cyclists will have noticed a new breed of a two-wheeled vehicle on the roads in the last year or more. Electric bicycles and scooters have become legal to use due to a pilot program of the

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Ontario Ministry of Transportation. The new bikes have been subject to some controversy amongst cyclists unaccustomed to sharing road space with electric two-wheelers.

Since August, 2006 electric bicycles have been legal on Ontario roads. Some look like Vespa scooters while proper electric bikes feature a manual pedal drive train augmented by a lead-acid, nickel-metal hydride, or lithium battery with the option of simply 'driving'. Pedalling an e-bike helps re-charge a battery while en route.

"When the test period is over after 2009, the government is going to look at those individuals who rode on sidewalks, double rode, or didn't wear helmets, and they're going to make e-bikes licensed, insured and regulated (just like other motor vehicles)."

Whether a scooter or conventional bike design, electric cycles feature silent motors. Ontario law demands only that the rider be at least 16 years of age and wear a helmet. No vehicle insurance or driver's licence is required. Maximum speed is 32 km/hr from a battery that is limited to a 500 watt maximum output.

The legal requirements for an e-bike in Ontario include the following:

- Has steering handlebars and is equipped with pedals.
- Is designed to be propelled primarily by muscular power and to travel on two or three wheels.
- Has an electric motor with a maximum power of 500 watts and a maximum speed of 32 km/h.
- Bears a label that is permanently affixed by the manufacturer in a conspicuous location stating, in French and English, that the vehicle is a power-assisted bicycle and meets federal Motor Vehicle Safety regulations.

Electric scooters without steering handlebars and pedals are not permitted in bicycle lanes.

Sgt. Rob Whalen #5940
55 Division Traffic Services
Community Response Unit

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS OF THE MONTH

The nice weather has arrived and students will be out of school for the summer holidays. In 55 Division there is ample green space within our parks, ravines and the beaches. Every year around this time, we have many young people from throughout the city that frequent these areas. In the past we have received numerous complaints from residents about noise, the consumption of alcohol and drugs, and vandalism.

We would like to see these areas remain a beautiful and safe place for everyone to enjoy. There will be extra officer's that will be assigned to patrol the parks during problem hours. There will be

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zero tolerance for illegal activity. Parents should always be aware of their children's whereabouts, especially during the evening hours. Many under age youth will carry alcohol in their school back packs.

I remind everyone that vandalism of any type including graffiti is a criminal offence.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

PC Henderson #1342
Community Relations Office
55 Division

COMMUNITY GRAFFITI MEETING

One of the major concerns in our community is the ongoing problem with graffiti. Our neighbourhood storefronts, garages and bus shelters are prime targets. The police view graffiti as willful damage to property, thus making it a crime. Artistic value is not a consideration when a person damages another party's property.

To address this issue, members of 54 and 55 Division along with the respective CPLC's hosted a community meeting on graffiti at Main Square Recreation Centre on May 27th. The meeting was well attended with 60 community members present along with representatives from different levels of government and representation from the Crown Attorneys Office and the T.T.C.

Various issues attributed to graffiti were discussed with the community through the CPLC's circulating a petition to have the laws around graffiti strengthened.

Community Centre 55 runs a graffiti removal program during the months of July and August utilizing summer students. They also sell Taginator and Enviro-Solutions to aid in the removal of graffiti. It is advised that quick removal is ideal as time is a factor in the settling of the paint.

To inquire about the removal program or purchase removal products please contact Evonne Hossack at 416 691-1113 ext#222 or at evonne.cc55@bellnet.ca

If you have any questions about this or any other crime prevention tip feel free to contact P.C. Rob McDonald the 55 Division Crime Prevention Officer at (416) 808-5579 or via email at Robert.McDonald1@torontopolice.on.ca or at 55Division@torontopolice.on.ca

PC Rob McDonald #7290
Crime Prevention Officer
55 Division

ARREST OF THE MONTH

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In May 2008, several youths were approached by an adult male suspect who was riding a bicycle in the Leslieville area. He would offer to pay the youths to commit certain acts. An investigation was commenced and a possible suspect was identified. Officers were given the suspects' physical description and located him in the area riding a bicycle. The suspect tried to flee from Police by ditching the bicycle and climbed a nearby fence. After a foot pursuit, the offender was apprehended and charged with the following offences:

The suspect, Douglas GASPELL, 41 yrs old was charged with Invitation to Sexual touching, Breach of Prohibition Order, Criminal Harassment, Fail to Comply with Probation x2, Possession of child pornography.

In January 2008, a lone male suspect attended several variety stores situated on Queen Street East in the west end of 55 Division. He would produce a knife and demanded cash from the cash register. An investigation was commenced and a suspect was identified, located and eventually arrested in June 2008.

An 18 yr old male was charged Robbery x 4. He was 17 at the time of the offences.

PC Kevin Grant #4588
Divisional Analyst
55 Division

NEWS RELEASES

Robbery (Purse Snatch) - 55 Division

A 60 year old female reports that on June 13, 2008 at approximately 1206 hours, she was in the area of Broadview Avenue and Riverdale Avenue when she was approached from behind by a male suspect. The suspect grabbed the victim's purse and fled the scene southbound on Riverdale Avenue. The victim sustained minor injuries and will seek her own medical attention. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described person in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect: Male, white, 28-30 years, 5'11"-6'1", 180-194 pounds, medium build, brown, short, straight hair.

Robbery (Swarming) - 55 Division

Two 13 year old males report that on June 10, 2008 at approximately 1800 hours, they were in the area of Drayton Avenue and Hanson Avenue when they were approached by three male suspects. One victim was riding a bicycle when one of the suspects pushed him off. The suspect then kicked the victim in the chest and fled the scene on the bicycle in an unknown direction. One victim sustained minor injuries. No injuries were sustained by the second victim. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described persons in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect #1: Male, white, 15 to 17 years, 5'4", 119 lbs, thin build, short blond hair. Suspect #2: Male, white, 17 to 19 years, 6' to 6'2", 189 to 200 lbs, heavy build, short blond hair. Suspect #3: Male, white, 17 to 19 years, 5'7", 141 lbs, thin build.

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SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS REQUIRED:

The Toronto Police Service invites applications for the position of School Crossing Guard to work at one of our Divisions throughout the City. You can contact 55 Division at:

Phone: 416 808-5538

101 Coxwell Avenue, Toronto, Ont. M4L 3B3

Your main duty is to safely cross all school-aged children up to and including grade 6. As a courtesy, you may assist older children, adults, elderly, the disabled or any other person you feel would benefit from your assistance. We invite you to apply in person as well.

For any additional information please call the Division that is closest to your home address.

The salary for the Crossing Guard position is \$10.36 per hour with 12% Traveling Allowance and 4% Vacation Pay.

Note:

All applicants must pass a vision test

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

Must not have been convicted of a criminal offence for which a pardon has not been obtained. If a pardon was obtained, proof of pardon must be provided. If a conditional or absolute discharge has been received, proof that the RCMP has sealed the records must be provided.

A security check will be conducted.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 2008:

Our officers at 55 Division attend a wide variety of community events including, Street Festivals, School Fun Fairs and Bike Rodeos. If you would like a Toronto Police Service representative to attend a community event in 55 Division please contact Sue Shepherd at 416-808-5519.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Beaches Canada Day Celebrations Woodbine Park 12-9p.m	2	3	4	5 Car Seat Clinic: Contact PC Greenlaw 416 808-5554
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Beaches Jazz Festival Woodbine Park	19 Car Seat Clinic: Contact PC Greenlaw 416 808-5554 and Beaches Jazz Festival Woodbine Park
20 Beaches Jazz Festival Woodbine Park	21	22	23	24 Beaches Jazz Street Fest Queen St. E Between Woodine and Beech Ave.	25 Beaches Jazz Street Fest Queen St. E Between Woodine and Beech Ave.	26 Beaches Jazz Street Fest Queen St. E Between Woodine and Beech Ave. and Beaches Jazz Kew Gardens
27 Beaches Jazz Kew Gardens	28	29	30	31		Please note there will also be a Car Seat Clinic on August 16 th

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Working Together To Prevent Crime



**Neighbourhood
416-225-1102**



Watch

Emergency Service

Call 9-1-1 for - Fire, crime in progress or medical emergency.

**Toronto Police Service Non-emergency Number (to report the crime)
416-808-2222**

**Toronto Crime Stoppers (anonymous)
(Interpretations are available in over 140
416-222-TIPS or 416-222-8477
<http://youtube.com/user/1800222TIPS>**



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