

What is TAVIS ?

The **Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy** is an intensive, violence-reduction and community engagement initiative intended to increase safety in Toronto neighbourhoods.

Through TAVIS, more police officers are assigned to areas that are experiencing challenges in relation to violence.

TAVIS is led by the Toronto Police Service. TAVIS partners include Toronto Community Housing and City of Toronto Divisions such as Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Public Health, Community Crisis Response and others.



Toronto Community Housing



What is the Jane-Finch TAVIS Initiative?

This summer, the **Jane-Finch** community will have 43 more police officers assigned to it. Each of the dedicated and experienced officers will be walking and cycling throughout the area:

- ♦ to intervene and prevent incidence of violence
- ♦ introducing themselves to neighbourhood residents and business owners
- ♦ participating in local activities and events
- ♦ expanding current relationships and creating new ones
- ♦ providing the community with information about the TAVIS concept of policing
- ♦ working with citizens, the community, and City of Toronto departments to mobilize the community with the goal of creating a safer neighbourhood that is less dependent on city and police resources



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Some of the TAVIS-Related Activities

Caribana - local youth will participate in Caribana events.

Sports Programs - soccer, basketball and other outdoor activities.

Youth Symposium - for young people to meet with TAVIS officers and discuss local issues.

Bicycle Racing Team – local youth will be provided a free bicycle, receive training and participate in an organized bicycle street race.

Crime prevention Activities - community members will assist in identifying problem locations, such as where more lighting is required or where bushes should be trimmed, all in an effort to increase safety.

Beautification Project – a location in the Jane-Finch area will be selected for a landscaping beautification project.

Graffiti Removal – community members, police and city partners will work together to locate and remove graffiti from their neighbourhood.

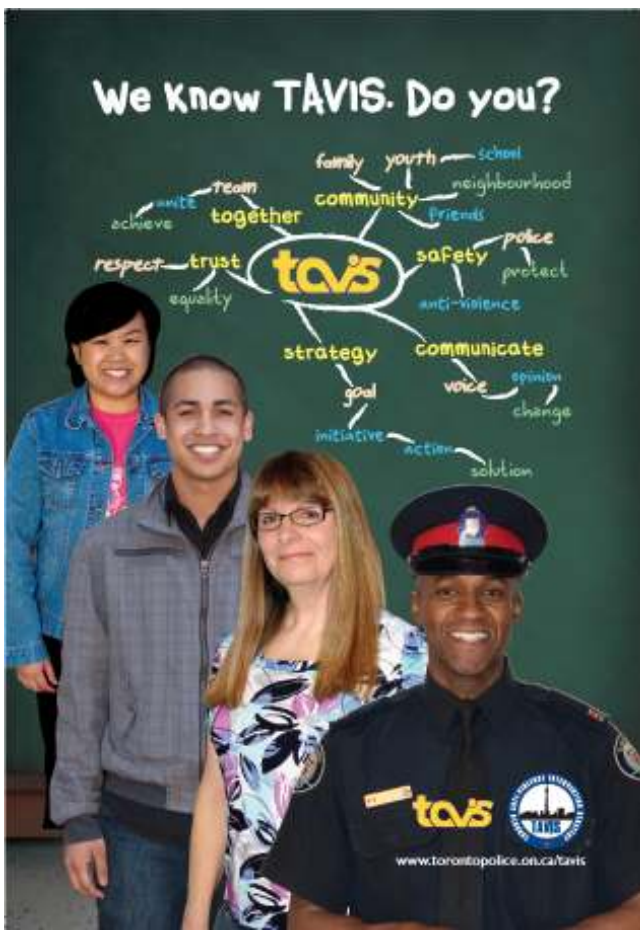


How Can I Get Involved?

The Toronto Police Service, City of Toronto offices, and other TAVIS partners are dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer, **but we cannot do it alone**. Local citizens, community groups and business owners are encouraged to contact 31 Division's Community Response Office to see how they can get involved.

**31 Division
Community Response Unit
Toronto Police Service**

Phone (416) 808-3119



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