



## What is TAVIS?

- TAVIS is the **Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy**, which is an intensive, violence reduction and community mobilization strategy intended to reduce crime and increase safety in our neighbourhoods.
- TAVIS is led by the Toronto Police Service. Partners include Toronto Community Housing and City of Toronto departments such as Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Toronto Public Health, Social Development, Finance and Administration, Toronto Office of Partnerships and others.

### How does it work?

- TAVIS rolls out in three phases:
  - 1) Additional Toronto Police Service officers are assigned to areas experiencing an increase in violent activity;
  - 2) Once the neighbourhood is safe, 'maintenance-level' enforcement continues with increased police, city and community member collaboration; and
  - (3) 'Normalized' policing provided as support to an empowered community.
- An essential part of TAVIS is engagement with community members. It becomes the support system necessary to deal more effectively with the root causes of crime.
- The success of TAVIS is not based on the number of arrests made, but on the reduction in crime, enhancement of public trust and confidence, and the building of relationships within the communities most affected by violence.

### Will I see TAVIS officers in my neighbourhood?

- TAVIS is a city-wide strategy and officers assigned to TAVIS can be found in any Toronto neighbourhood experiencing an increase in violent criminal activity.

### What is the Neighbourhood TAVIS Initiative?

- For the third year, during the summer months, additional TAVIS officers will be assigned to neighbourhoods experiencing a heightened level of violence. This summer, the Albion-Finch area of 23 Division, the Jane-Finch area of 31 Division and the Scarborough Village area of 43 Division have been selected.
- These neighbourhoods were chosen using crime trend analysis, occurrence mapping, and community consultation. The areas were selected because they are experiencing a disproportionate level of criminal activity for their size.

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