



Toronto Community Housing



What is TAVIS?

The Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy 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/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 criminal activity.

What is the Neighbourhood TAVIS Initiative?

For the fourth year, during the summer months, additional TAVIS officers will be assigned to neighbourhoods experiencing a heightened level of violence. This summer, the Weston-Mount Dennis area of 12 Division and the Eglinton East-Kennedy Park area of 41 and 43 Division have been selected.

These neighbourhoods were chosen using crime trend analysis, occurrence mapping and community consultation. They were identified because they are experiencing a disproportionate level of criminal activity for their size.

To learn more about TAVIS, contact any Toronto Police Service Division at 416-808-2222 or Sergeant Tony Forchione at 416-808-7736. You can also learn more through Toronto Community Housing, Jeff Ferrier at 416-981-4252 or City of Toronto, Social Development, Finance and Administration, Brendan Nolan at 416-392-5398