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Message from Staff Inspector Larry Sinclair #88

UNIT COMMANDER OF 53 DIVISION

Greetings and welcome to the February 2010 edition of our 53 Division Community Bulletin.

Although it is very early in the New Year, reported incidents of crime in our Division, based on the seven major crime indicators, have decreased an average of 49% compared with the same period in 2009. Once again I thank you for getting involved by reporting crime, suspicious behaviour and unusual incidents.

Even though personal injury and property damage collisions have decreased 66% and 51% respectively compared with 2009, January has been marked by a dramatic increase in pedestrian fatalities. Tragically, to date, 14 pedestrians have been killed in motor collisions in the G.T.A. Six of these occurred in the City of Toronto, one in 53 Division at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant and Eglinton. Each of these deaths was preventable. Each of these deaths was caused by driver error or pedestrian error or a combination of both. Driving, cycling and walking need and deserve our full attention. Distractions such as cell phones, texting devices and iPods impair two critical senses required by drivers and pedestrians - hearing and sight. Please be attentive when using our sidewalks and roadways. Obey traffic signs and signals. When crossing at a signalized intersection or crosswalk, pedestrians should **STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN** to ensure traffic has come to a complete stop. Also, try and make eye contact with the drivers who have stopped. Avoid crossing busy streets in mid intersection and consider wearing light coloured clothing. Our goal is for everyone to 'Arrive Alive'.

Due to its significant impact on apprehending violent offenders and reducing and preventing crime in 2008 and 2009, The Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (T.A.V.I.S), will continue during 2010. There are 72 uniformed police officers (four teams of 18) assigned to T.A.V.I.S. to support divisional crime management initiatives through intensified directed patrol and community mobilization activities in neighbourhoods identified as having chronic problems with violent crime. It is important to note that the majority of gun violence is confined to distinct target areas and is concentrated amongst a small group of identified high risk offenders. T.A.V.I.S. Teams will be focusing their enforcement activities on these individuals in the target areas.

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As well, each Division has developed a specific anti-violence strategy to address local issues. At 53 Division we have identified the areas where most of our violent crime has occurred, have assigned Neighbourhood Officers and have implemented an intelligence-led strategy which will include a coordinated police response to incidents of violence. Measures include apprehension, deterrence, and suppression of crime and disorder.

In short, you will be seeing an increased uniformed police presence in our neighbourhoods. It is vital that you continue to be involved with your police officers in preventing crime thereby ensuring our community remains safe, secure and liveable.

Anyone who has concerns relating to crime or traffic issues in 53 Division may send those to our general email address: 53division@torontopolice.on.ca. However, be aware this email address is specifically for comments and concerns of a non-emergency nature. In an urgent situation, requiring police presence, please use the Emergency 911 phone number. However, for routine inquiries or if you wish to speak with a police officer for assistance or advice, please call 53 Division at 416-808-5300.

I thank all of you who came to and supported our sixth annual New Year's Levee on Sunday January 10th. We had approximately 350 visitors tour the station and it was wonderful to see everyone. Special thanks to our C.P.L.C. members, Natasha Gromoff-Kramer, Elizabeth Mason and Patricia Garnett-Smith who assisted in serving the refreshments and helping out in the kitchen. Once again I thank Mr. Phil Wilson, Corporate Security, Bank of Montreal for the refreshments he provided.

Regards.



Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety is for all ages. Unfortunately, in traffic incidents involving pedestrians and motorists, it is the pedestrian who suffers, often with tragic results. In many cases it is not the driver's fault. It is the responsibility of both driver and pedestrian to ensure each others safety by following some simple rules.

As a pedestrian:

- Cross at marked crosswalks or traffic lights, not in the middle of the block or between parked cars;
- Make sure drivers see you before you cross;
- Cross when traffic has come to a complete stop;
- At a traffic light, cross at the beginning of a green light. Do not cross once the "Don't Walk" signal begins to flash or once the light has turned to yellow. Never cross on a red light;
- Watch for traffic turning at intersections or entering and leaving driveways;
- Wear bright or light-coloured clothing or reflective strips, when walking in dusk or darkness.

As a motorist:

- Be patient, especially with older pedestrians who need more time to cross the road;
- Always look for pedestrians, especially when turning;
- Remember, stay alert and slow down on residential streets and through school zones.

Breaking the law can be costly. Fines for offences at pedestrian crossings, school crossings, and at crosswalks where there are traffic signals are \$150 and 3 demerit points. All fines are double (\$300) in Community Safety Zones near schools and public areas.

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As a parent or caregiver:

- Teach and reinforce the proper techniques for crossing the road safely with your child.
- Stress the importance of walking on the inside of the sidewalk, or where there are no sidewalks, as far away as possible from the travelled portion of the road;
- Stopping before the edge of the sidewalk at all times;
- Being alert and stopping at driveways and where there are no curbs.



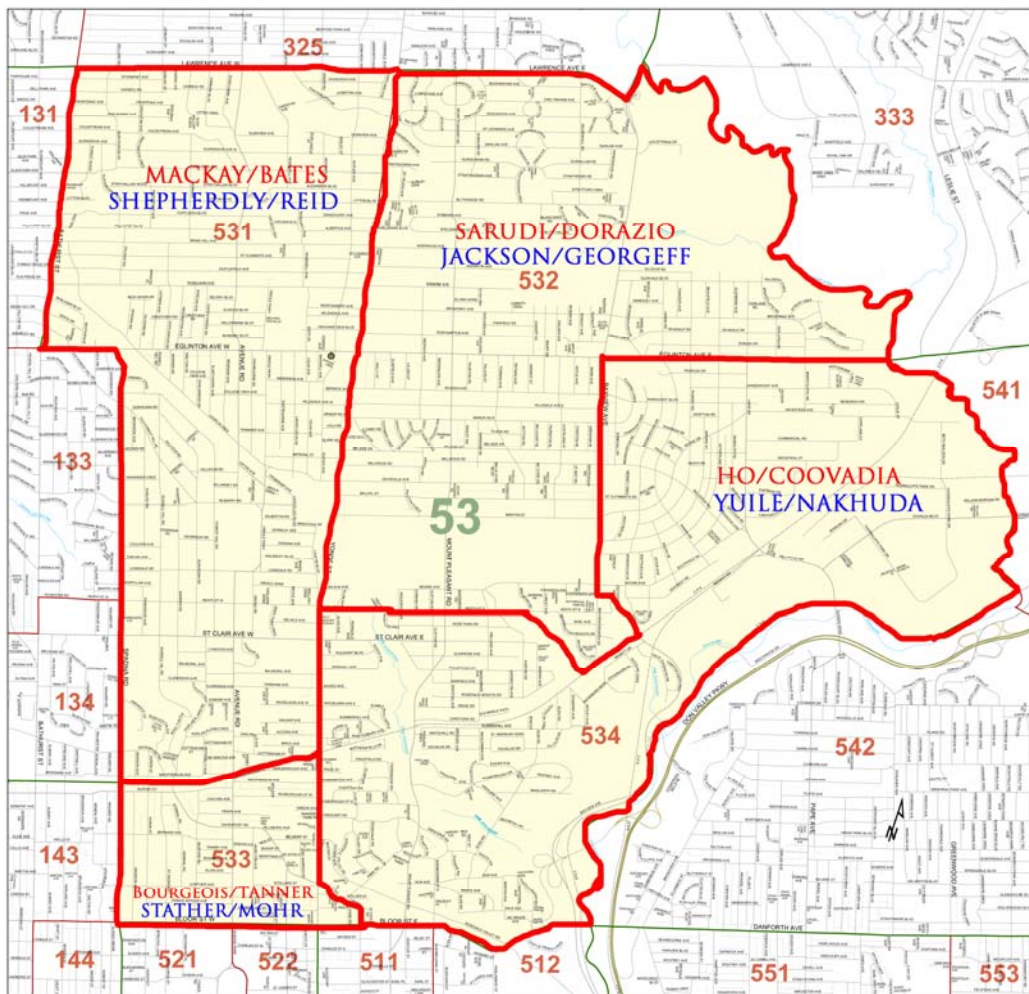
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Neighbourhoods in the 53 Division

Community members interested in speaking with their assigned Neighbourhood Officer(s) are encouraged to telephone the 53 Division Community Response Office at 416-808-5319.



TORONTO POLICE SERVICE



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75 Eglinton Ave W
M4R 2G9

NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS

FA-1

SGT. MATT MUNGAL #4201

PC AB COOVADIA #874
PC VICTOR SARUDI #8568
PC JOSEPH HO #99438
PC JEAN BOURGEOIS #5461
PC RON MACKAY #99680
PC NICK DORAZIO #9113
PC LANA BATES #8637
PC JOHN TANNER #9035

FA-2

SGT. RICK GIBILLINI #4677

PC SEAN MOHR #8637
PC JANET STATHER #5374
PC BRIAN YUILE #99750
PC HANIF NAKHUDA #5466
PC GORD SHEPHERDLY #1221
PC WAYNE JACKSON #5049
PC RHONDA REID #9098
PC MARCUS GEORGEFF #87477



Contacting the Toronto Police Service



Emergencies or Crimes in Progress

If you require emergency assistance, or want to report a crime in progress, please call **9-1-1**. An emergency is any situation where people or property are at risk. (including but not limited to fires, crimes in progress or medical emergencies.)

Non-Emergency

If you require Police assistance, but are not in an emergency situation (e.g. Reporting thefts, vandalism, fraud) or for other situations where no person or property is in immediate danger, please call our non-emergency telephone number at **416-808-2222**.

TDD (TTY) - Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

For emergencies, dial **9-1-1** and **press the space bar announcer key repeatedly** until a response is received.

The Toronto Police Service non-emergency TDD number is: **416-467-0493**.

Crime Stoppers

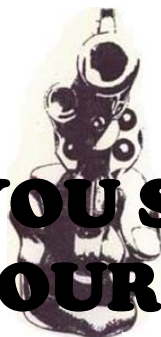
If you have information about a crime that you would like to report anonymously, please call Crime Stoppers at **416-222-TIPS** (8477), toll-free 1-800-222-TIPS, or visit their website: <http://www.toronto-crimestoppers.com/>.



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
CALL 416-343-GUNS (4867) or
e-mail: ReportingGuns@torontopolice.on.ca

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URBAN ORGANIZED CRIME SQUAD TIP LINE

- . Guaranteed confidentiality**
- . No call display**
- . Remain anonymous (if you wish)**



THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD
BE YOUR OWN!

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S scholar A athlete V volunteer Y youth

53 Division SAVY Award

The Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), in cooperation with the Social Committee of 53 Division of the Toronto Police Services, will again be offering a bursary to a student. The SAVY Award will support local youth making positive life decisions, and acknowledges the difficult balance for youth who strive for academic excellence, athletic participation and community volunteerism.

The \$1,000.00 award will be given to a 53 Division graduating student who displays a combination of: a minimum academic average of 80%, participation on an athletic team, and outstanding community commitment.

Educators/community leaders are welcome to nominate a student or individual students may apply on their own. All applicants must meet the criteria outlined in the attachment. A selection committee will be appointed by the 53 Division Social Committee and the CPLC whose decision as to the award winner will be final.

Application forms must be received by Friday March 5th, 2010. All forms, documents, letters of reference are to be enclosed in an envelope and addressed to:

Toronto Police Services - 53 Division
75 Eglinton Avenue West
Toronto, ON M4R 2G9
Attention: Josie Aceto, SAVY Award Committee

The recipient will be contacted by Monday May 3rd, 2010 and confirmed the final week of the academic calendar upon final confirmation of academic standing and awards. If possible the award will be incorporated into the Graduation or Commencement ceremony of the recipient's school

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Social Committee and CPLC

Student Award Criteria

The following is a list of criteria for the 53 Division Social Committee and CPLC Student Award:

1. Reside within the boundaries of 53 Division (South of Lawrence / North of Bloor / East of Bathurst / West of the Don River) **and be a graduating student at one of the area Secondary Schools**

Eligibility confirmed by address on school registration.

2. Student must at the time of their application be achieving an average mark at or above 80%.

Eligibility confirmed by student submitting copy of report card with application

3. Student must be a participant of an Athletic Program.

Eligibility confirmed by a letter from a school administrator/coach/mentor outlining the team, coach and role of the student on the team/program.

4. The student must demonstrate having made a meaningful contribution to improve the quality of life within the community.

Eligibility confirmed by the student submitting a letter outlining his/her contributions and shall include contact information for references and letters of reference.

This is above the mandated 40 hours of volunteer time.

5. The student must outline their intentions for the use of the money.

If a student plans to use the funds to pay for post secondary education, a letter of acceptance from a post secondary institution shall be sufficient.

A student not pursuing post secondary school is eligible for the Award however a detailed outline of what the money will be used for will be required. An example of this situation may be a student planning on conducting aid work in a developing nation. In this situation a student will be required to provide an outline of the activities and associated expenses that need to be covered. References will be required.

An overview of anticipated costs will be used by the selection committee and given consideration.

All other bursaries/scholarships and awards must be declared. The Committee shall review all bursaries/scholarships and awards with any proposed winner prior to announcement of the winner.

In addition, the selection committee will decline any applicant already receiving bursaries, scholarships or awards totaling twice the amount offered by the 53 Div/CPLC Award.

6. Student must complete the academic year with an average mark at or above 80%.

This will be confirmed by copy of the student's final report card or letter from the school.

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53 Division SAVY Award Student Award Application Form

Personal Information:

Name: _____
Address*: _____
Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

*please attach proof of address

Academic Information:

School Attending: _____
Overall Average*: _____

*please attach most recent report card

Athletic Information:

Team(s): _____

Position(s): _____

Coach/Mentor Contacts*: _____

*please attach letter(s) of reference confirming your athletic participation

Community Involvement*:

How do you contribute to your community? Please outline the roles/organizations with which you are affiliated. Attach any pertinent letters of reference/correspondence with contact information.

*Beyond the minimum 40 hour Provincial requirement.

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53 Division Student Award Application Form - continued

Future Plans:

Please outline your goals/ambitions after graduation and how you plan to achieve them. _____

Impact of the Award*:

Outline your plans of how the money from the award will be used.

*attach documentation for confirmation (ex: College/University letter of acceptance, international aid programs, references, contact information)

Have you applied for any additional scholarships, bursaries or awards? If so, please provide details* _____

*All other awards must be declared. Any applicant receiving more than a total of \$2000.00 in scholarships, bursaries and awards in this academic year will be ineligible for this award.



MAJOR ARRESTS



Youth Arrested for Selling Drugs

On Thursday January 7th at approximately 12:10 pm, Community Response officers were on foot patrol on Orchard View Blvd.

While patrolling through one of the apartment buildings, they observed 8 youths loitering in the east stairwell of the building and detected a strong odour of marijuana.

During the investigation, the suspect produced 5 small packages of marijuana.

The suspect was placed under arrest for the possession of marijuana. Further investigation revealed the suspect had a large amount of marijuana in his back pack.

The suspect was then transported to 53 Division for further investigation.

Charged with possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana for the purpose and possession of proceeds of crime is a 16 year old young offender. He was held for a show cause hearing to answer to the charges.

Yorkville B & E Suspect Grabbed

On Saturday January 16th, at approximately 4:00 am the suspect was observed by maintenance staff, looking into store windows on Yorkville Avenue. He appeared to be casing the stores and then entering laneways that lead to the rear doorways of the stores.

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The police were called and a short time later, he was located at the corner of Bellair and Cumberland. During the investigating the suspect was unable to give a reasonable reason as to why he was in the area of upscale shops in the Yorkville Avenue area. The suspect was also in possession of a black gym bag that contained tools, gloves and a large garbage bag.

The suspect was arrested and transported to 53 Division. During the investigation it was revealed that the suspect was responsible for a break & enter into an office building on Yorkville Ave just prior to being observed by the maintenance staff.

Charged with break & enter and possession of burglars tools is **John PECKHAM**, 45 years of Toronto. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts to answer to the charges.

Yorkville B & E Bandit Arrested Again

On Thursday December 31st 2009 officers attended a radio call regarding a break and enter on Hazelton Ave. Officers were advised by the victim that he had surveillance video of the suspect breaking into the clothing store.

The suspect gained entry by smashing through the front glass door of the business with an unknown object. He immediately went downstairs into the men's wear section where he proceeded to remove numerous dress shirts, sport coats and belts. The suspect packed all of the stolen items into two large duffel bags, ran back upstairs and fled out the front door.

During the investigation, the suspect was identified by police through the surveillance video. It was also discovered that the suspect was responsible for other break and enters on Hazelton Ave & Scollard St. On Monday January 25th the suspect was arrested while in custody on other un-related matters.

Charged with 3 counts of break & enter is John PECKHAM, 45 years of Toronto. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts to answer to the charges.



MAJOR NEWS RELEASES

Missing girl, Mariam Makhniashvili, 17 years.

The Toronto Police Service are requesting the assistance of the public locating a missing girl. Mariam Makhniashvili, 17, was last seen on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., in the Bathurst Street Eglinton Avenue West area. She is described as white, 5'3", 140 lbs., light brown shoulder length hair, brown eyes. She was last seen wearing black pants, a light blue shirt, dark blue jean jacket carrying a large black backpack with a green stripe. Police are concerned for her safety.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-5300, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).



On Thursday, October 8, 2009, a member of the community contacted police after locating a backpack, now known to belong to Mariam Makhniashvili, at the rear of 120 Eglinton Avenue East.



HAVE YOU SEEN MARIAM?



Missing since September 14, 2009

Call Toronto Police Service
53 Division
@ 416-808-5300

or

Crimestoppers
@ 416-222-TIPS



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Robbery (Mugging) - 53 Division

A 19 year old male reports that on January 5, 2010 at approximately 0000 hours, he was in the area of Erskine Avenue and Redpath Avenue when he was approached by a male suspect. The suspect produced a handgun and made a demand for cash. The victim did not comply. The suspect fled the scene in an unknown direction. No injuries were sustained by the victim. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described person in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect: Male, black, 23-26 years, 5'9"-6'0".

Robbery (Financial Institution) - 53 Division

A teller for the Bank of Montreal, 2953 Bathurst Street, reports that on January 12, 2010 at approximately 1133 hours, three male suspects wearing masks and armed with handguns entered the premises. Two of the suspects approached and jumped over the counter while the third suspect stood watch at the door. The suspects pointed their handguns to the victim and demanded money. The suspects grabbed a quantity of cash from the drawer, then all the suspects fled the scene in an unknown direction. No injuries were sustained by the victim. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described persons in connection with this offence. Description of Suspects #1 to #3: Male, black, 20 to 23 years, 5'6" to 5'9", 141 to 161 pounds, thin build, brown eyes.

Robbery (Business) - 53 Division

A 51 year old male employee of Shoppers Drug mart, 550 Eglinton Avenue West, reports that on January 14, 2010 at approximately 1850 hours a male suspect entered the premises. The suspect removed articles from the shelves and concealed them on his person. The suspect attempted to exit the premises without paying and was confronted by the victim. The suspect produced a knife, fled the scene in a westerly direction towards Castlewood Avenue and entered a vehicle travelling northbound on Castlewood Avenue. No injuries were sustained by the victim. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described person in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect: Male, black, 5'8"-5'10", 200-220 pounds, muscular build.

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Robbery (Swarming) - 53 Division

A 22 year old female reports that on January 20, 2010 at approximately 1300 hours, she was in a park, located at Thorncliffe Park Drive when she was approached, from behind, by three female suspects. One suspect pushed the victim to the ground. A second suspect removed cash and a gift certificate from the victim's jacket pocket while the third suspect stood as look-out. All three suspects then fled the scene in an unknown direction. No injuries were sustained by the victim. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described persons in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect #1: Female, 20-22 years, 5'6", 130 pounds, medium build, dark curly hair, half in cornrows. Suspect #2: Female, 20-22 years, dark shoulder length hair. Suspect #3: Female, 20-22 years, 110 pounds, thin build.

Robbery (Mugging) - 53 Division

A 17 year old male reports that on January 22, 2010 at approximately 1514 hours, he was in the area of Avenue Road and Glenview Avenue, when he was approached from behind by a male suspect. The suspect grabbed the victim around the neck and pointed a knife at his stomach. The suspect made a demand for the victim's property. The victim complied and the suspect removed his Ipod touch. The suspect fled the scene in an unknown direction. The victim did not sustain any injuries. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described person in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect: Male, black, 20 to 22 years, 5'6" to 5'7", 114 to 119 pounds, thin build, pockmarked face, brown eyes.

Robbery (Swarming) - 53 Division

Four 16 year old males report that on January 25, 2010 at approximately 1550 hours, they were in the area of Chatsworth Drive and Cheritan Avenue when they were approached by seven male suspects. The suspects surrounded the victims and made a demand for their personal property. Two of the suspects produced knives and threatened the victims. The suspects fled the scene in an unknown direction with a quantity of cash. No injuries were sustained by the 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, 18 to 19 years, 5'5" to 5'6", NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE. Suspect #2: Male, 18 to 19 years, 5'11" to 6', 185 pounds, medium build, bald or shaved head. Suspect #3: Male, 6', 169 pounds, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE. Suspect #4: Male, black, 18 to 19 years, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE. #5-#7: Male, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE.



Media Release

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and Insurance Bureau of Canada Still Reminding Citizens to “Lock it or Lose it!”

For Immediate Release: January 20, 2010

(Toronto, ON) – With cold weather conditions always threatening to put Ontario into a deep freeze, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) are again reminding drivers to Lock It or Lose It!

Developed in partnership with IBC, the goal of this proactive crime prevention program is to encourage drivers to take a few simple precautions to help protect them and their vehicles from opportunistic criminals.

Vehicles left warming up in driveways on cold mornings or outside of coffee shops, convenience stores, and ATM locations, are highly vulnerable to being stolen. Many thefts of vehicles and thefts of vehicle contents can be easily prevented.

“An unlocked door is an invitation to thieves,” said OACP President Chief Daniel Parkinson (Cornwall Community Police Service). “Frequently during the colder months, officers are finding vehicles left unlocked and idling. The *Ontario Highway Traffic Act* requires motorists to take precaution against their vehicle being set in motion. Those who leave vehicles idling unattended for any reason may be subject to charge under the *Highway Traffic Act*.”

Mac’s Convenience stores across Ontario have already joined the effort to help curb this problem by promoting Lock it or Lose it through their 700 stores using their windows and in-store LCD monitors.

“Mac’s Convenience Stores strives to be a leader in crime prevention,” explained Sean Sportun, Manager, Loss Prevention and Security for Mac’s in Central Canada. “Supporting the *Lock It or Lose It* program demonstrates our continued commitment to the overall safety of the community.”

Under the “Lock It or Lose It” program, police officers also examine parked vehicles to confirm they are locked and that no valuables have been left in plain view. A small safety notice placed on every vehicle checked indicates what safety precautions were neglected and offers a few simple prevention tips, drivers can use to protect their vehicles against theft. The notice also congratulates those who have taken the time to ensure their vehicle is secure, with valuables out of sight.

The “Lock It or Lose It” program reminds drivers to always:

- Roll up their vehicles’ windows
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Lock their doors,
- Pocket their keys, and
- *Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running!*

(more)



**For more information,
contact:**

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OACP
Crime Prevention Committee
705-329-8435

Pete Karageorgos
Insurance Bureau of Canada
416-362-2031 ext. 4329

Sean Sportun
Mac’s Convenience Stores
Inc.
416-904-3805

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serve their communities as the
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national, and First Nations
police services across Ontario*

*The Insurance Bureau of
Canada is the national industry
association representing
Canada’s private home, car and
business insurers. Its member
companies represent nearly
95% of the property and
casualty (P&C) insurance
market in Canada.*

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According to Richard Dubin, IBC Vice-President, Investigative Services, auto theft costs Canadians more than \$1 billion every year.

“In 2008, 125,000 vehicles were stolen in Canada and, of those; nearly 31,000 were stolen in Ontario. About half of all stolen vehicles are used to commit another crime or are driven - often recklessly - for simple purposes of transportation (this is called “destination theft”),” said Dubin. “In these cases, the thieves are usually amateurs who take advantage of owner negligence by grabbing the first vehicle they can find that’s been left unsecured. In the other cases, vehicles are stolen by professional thieves involved in organized crime rings. Criminal organizations target high-end vehicles for export.”

The key to protecting your vehicle is in your hands. Keep yourself from becoming an easy target by properly securing your vehicle. Remember: Lock It or Lose It!

More details about crime-proofing may be found on-line at:

www.ibc.ca/en/Insurance_Crime/Auto_Theft

Robbery (Swarming) - 53 Division

Two males' age 14 years report that on January 23, 2010 at approximately 1940 hours, they were standing on the subway train platform at 35 Bloor Street East, when a group of male suspects approached. One of the suspects removed a wallet and Ipod from one victim. Another suspect removed the second victim's Ipod and later returned it to him. All of the suspects fled the scene on a westbound train. No injuries were sustained by the victims. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described persons in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect #1: Male, black, 19-20 years, 6'0", slim build. Suspect #2: Male, black, 19-20 years, 4'11", 99 pounds. Suspects #3-#8: Male, black. 18-20 years. NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE.

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”Have Your Say”

In 2008, the Toronto Police will be producing its Environmental Scan. This document is an assessment and review of major issues and trends and it is used by the Police Services Board, Chief of Police, and Deputies to set the priorities and goals in the Service's Business Plan. Public consultations are a very important part of the environmental scanning process. You are not asked for your identity and your answer will be added to the information reported in the Scan, helping to set the Service's priorities for the next few years.

These surveys are designed to find out how you feel about certain issues. New surveys will appear every three weeks. The results of the previous survey will be available on our Surveys page. Your participation is appreciated.

Simply go to the Toronto Police Service web site at www.torontopolice.on.ca. Then click on the " Have Your Say Fill Out Our Surveys" box.



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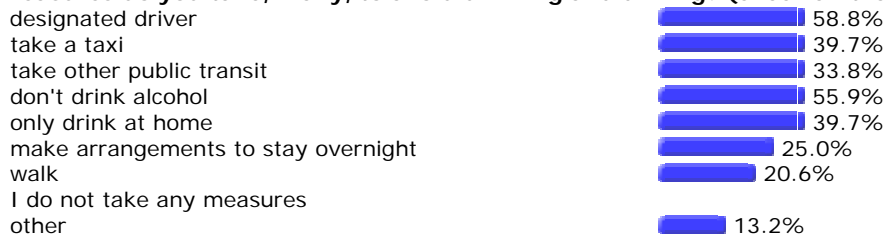
Have Your Say – December 7, 2009 to January 3, 2010

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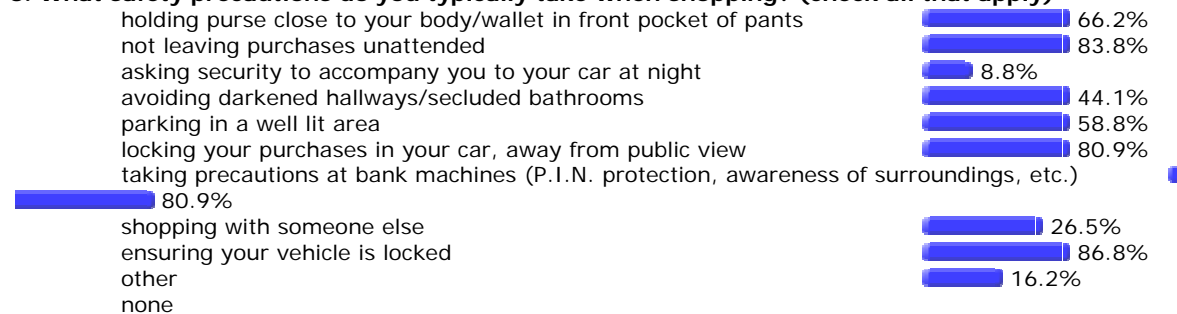
1. Are you aware of the Festive R.I.D.E. Program?



2. What measures do you take, if any, to avoid drinking and driving? (check all that apply)



3. What safety precautions do you typically take when shopping? (check all that apply)

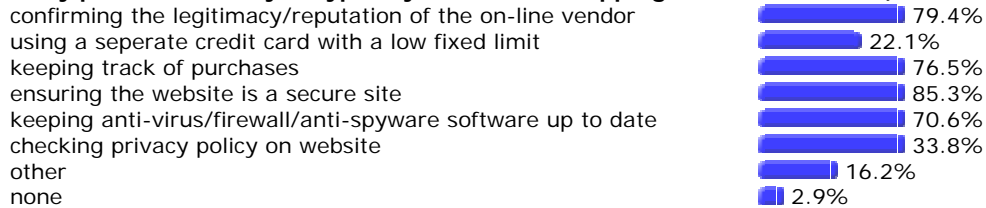


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4. What safety precautions do you typically take when shopping on the Internet? (check all that apply)



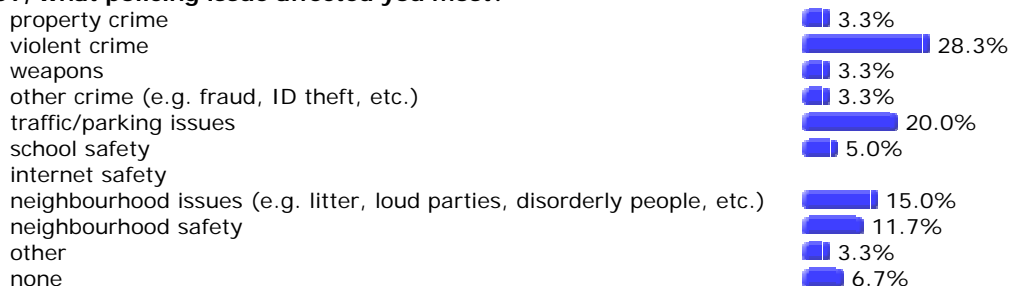
5. Do you live or work in Toronto?



Have Your Say – January 4, 2010 to January 24, 2010

These surveys are designed to find out how you feel about certain issues. New surveys will appear every three weeks. The results of the previous survey will be available on our Surveys page. Your participation is appreciated.

1. In 2009, what policing issue affected you most?

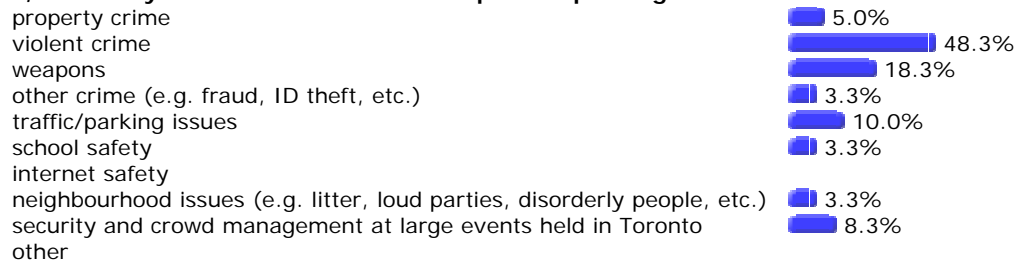


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2. In 2010, what do you feel will be the most important policing issue in Toronto?



3. Do you live or work in Toronto?





CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH
POLICE CONSTABLE RICK LANGSTONE #6281

416-808-5337

www.richard.langstone@torontopolice.on.ca

Is Your Vehicle A Target?

Manufacturers are making vehicles harder to steal with the use of anti-theft systems. As a result, professional vehicle thieves are stealing car keys. Protect your vehicle by keeping the keys in a secure location. There are a couple of things you can do to protect your vehicle:

Do not leave your keys where they are easily found. For example, keys should not be left at the front door! It is quick and easy for a car thief/burglar to take keys that are in plain view.

Always keep your vehicle locked, regardless of where it is parked.

If you have a garage, park your car in it so that the vehicle cannot be seen and not identified as a target.

Always keep your garage locked.

What's In Your Wallet?

The contents of your purse or wallet are extremely valuable. Your identification, credit cards, health cards and other valuable items are all kept in this one convenient spot. Leaving your purse or wallet near the front door makes it easy to grab. **Keep them in a convenient, yet out of sight location.**

To avoid losing your identification or credit cards and limit your exposure and the inconvenience if a theft does occur.

Do not carry your social insurance card and birth certificate in your wallet – they are generally not required as identification.

Limit the number of credit cards you carry.

Can You Identify Your Property?

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Each year, the police auction thousands of unmarked property items that were either lost or stolen. Engrave your valuables with a personalized identifying mark. These markings should be in plain view and easy to spot. Items with identifiers are less valuable on the black market and burglars are less inclined to take them. The police use these unique markings to identify the owner of stolen property they retrieve from criminals.

To mark your valuables, create your own unique identifier of at least eight characters (e.g., a phone number).

Engravers can be borrowed from 53 Division to mark your property. Contact PC Rick Langstone at 416-808-5337 to make arrangements.



IT'S NEW

“AND NOW IN OPERATION”

TPS *links*

The new “TPS LINKS” System will now replace the old “AUTO DIALLER”.

If you have any questions regarding the transition. Please contact the 53 Division Crime Prevention Officer at 416-808-5337 or via e-mail at richard.langstone@torontopolice.on.ca

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Community Automated Notification System

One of the goals of the Toronto Police Service, Community Mobilization Unit is to *"identify shared community values and support and empower communities to build the capacity necessary to resist and/or prevent crime and disorder"*. With this in mind, TPSlinks has been created to increase communication between the police, residents and business owners within Toronto. TPSlinks is a Community Automated Notification System that will be utilized by the Toronto Police Service to transmit information to the public in an effective manner.

In light of recent occurrences that required the evacuation of citizens from their residences, the need for a Toronto-based communication system was identified. TPSlinks allows the Toronto Police Service to notify recipients about safety concerns, emergencies, missing persons, amber alerts, and potential instruction related to these events as well as everyday occurrences including road closures or community events.

TPSlinks will serve as a communication device to replace the existing autodialler. Utilizing aspects of the outdated tool, TPSlinks applies advanced technology to deliver a more efficient communication system.

TPSlinks will be implemented by 32 and 53 Division as a pilot project and will be expanded service-wide in 2009. Current community members who are registered with the autodialler system must re-register under TPSlinks in order to receive future notifications. Toronto residents and business owners who do not register with TPSlinks will not receive automatic notifications.


Although all Toronto residents and business owners are encouraged to register with the TPSlinks system, only those who are within 32 and 53 Division (pilot divisions) will receive notifications. Therefore, residents outside the boundaries of 32 and 53 Division, will not automatically receive notifications until the TPSlinks system is implemented city-wide.

For more information and to register or pre-register, Toronto residents and business owners are asked to visit the Toronto Police Service website at www.torontopolice.on.ca and click on the TPSlinks icon. If you do not have access to a computer, there will be hardcopy registration forms provided at the local Division.

If you are having difficulty registering to TPSlinks or are not receiving TPSlinks messages, **do not call 911**, send a message to TPSlinks@torontopolice.on.ca.


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Community Automated Notification System



FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

RECEIVED ENTERED CONFIRMED

Badge # _____

COMMUNITY MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

Register Update Unregister

* **FIRST NAME** _____ * **LAST NAME** _____

* **ADDRESS** Residence Business

* **Number** * **Street Name** * **City** * **Postal Code**

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

POLICE DIVISION your home or business resides within : _____
(If Known)

* Select up to two destinations you wish to have messages sent to:

VOICE MESSAGE **PHONE NUMBER :** () - _____

TEXT MESSAGE **PHONE NUMBER :** () - _____

* **CELLULAR PHONE PROVIDER (Please select one)**

Bell Mobility Telus Rogers Fido
 Koodo PageNet Solo Mobile Virgin Mobile

USER PROFILE – Select the profile(s) that apply

Business Senior Citizen – 65 plus Disabled Small Children at Home

USER TOPICS – Select the message topics you wish to receive

Road Closures Amber Alerts Neighbourhood Crime Alerts
 Community Events Missing Persons Severe Weather Alerts
 Information Alerts Emergency Incidents School Lockdowns

Terms of Participation:

You acknowledge and accept:

1. All personal information provided through the registration process shall be used solely for the purpose of enrolment in the TPS Notification System, stored on a Toronto Police Service (TPS) secured server and subject to the TPS Privacy Policy. Further information regarding the TPS Privacy Policy can be found at www.torontopolice.on.ca/privacy.htm
2. You shall not use the TPS Notification System to:
 - register any user that does not have your express permission
 - impersonate any person or entity, including, but not limited to, a TPS official, forum leader, guide or host, or falsely state or otherwise misrepresent your affiliation with a person or entity
 - forge headers or otherwise manipulate identifiers in order to disguise the origin of any Content transmitted through the Service
 - interfere with or disrupt the Service or servers or networks connected to the Service, or disobey any requirements, procedures, policies or regulations of networks connected to the Service
 - intentionally or unintentionally violate any applicable municipal, provincial or federal law(s) or regulation(s)
3. You are responsible for payment of any service fees associated with receiving e-mails, text messages and/or voice messages on your wireless device. In addition, there may be a cost for the receipt of a message, depending on your carrier's cell phone package, which you are responsible for payment of.
4. The City of Toronto, TPS, Toronto Police Services Board, licensor of the software, and their agents can not and will not guarantee the delivery or the timing of any delivery of any message, mis-delivery or failure to store any user communications or personalization settings, wholly, or in part.
5. The TPS reserves the right at any time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, the Service (or any part thereof) with or without notice. You agree that the City of Toronto, TPS, Toronto Police Services Board, City of Toronto and Semotus Solutions, Inc. shall not be liable to you or to any third party for any modification, suspension or discontinuance of the Service.
6. The City of Toronto, TPS, Toronto Police Services Board, licensor of the software, and their agents are not liable for the failure of the delivery or storage of any part of any message, or for any delay in the receipt of any message for any reason. The user holds harmless, the City of Toronto, TPS, Toronto Police Services Board and the licensor of the software, and their agents.
7. To indemnify and hold the City of Toronto, TPS, Toronto Police Services Board, Semotus Solutions Inc. and its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, agents, co-branders or other partners, and employees, harmless from any claim or demand, including reasonable attorneys' fees, made by any third party due to or arising out of Content you submit, post, transmit or make available through the Service, your use of the Service, your connection to the Service, your violation of the Terms of Participation or your violation of any rights of another.
8. TPS, Semotus Solutions Inc. and their respective logos, trademarks and service marks, are trademarks of the TPS and Semotus Solutions Inc. Without the prior permission of the TPS and Semotus Solutions Inc., you agree not to display or use these marks in any manner.
9. You may only rebroadcast a message sent through the Service in its exact, unmodified form and in its entirety. Also, that the TPS reserves the right to prohibit the rebroadcast of any message or portion thereof.
10. It is your responsibility to sign-up for the service and ensure your information remains current. You may choose to unsubscribe to this service at any time by entering the User ID profile through the citizens web page and by selecting the "Unsubscribe" button. All personal identities will be deleted.
11. By signing I ACCEPT and saving your information with us you agree to the Terms of Participation.

PRINT NAME _____

 DATE (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ SIGNATURE _____

*MANDATORY FIELDS
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When complete, return to local Toronto Police Station



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Crime Prevention



'PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBOUR – PROTECT YOURSELF'

Minimize The Risk of Your Home Being Broken Into

**These are some simple and inexpensive
methods to reduce the chances of being
VICTIMIZED**

Install good quality deadbolt locks and security plates on all exterior doors.

Install good quality locks on all windows.

Lock your doors and windows when you're away from home or retire for the night.

Activate any home security system.

Leave outside lights on during the night and have interior lights on timers.

Install motion sensor lights in driveways, walkways and at the rear of your home.

Don't leave vehicle keys in plain sight.

Immediately report any suspicious activity you see happening in your neighbourhood to the police. If possible please provide any details regarding person(s), vehicles and licence plate numbers.

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If you're away from home for an extended period:

Arrange to have the exterior maintained (snow shovelled and lawn cut)

Arrange for a neighbour to pick up newspapers and mail.

Arrange for a neighbour to place some garbage, recycling or compost containers on your property for pickup.

A Security Audit for your home or business can be arranged by contacting the 53 Division Crime Prevention Officer.

IT'S A MATTER OF DOLLARS AND SENSE

Phone Numbers and Contact Information

9-1-1 is the universal number for emergency response by Ambulance, Police and Fire Services and is available in the Toronto area, 24 hours a day. Remain calm and speak clearly. Identify which emergency service you require (Police, Fire or Ambulance) and be prepared to provide the following information:

What is happening? What is the location? What is your name, address and telephone number.

416- 808-2222 for anything that is not an immediate threat to life or property such as a parking complaint, a noisy party, or lost and found articles.

Crime Stoppers anonymously at **416-222-TIPS (8477)**, online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (**274637**).

53 Division, 75 Eglinton Ave West M4R 2G9, **416-808-5300** or 53@torontopolice.on.ca

Community Response Unit Manager, Staff Sergeant Peter Henry #4570, **416- 808-5319**

53 Division Crime Prevention Officer, PC Rick Langstone # 6281, **416-808-5337** or richard.langstone@torontopolice.on.ca



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2010 YOUTH IN POLICING INITIATIVE

The Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Police Services Board in partnership with the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Children and Youth Services is accepting applications for the 2010 Youth in Policing Initiative.

Rate of Pay: \$10.90 per hour

Location: Various Police locations throughout the City of Toronto

Duration: July 5, 2010 – August 27, 2010

Applications are available at:

- Your local Police Division (24 hours/7 days a week)
- Toronto Police Headquarters – 40 College Street
- Online at www.torontopolice.on.ca/careers
- North - Driftwood Community Centre, 4401 Jane Street
- East - Malvern Recreation Centre, 30 Sewells Road
- South - Regent Park North Community Centre, 203 Sackville Green
- West - Rexdale Youth Resource Centre, 1530 Albion Road, Unit #83, Albion Mall

Eligibility:

Applicants must permanently reside in one of the priority identified neighbourhoods:

Malvern

Steeles – L'Amoreaux

Eglinton East – Kennedy Park

Jane–Finch

Weston – Mt. Dennis

Scarborough Village

Jamestown

Lawrence Heights

Kingston – Galloway

Regent Park

Flemingdon – Victoria Village

South Parkdale

Dorset Park

Crescent Town

Westminster – Branson

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- Must be students between the ages of 14 and 17 years old
- Must not have been convicted of a Criminal Offence for which a pardon has not been granted and must not have any charges pending before the courts
- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Must be legally eligible to work in Canada
- Must be returning to school in September

Information sessions:

January 30, 2010 9 - 4pm: Police Headquarters, 40 College Street, Auditorium
February 3, 2010 5 - 8pm: 31 Division, 40 Norfinch Drive, Community Room
February 10, 2010 5 - 8pm: 43 Division, 4331 Lawrence Ave. E., Community Room
February 13, 2010 9 - 4pm: Toronto Police Service College, 70 Birmingham St.

Contact for Information:

Danielle Dowdy, Program Coordinator (416) 808-7618
Vicky Deol, Program Assistant (416) 808-7153
Job Information Line (416) 808-7134

How to apply:

Pick up an application package from one of the designated locations. Complete and submit the application package to your local Police Division, or to the Employment Unit, Toronto Police Service, 40 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2J3. Completed applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, February 17, 2010**. We thank all applicants for applying, however, only those candidates selected for interview will be contacted.



53 Division New Year's Levee



The community was welcomed in 53 Division, as part of an important annual tradition to mark the New Year.

The sixth annual 53 Division New Year's Levee on January 10 saw over 400 residents drop by the uptown Division to meet their officers and get information on crime prevention and policing.

"Community members get to meet with neighbourhood officers and it provides officers with an excellent opportunity to showcase their hard work and the many services they provide," Sgt. Peter Henry said. "It is a great way to start the year and it has proven to be an excellent vehicle for strengthening community partnerships."

Service mascot Pat Troll greeted both young and old who came to the station to meet senior officers and discuss any neighbourhood policing concerns.

Kids were delighted to be introduced to a police dog and get a picture snapped of them on a police motorcycle.

Community Response and Auxiliary officers took guests on a tour of the police station, from offices to holding cells.

Members of the Mounted Unit, Marine Unit, Police Dog Services and the Emergency Task Force were also on hand to answer questions and show off some police equipment, including a Jet Ski, ATV and some modern and classic police cars like the 1957 Chevy and the 1988 Plymouth.

The 53 Division Community and Traffic Response units also had a chance to introduce visitors to their roles and responsibilities and check out policing tools such as the Alcotester – a device that measures blood-alcohol content, commonly known as a breathalyzer.



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53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee

Focus on pedestrian fatalities

A rash of pedestrian fatalities in the Toronto area has prompted Police to conduct a safety blitz, and increased enforcement. Let's hope this helps in raising awareness of the responsibility on all of us to take utmost care, both pedestrians and drivers. In the end pedestrians are the most vulnerable. Let's not forget that we were pedestrians before we were drivers and we will likely still be pedestrians after we no longer drive. We also need to look at lowering traffic speeds and the "right" to turn right on red.

2010 SAVY Award

Nominations are now open for the second annual SAVY (which stands for Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer, Youth) Award. The SAVY Award is intended to support local youth making positive life decisions, and acknowledges the difficult balance for youth who strive for academic excellence, athletic participation and community volunteerism. It is the creation of the Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), in cooperation with the Social Committee of 53 Division of the Toronto Police Services.

The \$1,000.00 award will be given to a graduating student who is a resident of 53 Division who displays a combination of a minimum academic average of 80%, athletic contribution, and outstanding community commitment.

Educators/community leaders are welcome to nominate a student or individual students may apply on their own. All applicants must meet the defined criteria, and the decision of the selection committee as to the award winner will be final. Application forms must be received by Friday March 5, 2009. For further information please contact Josie Aceto at 416 808-5308. The package will, also be placed on the 53 Division web site.

February 20 Workshop on Crime Prevention

Workshops to provide people with problem-solving and crime-prevention skills they can take back to their neighbourhoods The Community Mobilization Unit (CMU) of Toronto Police Services holds. The next workshop, which is open to members of the community 18 years or older, will be held on *Saturday, February 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.* at Toronto Police Headquarters, 40 College Street, Toronto. It will cover a variety of topics including what the Toronto Police Service do, and how to properly utilize their services. Participants will learn about personal safety, home security and how to use 9-1-1. They will also hear from representatives from Forensic Identification Services, Domestic Violence, Crime Stoppers and other services. The workshop is free but prior registration is required. To register for the workshop please go online to www.torontopolice.on.ca and click on the Community Mobilization link, or call 416 808-7070.

Community Safety Audit

Do you have a concern that parts of your community are not as safe as they should be? Residents of Leaside have this concern after a number of incidents in and around Talbot Park (Bayview and Eglinton) in the spring.

On Wednesday October 28 a community safety audit was conducted at the Howard Talbot Park and environs. This involved a walking tour of the area and uncovered a number of potential safety concerns such as lights that were broken, or just did not work, excessive growth of undergrowth forming places to hide, etc. PC Rick Langstone and other Officers from 53 Division attended, along with the Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and the Councillor's office. I was there representing the Leaside Property Owners' Association as well as the CPLC. A report has been written by William Schroder, Executive Director of the Crime Prevention Association of Toronto (CPAT) and the various services are taking action to correct the concerns.

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If your community would like to learn more about whether a safety audit would benefit your community please contact PC Rick Langstone #6281, 53 Division Crime Prevention at 416-808-5337.

TPSLinks

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Messages are prepared and delivered by local Divisional Police officers through voice and text messaging. Message types and user delivery profiles can be tailored to meet the needs and preferences for each registered community member. Community members can choose to change their profile or unsubscribe at anytime. TPSlinks will send information to a selected geographic area made possible through a community member sign-up webpage.

<https://webapp1.torontopolice.on.ca/tpslinks/>

On-line Surveys

You are invited to take part in on-line public consultations conducted by the Toronto Police Service. The consultation focuses on one main question: What do you think is the main challenge, or challenges, that the Toronto Police Service will face over the next three years? Your answer will be added to the information reported in the Environmental Scan, helping to set the Service's priorities for the next few years. To complete the survey go to: <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/surveys/> Other TPS surveys are designed to find out how you feel about certain issues. New surveys appear every three weeks.

The Community Bulletin is on the web

The 53 Division Community Bulletin can be accessed on the TPS web site www.torontopolice.on.ca. Go to the home page. On the left side under 'Serving Toronto' click on Find a Unit. At the top drop down under 'Divisional Policing Command' select 'Central Field' and then '53 Division'. On the 53 Division page click on the Bulletin link on the right side of the page.

This year's **Family Day Holiday** will be on February 16. Please get out and enjoy the third anniversary of this new holiday.

Contact:

The CPLC welcomes your input with any questions and concerns on community safety issues from all parts of the Division. Please call Debbie Sands-Soderstrom at 416 808-5319.

Thank you

Geoff Kettel
Community Co-Chair
53 Division CPLC


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Chinese New Year (TIGER) Valentine's Day 	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

UP COMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

14 th	March	Change your clock
17 th	March	St Patrick's day
20 th	March	Spring Begins
28 th	March	Palm Sunday
30 th	March	Passover

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD?

The School Crossing Guard Co-ordinator for 53 Division is
Police Constable Wai Lau #3765.

Please contact

416 808-5327 *Office*

or e-mail:

Wai.Lau@torontopolice.on.ca

