

# 53 Division Community Bulletin, December 2011



## **From the Desk of Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck And Inspector Joanna Beaven-Desjardins**

### **From the Desk of Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck**

"Taking back the streets...counter-measures to road carnage!"

Greetings and salutations, and the best of the Holiday Season to all of you!

It has been a challenging year for my officers and support staff, but they have stayed the course. In an analysis of our major crime indicators we do in fact show a decrease in criminal victimization by -7%. That's good news but we won't stop there, and will continue to fight the good fight, so thank you for keeping us informed on community trends and issues.

Also, and in a continuing effort to reduce collisions, carelessness, and carnage on our roadways, 53 Division continues to use a tried and true formula. The formula is based on; driver and pedestrian education blended with enforcement, and progressive stakeholder partnerships.

Keeping the streets safe is an absolute priority. We are determined to address community complaints in a timely fashion, offer safety clinics, engage in R.I.D.E programs, and partner with local community groups. Part of our stakeholder group includes; the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of the Environment, M.A.D.D Canada, MLS, Toronto Fire Department, and Public Health.

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Regrettably, over the past 8 years 53 Division has suffered 18 roadway fatalities involving pedestrians, motor vehicle drivers and cyclists. One death on our roadway is one too many. Each of us must do our part in keeping each other safe, so always remember to; look, listen, and follow the rules of the road.

Traffic safety is an integral part of our day to day business. We continuously seek new opportunities and innovation to educate vehicle operators on road etiquette. It's moved beyond simply asking operators to engage in safe driving practices, we demand it of them.

So be safe, and make this Holiday Season the one we all come home to.

Season's Greetings,

Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck

### **Greetings From the Desk of Inspector Joanna Beaven-Desjardins**

Greetings and Happy Holidays. Yes it is that time again when you realize an entire year has almost passed again. At the end of November we had our first town hall meeting as the new commanders of 53 Division. It was a very positive experience meeting many members of the community and discussing important issues that affect our daily living. I look forward to using our combined energy in the future to address these very issues. Officers from 53 Division have set up a food drive in the front lobby of the station and have been generously donating. If you would like to donate non-perishable food products to those less fortunate than us, you are more than welcome to deposit your donations here at 53 Division.

All the best,

Joanna Beaven  
Inspector

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## 53 DIVISION COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT



### Town Hall

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 53 Division held its annual Town Hall Meeting at the Dunfield Retirement Residence.

I thank all of our community members, especially our CPLC representatives for making this one of our most successful town halls.

The staff and residents at the Dunfield Retirement Residence were amazing hosts. Their entertainment lounge was a perfect setting for our event and I was impressed by the number of residents in attendance. I commend them on their important contribution to helping us maintain safe neighbourhoods in 53 Division.

Every year we hold the meeting in a different location to allow all residents an opportunity to attend. This year it was held in the St. Paul's neighbourhood and we were very fortunate to have the local City Councillor, Josh Matlow, as one of our guests.

Residents also had an opportunity to meet our new Unit Commander Heinz Kuck and our new 2 I/C (2nd in Charge), Inspector Joanna Beaven-Desjardins.

A highlight of the event was an appearance by Deputy Chief Peter Sloly and residents were able to ask him questions on several policing matters.

### Lock it or Lose it

On Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>, the Ontario Association of Chief's of Police in partnership with the Insurance Bureau of Canada launched their third annual "Lock it or Lose it" campaign. Unfortunately most automobile related thefts are a crime of opportunity and in many situations the thefts could have easily been avoided if the victims practiced some basic precautions.

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In most cases the simplest crime prevention measures are the most effective.

- ✓ Lock your vehicle
- ✓ Role up the windows
- ✓ Do not leave valuables in plain view
- ✓ Never leave your keys in plain view
- ✓ Lock your garage
- ✓ Park in well lit areas

These are only a few tips and I encourage you to refer to the attached lock it or lose it pamphlet or to visit [www.ibc.ca](http://www.ibc.ca) for more information.

These tips should be practiced at all times, especially during the holidays. During the busy shopping season criminals will often watch for naive shoppers that leave valuable gifts such as electronics in their vehicles.

Portable GPS devices also continue to be one of the most popular items targeted by criminals. When you leave your vehicle please take it with you or ensure that it is secured in a safe place.

Another unfortunate trend that we encounter this time of year is warm up thefts. Many drivers will leave their vehicles running in the driveway or they will leave their car running while they quickly step into a store. If your vehicle is stolen it puts citizens and police officers at risk.

I wish everyone a safe holiday season and a happy new year!

Regards.

Peter Henry  
S/Sgt #4570  
53 Division  
Community Response Unit  
[Peter.Henry@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:Peter.Henry@torontopolice.on.ca)



## COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT



PC Kim Henry is the SRO for Northern Secondary School. Part of his role in the school includes coaching the basketball team. Here they are pictured participating in the Silverthorn Basketball Tournament. This is a valuable interaction between students and police.

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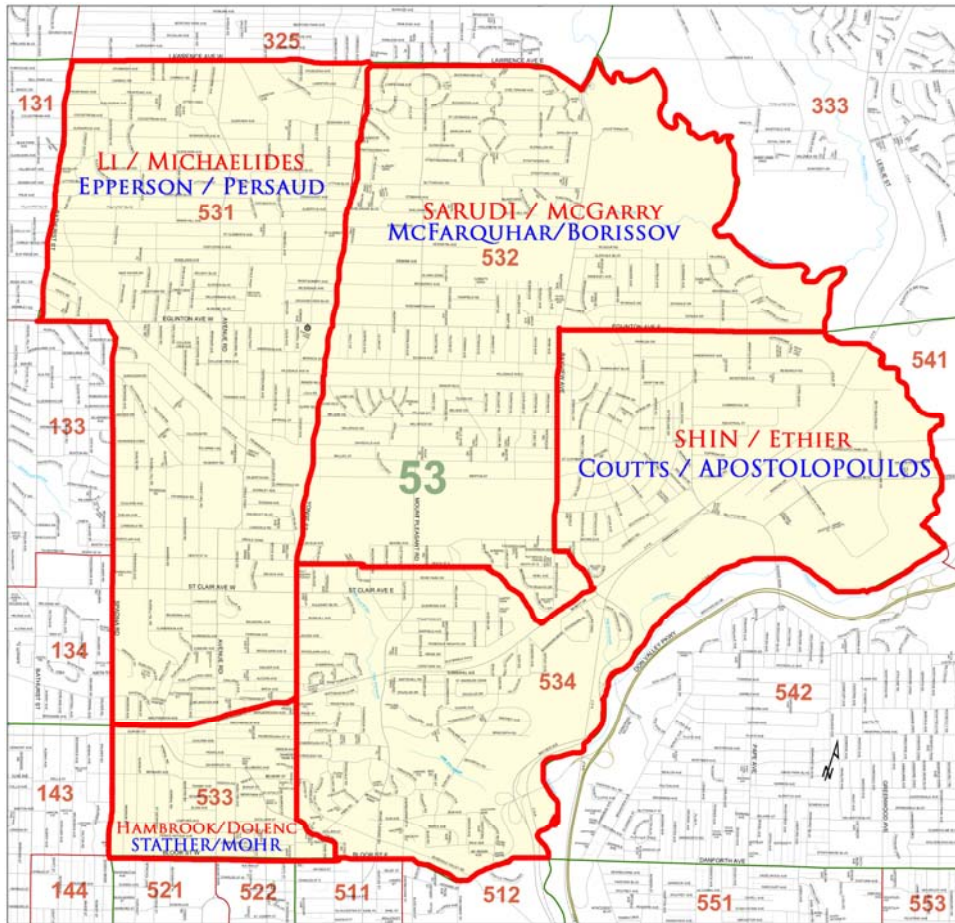


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## 53 DIVISION TOWN HALL



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## 53 Division

75 Eglinton Ave W  
M4R 2G9

NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS

### FA-1

SGT. MATT MUNGAL #4201

PC HAROLD SHIN #8792  
PC VICTOR SARUDI #8568  
PC JOHN MCGARRY #9086  
PC COSTA MICHAELIDES #10133  
PC ISABEL ETHIER #8906  
PC BRENDA DOLENC #10387  
PC CRAIG HAMBROOK #8829  
PC ALEX LI #9104

### FA-2

SGT. DAN MCDERMOTT #1576

PC SEAN MOHR #8617  
PC JANET STATHER #5374  
PC ERIK EPPERSON #9281  
PC JIM APOSTOLOPOULOS #90217  
PC BRAD COUTTS #9608  
PC CRAIG MCFARQUHAR #8624  
PC BORIS BORISSOV #9188  
PC RAI PERSAUD #65666

GRAFFITI LIAISON  
PC VIKTOR SARUDI #8568  
PC ERIK EPPERSON #9281

SAFE STREETS LIAISON  
PC CRAIG HAMBROOK #8829  
PC CRAIG MCFARQUHAR #8624

ABORIGINAL LIAISON  
PC JANET STATHER #5374

[53neighbourhoodofficers@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:53neighbourhoodofficers@torontopolice.on.ca)

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## **CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH**

POLICE CONSTABLE TIM SOMERS #90023

416-808-5337

[Timothy.Somers@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:Timothy.Somers@torontopolice.on.ca)

### **Holiday season safety**

Each of us can REDUCE THE RISK of our homes or property being victimized by eliminating the opportunity.

#### **Outdoors**

- Tell others where you're going and when you are expected to return
- Walk the safest route possible

#### **While shopping**

- Carry only the cash and credit cards that you will need for the day
- Never leave your purse unattended in a change room or shopping cart – EVEN FOR A SECOND!

#### **In your car**

- Look inside the vehicle before entering and keep your doors locked at all times
- Do not leave parcels and packages in plain view in your vehicle – lock all valuables in the trunk!

#### **At home**

- Arrange to have your driveway/walkway cleared of snow, especially when you are away from home
- Cancel all deliveries and arrange for a neighbour to pick up your mail when you are away from home
- Packaging from major ticket items should be discarded carefully – Cardboard boxes should be bundled to conceal the nature of the contents

#### **Helpful hints**

- Keep a record of your valuables
- Be a good neighbour and report any suspicious activity to the Police

#### **If a crime has occurred**

- DO NOT enter your home - the criminal may still be inside
- Use a neighbour's phone and call the police
- DO NOT touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence
- Note the licence number of any suspicious vehicles or the description of a potential suspect.

**Use common sense and have a safe and happy holiday.**





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## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU

### 53 CIB investigation – by Detective Frank Olsen #3525

In November of 2010 a prominent Toronto lawyer received a surprising phone call at his residence from a person inquiring about his new Audi sedan which was posted for sale on-line. The lawyer had no idea what the caller was talking about as his car was not for sale. He learned from the caller that somebody using his name was selling an Audi sedan identical to his, bearing his licence plates, on a popular Internet sales Site. The caller had met with the imposter and viewed the car, but became suspicious and called off the deal. The caller later looked up the seller's phone number and ended up in contact with the lawyer.

The lawyer, after checking that his car was still in his garage with the plates intact, called a Detective at 53 Division that he was familiar with and reported the incident.

An investigation was commenced by members of 53 Criminal Investigation Bureau which confirmed the caller's information and the on-line advertisement for the sale of the "lawyer's" car. The investigation turned into a Sting operation after the seller was contacted and a meeting arranged for a new potential buyer, who was an undercover police officer.

At the appointed time and location, a car identical to the lawyer's and bearing his licence plates drove up to the undercover officer. However, a passing citizen attracted the driver's attention and apparently caused him some concern because he drove off without meeting the undercover officer.

The vehicle was stopped by other members of the police Sting operation and the driver was arrested. The driver was identified as a 30 year old foreign national who had only been in Canada for three days, and had been assigned the task of selling the vehicle by a Toronto based crime group. A very good forgery of the lawyer's Vehicle permit was found in the driver's possession. He was also in possession of a copy of another Vehicle permit that was likely being used to sell another stolen car.

An examination of the recovered car revealed that many of the various VINs (vehicle identification numbers) had been removed and replaced with new ones. The car had been stolen a month earlier in a Toronto residential break in.

The licence plates affixed to the car were forged duplicates of the lawyer's real ones. They were extremely well crafted by hand and unless closely inspected, appeared to be genuine. The Val tag affixed to the rear plate had been stolen from another vehicle.

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The driver pled guilty within days of his arrest, spent a month in jail, and then left Canada.

When purchasing cars from private vendors the public should look at the VIN number that appears on the dashboard. If that number is defaced, or appears to be created with paper on a computer, the sale should not be completed and police should be contacted. The purchaser should also look closely at the licence plates. If they are forged, a close inspection will reveal the deception.

Above all, remember the Latin saying "Caveat emptor". Let the buyer beware!



## TRAFFIC RESPONSE UNIT

### 53 Division Traffic Response Unit Update, December 2011

The Winter Holiday season is upon us and many people will find themselves enjoying the company of relatives and friends. During this time, alcoholic beverages may be a part of the festivities. Inappropriate consumption of alcoholic beverages and then operating a motor vehicle creates an unnecessary danger to everyone using our roadways.

Approximately 25% of all motor vehicle fatalities involve drinking drivers. On average, 17,000 drinking driving incidents are reported to police in Ontario each year. The impact to society is enormous due to the consequences of drinking and driving collisions.



It is an offence in Canada to operate a motor vehicle, or have the control of a motor vehicle, while your ability to operate it is impaired by alcohol or a drug. You can be charged if you are impaired behind the wheel, even if you have not started to drive

It is also an offence to operate or have the control of a motor vehicle while your blood alcohol concentration is over 80 mgs. The concentration is determined through breath or blood testing and the level is 80 mgs. of alcohol per 100 ml of blood.

Refusing to provide a breath sample into a roadside testing device, or while at a breath testing facility is also an offence.

In addition to endangering the public, drinking and driving charges and convictions will remove your privilege to drive motor vehicles in Ontario. Your vehicle will be impounded and your driver's licence will be suspended. Driving while suspended adds further consequences.

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Please make this holiday season a safe and enjoyable time for everyone!

Don't drink and drive!

Regards,  
Dale Carter  
Sergeant 6920, 53 Division Traffic Response Unit  
[Dale.Carter@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:Dale.Carter@torontopolice.on.ca)

“Remember to drive with caution and courtesy, the life you save may be your own!”



## **CELLULAR PHONE SAFETY ALERT**



**Smart Phones and Electronic Audio Listening Devices are among the most popular items for thieves these days. As a result, the numbers of thefts and robberies of these devices are increasing throughout the GTA.**

**If you become the unfortunate victim of a robbery, call 911 immediately for police response.**

**For reporting thefts, suspicious persons and other non-emergency occurrences, contact the Toronto Police Radio room at 416 808-2222.**

**Avoid displaying your phone in public, wherever possible.**

**Set your phone to vibrate if possible to attract less attention and never leave it lying around.**

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Many people use their mobile phones at subway and bus stops, Thieves know this, so if you need to make a call, be aware of your surroundings.

Try not to walk and talk.

Position yourself where you can easily get help if you need it.

On many occasions thieves ask for the time knowing that most phone owners use their phones for timekeeping and check it for the time, giving them an opportunity to steal it. Avoid using your phone when asked for the time. Use a watch or say you do not know.

Make sure your PIN is turned on so your phone is locked.

Be wary about where you use your phone, for example, in a public place like a bar or on the street.

Ensure your security settings are set up and turned on.

Keep your phone out of sight in your pocket or bag when you're not using it.

Do not leave your phone visible in a vehicle.

Keep a record of the unique reference number (IMEI) on your phone. If supplied with this, some networks can permanently disable the handset if it stolen. To get this, dial \*#06#

Record the model, phone number and PIN number details. Keep them somewhere safe.

Always use the phone's security lock or PIN number.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE A SUSPICIOUS PERSON?

One of the most effective tools the police have for fighting and preventing crime is you, the people of our community.

You know who lives and works in your area and who doesn't appear to belong.

If you see someone doing something you know is illegal, or find an unauthorized person in a secured area, call the police right away.

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The sooner you call us, the sooner we can get to you and the better our chances are of locating the person you saw.

If you observe a suspicious person, try to get the best possible description of them as you can.

Start at the top and work your way down noticing as many distinguishing features as possible. In addition to describing the person, note the direction he is travelling if he leaves the area before you can call us. If the person approaches a vehicle, try to get the license plate number.

If you see someone that is suspicious, note the following:

What they look like?

- **male or female**
- **age, height**
- **hair colour, hair style, facial hair**
- **build – thin, medium, heavy, muscular**

What they are wearing?

- **Colours, Logos, Patterns, Jewellery**

What they are doing?

Where they are now?

What direction they are heading (if they are moving)?

What type of vehicle are they using?

- **license plate, if possible**
- **Make, Model, colour**
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**WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT CONFRONT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON YOURSELF.**

For more information regarding electronic device and cellular phone safety, please contact:

53 Division Community Services Office at  
416 808-5337 or 416 808-5319



**TPS53**



**Crime Prevention Program**

## LOCK IT

OR LOSE IT

A professional can steal your vehicle in just 30 seconds. A vehicle with an unlocked door or an open window is an easy target. Protect your vehicle from theft. Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the keys when you park your car. Park in a well-lit area and never leave valuables in plain view.

**CONDITION OF YOUR VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF OUR CRIME PREVENTION INSPECTION:**

- vehicle unlocked
- vehicle unlocked with keys in view
- window(s) open
- valuables in plain view

**VEHICLE LOCKED, KEYS REMOVED, WINDOWS CLOSED, VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT - Congratulations!**

This notice has been provided by the **Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and Insurance Bureau of Canada.**

We care about your safety.

For more information, visit:  
[www.ibc.ca/en/Insurance\\_Crime/Auto\\_Theft/](http://www.ibc.ca/en/Insurance_Crime/Auto_Theft/)

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## AUTO THEFT

### PROTECTION TIPS

A professional can steal your vehicle in just 30 seconds – without the key. **Protect your vehicle from theft with a few simple precautions:**

- ✓ Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.
- ✗ Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running.
- ✓ If you have a garage, use it and lock the door as well as your vehicle.
- ✗ Never leave your car keys in plain view or in an easily accessible area.
- ✓ Keep your vehicle registration certificate and proof of insurance on you at all times. Don't leave these documents in your glove compartment.
- ✓ Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- ✗ Never leave valuable objects or packages in full view. Put them in the trunk.
- ✓ Give only your ignition key to a parking lot attendant. Keep all other keys with you.

→ Inform your local police department, or call the IBC TIPS Line at **1-877-IBC-TIPS**, if you see vehicles or vehicle-related activities that look suspicious.

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**S** scholar  
**A** athlete  
**V** volunteer  
**Y** youth



## 53 Division SAVY Award

The 53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), will again be offering a bursary to a student. The SAVY Award supports 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 CPLC whose decision as to the award winner will be final.

Application forms must be received by April 13th, 2012. 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: Staff Sergeant Peter Henry

The recipient will be contacted by May 14th, 2012 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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## 53 Division CPLC Student Award Criteria

The following is a list of criteria for the 53 Division SAVY 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.

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In addition, the selection committee will decline any applicant already receiving bursaries, scholarships or awards totalling 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.

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\*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.

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### Impact of the Award\*:

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

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\*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\* \_\_\_\_\_

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\*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.

\* By accepting the award the applicant consents to their photograph being used for the purpose of promoting the program.

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Thank you  
53 Division  
Toronto Police Service