



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

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The end of this year is but a few weeks away, and as I reflect upon on the past 12 months of 2012 a smile comes upon me with the stellar work and accomplishments of both my officers and our Mid-Town community. As of the time of the writing of this bulletin, together we have reduced crime and victimization by -16%. That equates to, over the past year, 250 less criminal offences committed against this community.

We did this in a number of mutually cooperative ways. From my rank and file we solidified a unique 3 part crime management process; 1) we embraced a predictive policing model (by using data from 5 year crime pattern analysis we created intelligence led hot spots of crime which gave us; locations, dates, time, and criminal activity as a historical pattern. 2) with that analysis and pattern we responded pre-emptively by placing increased resources into those places, during the dates and times of historical compromise and successfully displaced crime, dissuaded crime, and made arrests. 3) we created two Crime Prevention Officer positions to maximize CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) audits as well as disseminating crime prevention literature, assigning increased Auxiliary police patrols and crafting public safety announcements using social media.



From the community perspective we had unprecedented support from local Ward Councillors in sharing information and receiving input on constituency concerns. From area BIAs and Rate Payers they not only obtained crime prevention information, but acted upon it, and as a coup, our very own CPLC (Community Police Liaison Committee) designed and engaged in a number of proactive programs aimed at reducing crime and disorder, and increasing community engagement. Through those efforts they not only helped reduced crime but increased the sharing of community building information to a variety of neighbourhoods. Their efforts were recognized by winning the Mayors Annual Safety Award, and also receiving CPATs CPLC of the Year Award!

I am optimistic that 2013 will yield even greater community safety results!

Thank you for your time and effort in keeping our neighbourhoods safe.

Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck 53 Division 416-808-5314





Greetings From the Desk of Inspector Joanna Beaven-Desjardins

On July 21, 2012, members of 53 Division tackled Lake Ontario to raise awareness and funds for Victim Services. The team consisted of 9 members-7 officers from 53 Division, namely Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck, Inspector Joanna Beaven, Staff Sergeant Peter Henry, Sergeant Jazen Brautigam, DC Joel Landry, PC Mark Kalteis, and PC John Bayes; one victim services counselor, Tracey Findlay and National Paddling coach, Peter Budai. We achieved our goal, crossing Lake Ontario in less than five hours. What a fabulous experience for all of us. Great team, great memories and great results. We managed to raise 14, 000 dollars for victim services.

On behalf of 53 Division, I would like to wish you Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Inspector Joanna Beaven









Community Police Liaison Committee

53 Division is extremely fortunate to have an active CPLC membership and we are proud of their accomplishments over the past year. I thank all of our members for their hard work and important contributions toward helping us maintain safe neighbourhoods in 53 Division. I'm also pleased to announce that our CPLC has been recognized for their efforts to promote crime prevention and they were recently presented with two impressive awards.

On Monday November 19th, our CPLC received the Mayor's Community Safety Award at City Hall. The award was in recognition of their Rabita Community Conversation Circles that were held in the Thorncliffe Park neighbourhood. The initiative involved a partnership with the Thorncliffe Safety Committee, the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office and the Noor Cultural Centre. The Rabita program is an excellent example of community mobilization, involving partnerships with several stakeholders working as a team, identifying safety issues and then applying problem solving to create an effective strategy. The result was Rabita, a series of presentations and workshops that covered a variety of topics such as domestic violence, youth crime and elder abuse.

On Wednesday November 29th, the Crime Prevention Association of Toronto held their annual general meeting and in celebration of their 30th anniversary they presented several awards including the 'CPLC of the Year'. CPAT is one of our most valued community partners, so receiving this award was a real honour for our members. We would also like to congratulate CPAT on their 30th anniversary and we thank them for their important work and efforts to introduce the Neighbourhood Watch and Vertical Watch programs in several of our neighbourhoods.





Town Hall

This year's annual Town Hall was held on November 20^{th,} in the Thorncliffe Park neighbourhood. Our CPLC experimented with a new format this year and scheduled a half hour prior to the town hall to allow residents and stakeholders an opportunity to network, discuss safety concerns and to share ideas. There were crime prevention displays, a recruiting officer from our Employment Unit, and a generous amount of refreshments. The new concept appears to have been popular and we hope to expand on this next year. I wish to thank everyone that took the time to support our town hall and a special thanks to our CPLC members and the staff at the Jenner Jean Marie Community Centre for hosting the event.

SAVY Award

Our CPLC is also pleased to announce that they are accepting applications for their annual student bursary known as the SAVY Award. The CPLC is very proud of this initiative and that they have increased the number of awards to two. At our last quarterly meeting, the members also agreed to increase the value of the bursary up to \$2000. The rules and applications are available on our police website through the following link:

http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d53/20111108-d53 cplc savy award.pdf

All applications should be forwarded to my attention and the deadline is Friday April 19th, 2013.

Open House

On Sunday, January 20th, 2013, between noon and 4 p.m., Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck is inviting the residents and business community of 53 Division to attend our annual Open House. It is an excellent opportunity for community members to meet their local police officers and to take a tour of the station. The tour involves crime prevention and educational displays and visitors have a rare opportunity to view some of our vintage police cars including a 1957 Chevy. On hand will be members of the TPS Mounted Unit, Police Dog Services, the Marine Unit and the Emergency Task Force. Refreshments will be served courtesy of our CPLC.

I hope everyone has a safe and pleasant holiday and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Peter Henry S/Sgt. #4570 53 Division





Mayors Community Safety Award





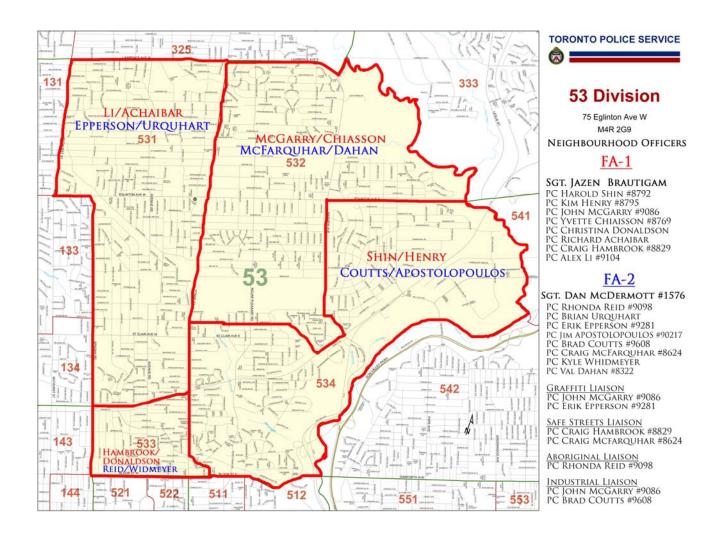


CPLC Crime Prevention Association of Toronto Award





COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT



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TRAFFIC RESPONSE UNIT

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.

53 Division will have additional R.I.D.E. spot-checks setup throughout December to enhance safety. The R.I.D.E program was initially 'Reduce Impaired Driving in Etobicoke' in 1977 but has expanded throughout the Province of Ontario.



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. It is also an offence to operate or have the control of a motor vehicle while your blood alcohol concentration is over 80 mgs. per 100 ml of blood. Refusing a test is also an offence. Take a designated non-drinking driver, taxi, or public transit.

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

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



CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

Warm Up Auto Theft

As the cold winter months are here most of us dread going outside to a cold vehicle in sub-zero temperatures. The temptation is to run outside and start up our vehicles and let them idle in the driveway until the snow melts off and the interior warms up. In most cases people go inside their home leaving the car key in the ignition with the vehicle running and the vehicle is out of sight. This is the opportunity a criminal is waiting for. It takes seconds for a criminal to run up your driveway open the door and drive away with your vehicle.

Here are some tips that may prevent you from becoming a victim of warm up auto theft:

- Remain with your vehicle whenever it is running
- Lock the vehicle with a spare key while it idles and maintain a view of the vehicle
- Purchase a remote starter for the vehicle which locks the doors and prevents the vehicle from being driven away without a key in the ignition
- Use a block heater which many cars are equipped with

Idling vehicles are bad for the environment and wastes fuel. The best way to warm your car is to start your car, let it run for 30 to 60 seconds to get all the fluids moving, then drive off gently. Your engine will warm up faster, your exhaust system will get up to temperature faster so the catalytic converter can do its thing, and you'll use less fuel.

If you have any questions about Crime Prevention, please contact the Crime Prevention and Disorder Management Officers,

PC Tim Somers, <u>Timothy.Somers@torontopolice.on.ca</u>
PC Brian Yuile, <u>Brian.Yuile@torontopolice.on.ca</u>



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU

Detective Sergeant D. Sabadics #5784

As reported in the September 2012 bulletin, 53 Division continued to focus efforts on reducing victimization during the Fall months with the Operation School Watch and Neighbourhood Safety Crime Management Initiatives. The focus was on Break and Enters, Robberies and Thefts of Autos. In a combination of public education and awareness with effective police deployment and investigative follow-up and arrests, the victimization rates for these crime indicators was reduced significantly throughout the Fall. Please continue to secure your residences and businesses – and set your alarms if so equipped. This reduction in victimization has continued through our current Crime Management Initiative – *Neighbourhood Safety* in effect October 2012 through January 2013. Although marked decreases were again evidenced in the Break and Enter and Theft from Auto categories, and Robberies—with the return to school, we have seen a significant reduction in Street Robberies (categorized as street muggings, swarming, and purse snatches). Public awareness and target hardening in conjunction with numerous arrests effected in relation to a recent September 2012 Public Safety Media Release in relation to a number of Robberies in local parks has helped reduce our Robbery victimization.

In order to further decrease the level of victimization, a reminder of the message put forth in the November 2011, February 2012, and May 2012 (and repeated in the September 2012) bulletins is applicable:

In almost all of the robberies, a cellular phone, IPod, or BlackBerry has been the target of the thieves. The typical scenario has been when a group of youth's surround a vulnerable person (school student) and using intimidation and threats of violence rob the victim of his/her belongings.

The Street Crime Unit is attending all of the High Schools in the area and speaking to the student body in regards to safety plans and reporting of offences. Safety literature developed by the Toronto Police Service is also being supplied to the schools to assist victims and encourage reporting of offences.



Break & Enters wherein vehicle keys and vehicles were stolen have continued to see a marked decrease through the Fall, and this is in large part due to public awareness in partnership with effective proactive and investigative policing. To ensure that this downward trend continues, below is an excerpt of the January 16, 2012 Media Release by 53 Division and associated pamphlets (previously reposted in the February 2012, May 2012 and September 2012 Bulletin):

<u>Due to the increase in theft of vehicles and theft from vehicles, 53 Division would like to advise the public about our crime prevention initiatives.</u>

The initiatives include, LOCK IT OR LOSE IT and high-end vehicle thefts....residents are asked to become more vigilant in keeping their vehicles secure.

Safety tips:

- keep keys secure and out of plain view, in your residence
- vehicles should be parked in a garage
- <u>- thieves target homes with high-end vehicles for the purpose of breaking into the residence</u> and obtaining the keys and stealing the vehicle
- keep all valuables out of the vehicle, for example, GPS, cell phones, laptops and cash
 Crime prevention tips and further information about these crimes have been posted on the 53
 Division Facebook page and website.



Finally, with the Holiday Season upon us, please ensure that you are aware of and follow the below listed preventive measures as excerpted from our November 30 Media Release:

53 Division's holiday-season crime-prevention tips

Broadcast time: 06:15 Friday, November 30, 2012 53 Division 416-808-5300

The Toronto Police Service would like to advise the public of holiday–season crime–prevention tips.

During the holiday season and cooler weather, there is traditionally an increase in theft from vehicles, theft of vehicles, and theft of packages and gifts. These tips may help keep not only yourselves safe but your property secure.

- with the increased popularity of internet shopping, please ensure packages and parcels are delivered in person and not left unattended
- please keep valuables, (gifts, phones, computers etc.) out of your vehicles, and, if necessary, lock them in the trunk, out of plain view
- keep vehicles secure and lock and set your alarm if possible
- during the colder weather, people like to start their vehicles to warm them up. Please do not leave your vehicles unattended while running and, if available, use only factory-installed remote starting units
- keep your residence secure by locking doors and windows and activating the alarm if available
- keep your keys secure within your residence, which includes spare keys. Please keep them in a secure drawer or cabinet. Park your vehicles in a garage whenever possible
- have a neighbor pick up newspapers and mail when you are away during the holidays Using these tips may help keep you and your property safe and secure.

Constable Tony Vella, Corporate Communications, for Staff Sergeant Peter Henry, 53









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 nonemergency occurrences, contact the Toronto Police Radio room at 416 808-2222.

Avoid displaying your phone in public, wherever possible.

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

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.

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person in a secured area, call the police right away.



If you see someone doing something you know is illegal, or find an unauthorized

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

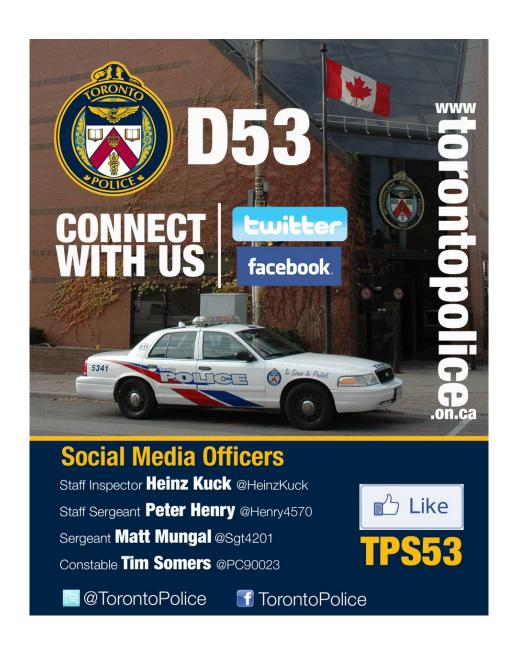
WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT CONFRONT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON YOURSELF.

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









53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee December 2012

53 Division CPLC and Thorncliffe Subcommittee receive awards

The **Thorncliffe Park Safety Committee**, a subcommittee of 53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee and several community stakeholders received the **Mayor's Community Safety Award** for **Rabita – Community Conversation Circles** in a ceremony at City Hall on November 19th.

53 Division CPLC received the **CPLC of the Year Award** at the **Crime Prevention Assn. of Toronto (CPAT)** Annual General Meeting (and their 30th Anniversary) held at the East York Civic Centre on November 28^{th.}

Rabita – Community Conversation Circles was a series of culturally sensitive workshops created to address topics such as domestic violence, youth crime, and elder abuse. These workshops also promoted community mobilization and crime prevention.

"Rabita", which means "connecting" in several Middle Eastern languages, involved a series of Saturday afternoon programs last spring designed to help families to discuss and improve their relationships, and open to the whole community. The program goal was to increase community awareness on:

- Culturally sensitive domestic issues
- Child and Youth Safety
- People with distinct needs
- Issues against women
- Developing trusting relationship between residents, support groups and authorities

The format was to view a film relevant to the topic followed by discussion. Four sessions in the series held at the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office's Youth Centre in Thorncliffe Park between March and May 2012.

- March 10 Introductory (Bend It Like Beckham),
- March 31 Parent/Child Relations (The Namesake Mira Nair)
- April 21 Women/Spousal/In-laws (Heaven on Earth Deepa Mehta)
- May 26 Senior/family issues (Baghban).

This program involved a partnership with the Noor Centre, and Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office, with financial support from the 53 Division CPLC. Our special thanks to Masood Alam, Chair of the Thorncliffe Community Safety Committee (and CPLC Community Vice Chair) for his leadership in this excellent initiative.





2012 Community Police Consultative Conference

The 2012 Community Police Consultative (CPC) conference was held on Saturday November 17 at the York Civic Centre. This year's theme was "Crime Prevention... it's everyone's responsibility", and offered knowledge and resources required to further our goal of making a difference in our communities.

The keynote speakers Dr. Hugh Russell and Mr. Norm Taylor made presentation and held a conversation on the important developments within police-community relations occurring here in Ontario, across Canada and overseas. Both come together around the goal of bringing policing and community closer together in a joint effort for safety, security and wellness. They have recently published statistics indicating that upwards of 75 percent of police energies focus on anti-social behaviour and problem-solving in communities. This huge piece of the pie is labelled in various ways including, crime prevention, community policing, proactive policing, neighbourhood policing, problem-oriented policing and pro-active policing.

It can be argued that police are more engaged in activities in which other community members (individuals, neighbours, residents, agencies, organizations, businesses, etc.) have a huge stake, than they are in crime suppression and law enforcement. That necessity means that to be effective in reducing the incidence of crime and social disorder, police and all community members are challenged to become more effective partners in community safety, security and wellness. As such community safety, security and wellness needs to be a community-wide agenda, not just a police-problem. Dr. Russell and Mr. Taylor brought examples from successful police-community partnerships in Glasgow, and Prince Albert in Saskatchewan. The Toronto Police Service is looking at this "hub" model of policing and we hope to learn more soon.

Great Ideas: By Our People, For Our City

DemocraCity is a new web site where you can suggest, support and implement great ideas that will make Toronto even better. Please join in, suggest your own idea, support someone else's idea, and make them happen. Democracity is the creation of CPLC members Don Cameron, who is also a board member with Crime Prevention Association of Toronto.

The current version of the site is at TheDemocraCityProject.org.
http://www:thedemocracityproject.org

Project Neighbourhood Safety - Online Community Survey

The Toronto Police Service's Neighbourhood Safety initiative, from October 15, 2012, to January 27, 2013, aims to improve safety in our communities, as well as increase positive engagement between officers and members of the public.

By completing this survey, you will be helping them to assess how well they achieved those goals. The survey should only take about 10 minutes. All responses are anonymous. You are asked to identify yourself and survey settings do not allow us to track the computer you using.

Here is the link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NeighbourhoodSafetySurvey





2012 SAVY Award

The 2012 SAVY (which stands for Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer, Youth) Awards of \$1000 have been presented to each of the two recipients. This year's recipients are Ramesha Javed from Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute and Nikola Miloradovic from North Toronto Collegiate Institute. Ramesha's and Nikola's awards were presented at their school graduation ceremonies on June 28 and October 5^{th.} respectively.

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. The awards which have been increased to up to \$2000 in 2013 are given annually to two graduating students from high school who are residents of 53 Division and who display outstanding community commitment, a minimum academic average, and athletic contribution.

Community Safety Audit

Do you have a concern that parts of your community are not as safe as they should be? A community safety audit involving a walking tour of the area in the company of Police, the Crime Prevention Association of Toronto, along with City staff of relevant departments such as Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and the Councillor's office is a good way to act on these concerns. If your community would like to learn more about whether a safety audit would benefit your community please contact the Crime Prevention Association of Toronto at 416-225-1102 or 53 Division at 416-808-5300.

Geomapping Crime Stats

The TPS has a new tool to geomap crime statistics on the web that will be of interest to residents. Follow these instructions:

1. Go to the Toronto Police services website:

http://www.torontopolice.on.ca

2. In the left margin, under the heading Newsroom, click on Crime Statistics. It will take you to this page:

http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/statistics/

- 3. If you agree to the terms on the bottom, add a check mark to the box and hit Proceed
- 4. It will take you to a Crime Stats page. Click on Neighbourhood Crime Maps and you will go to a map of Toronto Wards/Neighbourhoods.
- 5. Choose your neighbourhood and it pulls up a map showing the major crime incidents in the last month in that neighbourhood and in the surrounding ones. It shows data for the last 30 days or so.





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.

CPLC 53 Division welcomes your input on community safety issues from all parts of the Division. Please use our email address at <u>53divisioncplc@torontopolice.on.ca</u> to get in touch with any questions and concerns. Or you can call Anusha Dokurno at 416 808-5319.

And finally, best wishes for the Season and for the New Year.

Geoff Kettel Community Co-Chair 53 Division





Thank you
53 Division
Toronto Police Service