



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

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

The end of this year's "first quarter" will soon be upon us after March break, and as I reflect upon the early months of 2013 I am so pleased with the efforts 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 an unprecedented -33% in all of our 7 major crime categories, which includes; murder, sexual assault, assault, B & E, theft over \$5k, theft of auto and robbery.

To remind everyone, 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 2 Crime Prevention Officer positions to maximise CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) audits as well as disseminating crime prevention literature, assigning increased Auxiliary police patrols and crafting public safety announcements.

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We have also been progressive in using social media, and in particular the use of twitter and Facebook to get our messaging out. We have been into our area schools and community centers as well as places of worship to speak on the merits of home and business protection. We have also worked with city agencies and social service agencies to cooperatively develop strategies to inhibit the development of crime and disorder. Part of this partnership building allowed us to "tighten the net" and in less than 48 hours gather evidence and statements to; identify, locate, and arrest Cassim Cummings, 20, of Toronto, the TTC knife wielder, and charged him with: Attempted Murder, two counts of FTC with Probation, Carry Concealed Weapon, Aggravated Assault, Assault with a Weapon, and Weapons Dangerous.

I am optimistic that the remainder of this spring 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 Sunday, January 20, 2013 we hosted our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House at 53 Division. Once again an impressive turnout by the members of our community. These types of events are important. It allows the community to enter our facility and learn the day to day operations of our officers. Community members are encouraged to ask questions and observe our processes. Our auxiliaries conducted endless tours with enthusiasm. As always our award winning CPLC was in attendance. Elizabeth Mason and Natasha Gromoff-Kramer ensured our visitors were well nourished, whilst Geoff Kettel and Masood Alam greeted community members upon entry. Thank you for all your support!

Joanna Beaven Inspector 53 Division 416-808-5312

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## 53 DIVISION COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT



#### **Open House**

This year's Open House took place on Sunday January 20th and I'm pleased to announce that it was once again a huge success. Our Community Response officers organize a number of community outreach initiatives throughout the year and the open house is irrefutably our most popular event. It has truly evolved into an important community tradition for both our officers and local residents. I have a hard time believing that this was our 9th year! Once again, a big thanks to our Community Police Liaison Committee for sponsoring the event. Our CPLC Co Chair, Geoff Kettel and Vice Chair, Masood Alam greeted community members in the lobby and hopefully everyone had an opportunity to meet them. A special thanks to CPLC members Elizabeth Mason and Natasha Gromoff-Kramer and our three YIPI high school students for taking care of the refreshments. I also thank all of our auxiliary officers for their hard work in coordinating station tours for over 400 community members!

#### **SAVY Award**

As a reminder, applications for the SAVY Award are due on April 19th, 2013. The award is now into its fifth year and our CPLC members continue to work at making it more appealing for students. The award began as a \$1000 bursary and they now offer multiple awards up to \$2000. If you know a graduating high school student that resides within 53 Division's boundaries, please make sure that they take the time to apply for the SAVY Award. If you have any questions about the award, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an e-mail.

A copy of the rules and an application can be found at the following link. <a href="http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d53/20121213-d53">http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d53/20121213-d53</a> cplc savy award.pdf

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#### Youth in Policing Initiative

In 2006, the Ontario Government announced that it would fund several youth programs as part of their strategy to address the growing needs of youth. The Toronto Police Service saw this as an excellent opportunity and the funding allowed us to provide summer employment for 150 high school students. The initiative focuses on diverse youth between the ages of 15 and 18 years and students must reside in a City of Toronto priority neighbourhood.

The summer program was a success and it has since been expanded to include an after school component. The Toronto Police Service has since hired 63 students and they will be working with us from January 2nd until April 26th, 2013. Students are required to work a minimum of six hours a week.

53 Division has been assigned three YIPI students and we're pleased to have John Estrella, Robert Rideout and Sana Shaikh on our Community Response team. They are supervised by our School Resource Officer, Al Bartlett and they have been assisting our officers on a number of initiatives including our annual Town Hall. John and Sana helped our CPLC members with refreshments and Robert volunteered to be our mascot and dressed up as Pat Troll. If you are interested in more information on the YIPI program, please visit the following link. http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/yipi/

#### **Auxiliary Officers**

53 Division is very fortunate to have a highly motived auxiliary team. Our team consists of two supervisors and fifteen auxiliary constables. They have an important role in supporting our crime management strategies and helping us promote crime prevention programs.

They have a variety of duties which can include;

- assist with Community Parades
- assist with community response initiatives
- perform proactive foot patrols
- assist with crowd management and community initiatives
- canvass and search with respect to missing persons
- assist with large scale special events
- renewal of Community Night Listing data
- attend community events and promote positive interaction with the community and the police
- assist divisions in crime prevention initiatives and kiosk information booths
  All auxiliary officers are expected to complete a minimum of 150 volunteer hours and our
  auxiliary team has gone well beyond the standard. They had an amazing year and managed to
  double their volunteer hours in 2012! An impressive accomplishment and the majority of their
  volunteer hours were dedicated to crime prevention and keeping your neighbourhoods safe.

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If you're interested in our auxiliary program please visit the following link. <a href="http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/community/volunteer">http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/community/volunteer</a> aux.php

Peter Henry Staff Sergeant #4570 Community Response Unit 416-808-5354 Peter.Henry@torontopolice.on.ca







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Scholar | Athlete | Volunteer | Youth

the SAVY award is made possible with a grant from the

C.P.L.C. Community Police Liaison Committee



The SAVY award is presented yearly to one or two students who exemplify being a Scholar, Athlete and a Volunteer

Applicant Criteria

must reside within the borders of 53 Division
entering post secondary education
eself nomination, or may nominate others

Submission Deadline: April 19, 2013

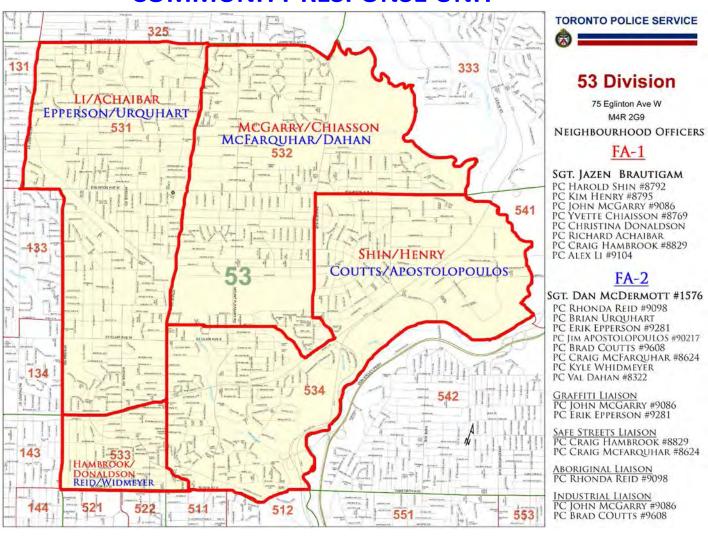
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Effective February 13, 2013, the Toronto Police Service will be discontinuing the TPS Links program. There are however several options for you to receive local and community public safety messages. You can sign up to receive TPS News Releases or Community Alerts specific to your Division in the city. To subscribe, we invite you to go to the Toronto Police Service website at www.torontopolice.on.ca and click on News Releases. As well, we invite and encourage you to get connected to the many Toronto Police Service Social Media sites such as: Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. We sincerely hope you stay connected with the Toronto Police Service and look forward to interacting with you.

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## **MAKE WAVES**

We are on time and on track with our training and planning for our Lake Ontario Canoe Crossing July 13<sup>th</sup> 2013!!!.

We have again put together a team of police officers and Victim Services volunteers to cross the open waters of Lake Ontario for another 55km crossing.

All proceeds will go to Victim Services Toronto.

Please log onto <u>www.makewaves.myevent.com</u>

And make your kind pledge.

Kind regards,

Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck and Team 53!!!!







## COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT MESSAGE

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, S/Sgt Peter Henry is going to be leaving the Community Response Unit to become the S/Sgt of C Platoon in the Primary Response Unit.

His experience in Community Policing has led the CRU for many years and benefitted the 53 Division Community. The officers of the Community Response Unit would like to thank S/Sgt Henry for his excellent leadership.

The new CRU manager is going to be S/Sgt Matthew Moyer. S/Sgt Moyer came to 53 Division as a new promotion in 2012. He has been a Detective in 51 Division since March of 1999. His background is primarily investigative yet he welcomes the opportunity to return to a uniform perspective on policing in Toronto. Born and raised in Midtown Toronto, the community that is policed by 53 Division, he is very excited to return to his neighbourhood after 23 years of service. The Community Response Unit is excited to have S/Sgt Moyer.





FRAUD AND SCAM TIPS DUMPSTER DIVING AND IDENTITY THEFT

We know that recycling is good for the environment. But scammers aren't interested in the environment; they see it as an easy way to collect information.

How does DUMPSTER DIVING play a role in Fraud you ask? Recycling bins often contain bills, receipts, statements, credit card approval letters – all with your personal information. Your name and address are easy, as they are written on envelopes and on address labels.

But even more important, what about your bank or credit/debit card information which appear on statements, or your date of birth on driver's licences and other government documents? And there's more: your Social Insurance Number is on tax forms, sometimes on job correspondence. Your SIN is your most important piece of identification and considered the gold card in Identity Theft.

The best defence is to shred all your personal and financial documents before tossing them into the recycling bin or the garbage. And don't forget to wipe clean your hard drive and other electronic devices before throwing them out.

Helen Liepins
CPLC Member



## **CRIME PREVENTION**

The 53 Division Crime Prevention and Disorder Management Officers are PC Tim Somers and PC Brian Yuile. They have been working closely with community members during 2012 to prevent crime by doing security audits, public lectures, and canvassing neighbourhoods with crime prevention brochures.

For 2013, they are going to continue with these initiatives plus more! If you have any concerns about Community Safety, Commercial or Residential Security, or Neighbourhood issues, these are the officers to contact.

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>



## FITNESS FACILITY LOCKER THEFT PREVENTION BROCHURE



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### TRAFFIC RESPONSE UNIT

53 Division Traffic Response Unit Update



#### Look twice for motorcycles (and bicycles)

Fair weather is coming along with our 2 wheeled friends. Spring is when people get out with their 2 wheeled vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles or e-bikes.

Motorists have not seen these vehicles since last fall and may forget that these smaller vehicles will once again be sharing the roadways of Toronto. The old adage, **'out of sight, out of mind'** is appropriate. 2 wheeled vehicles are physically smaller than cars and trucks and are often less visible in our busy streets. Driving a vehicle requires your attention full time; don't be distracted by cell phones or other devices.

Be careful when changing lanes or pulling out into traffic. When opening a car door, be mindful that a small vehicle may be coming in the lane to your left.

In a car or truck, you are inside the metal cage, the motorcyclist or cyclist is on the outside of the cage. In a collision, odds are they will be injured or worse. Take the extra moment and really look to see if anything is coming.

#### Practice, Practice (motorcyclists and cyclists)

For those who have had their 2 wheeled joy put away for the winter, don't assume that your riding skills are the same as last year. When you bring it out, brush up on your skills and take some time to practice braking and avoidance skills. Check your vehicle for defects including tire pressures. Tires will lose air while stored.

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

Regards,
Dale Carter
Sergeant #6920
53 Division



### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU**

As reported in the December 2012 bulletin, 53 Division continued to focus efforts on reducing victimization during the winter months with the Operation Neighbourhood Safety and Operation Sentry Crime Management Initiatives. The focus remained 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 continued to be reduced significantly throughout the winter. 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 -Operation Sentry in effect January 28<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Although marked decreases were again evidenced in the Break and Enter and Theft of and from Auto categories, we have seen an increase 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 in the Division 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, September 2012 (and repeated in the December 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.

Detective Sergeant D. Sabadics #5784

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## 53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee March 2013

#### 2013 SAVY Award

The 53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) is again offering a SAVY award bursary to a student (this is the fifth annual award). The SAVY (which stands for Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer, Youth) 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. An award of up to \$2,000.00 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.

All applicants must meet the criteria outlined in the application form. Educators/community leaders are welcome to nominate a student or individual students may apply on their own. A selection committee will be appointed by the 53 Division CPLC whose decision as to the award winner will be final. Application forms must be received by **April 19th, 2013**. 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 in May 2013, 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.

#### The form is available at:

http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d53/20121213-d53 cplc savy award.pdf For any questions please contact 53 Division at <u>53division@torontopolice.on.ca</u> or call 416 808-5319.

#### **Roots of Youth Violence report**

The Review of the Roots of Youth Violence Report by Alvin Curling and Roy McMurtry makes recommendations to tackle a serious and ongoing problem in our city. Ward 22 Councillor Matlow, supported by Councillor Thompson, made the Motion to proceed with the report's implementation, that passed at the February meeting of Council. There are more steps to take, but this is an important crime prevention issue that needs wide support.

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#### **2013 Proposed Service Priorities**

The Toronto Police Services Board has recently approved its 2013 service priorities. The CPLC submitted comments on the earlier draft of these and a small but significant change was made to Ensuring Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Safety.

#### **Priority: Focusing on Child & Youth Safety**

Violence committed upon and by youth continues to be an issue of great concern for the community and the Toronto Police Service. It is vital that we work to address the safety and security needs of children and youth. The safety of youth in schools, bullying, youth non-reporting of victimization, and the need to build trust and positive relationships with youth were all identified as issues of concern in the Environmental Scan and consultations.

#### **Priority: Focusing on Violence Against Women**

Women who have been victimized by violence remain a focus for the Toronto Police Service. The Service will continue to improve response to victims of domestic and family violence by providing needed supports and by increasing trust and confidence in the Police Service's ability to meet the diverse needs of victims.

#### **Priority: Focusing on People with Distinct Needs**

The concerns of and issues related to people with distinct needs were raised in a number of consultations held with the public and have been discussed in the Environmental Scan. Once again, the need to build trust between the police and these people was highlighted. With the aim of fostering mutually respectful and beneficial relationships, the Police Service is committed to providing professional and non-biased service to all those who need them.

#### **Priority: Targeting Violence, Organized Crime, & Gangs**

In the Service's community survey, people have identified guns and gangs as two of the most serious policing problems in Toronto. Drugs have also been identified as a serious problem for some neighbourhoods. In consultations with the public and with Service members, participants also stressed drug distribution and use as sources of violence and crime, and as having a strong negative impact on the quality of life in those affected communities. The Police Service is committed to enforcement activities that will address these critical issues affecting community safety.

#### **Priority: Delivering Inclusive Police Services**

Although the members of the Service generally enjoy the good opinion of our communities, we must always strive to preserve and improve this positive regard. The manner in which members interact with the community, and each other, can be a major factor in the success of a police

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service. The Toronto Police Service is committed to providing, internally and externally, equitable and professional services. Further, recognizing and valuing the diversity of the city, the Police Service must ensure that we continue to strive to be representative of the communities we serve.

#### **Priority: Focus on Service Delivery**

As is detailed in the *Police Services Act*; the Toronto Police Service is committed to providing a full range of policing services to our community. However, in this time of fiscal constraint, the Service must remain cognizant of the cost of providing services. The Service must therefore ensure that it adequately provides those services which are demanded by the community in the most efficient and effective manner possible. In addition, it is important that community members better understand the scope of policing services that can be provided and how to most effectively access these services.

#### **Priority: Addressing Community Safety Issues**

Members of the community should feel safe, without fear of danger, crime, intimidation, or harassment, as they go about their daily routines. While traditional safety concerns are still present in our communities, more and more, the threats posed and opportunities afforded by the ever increasing use of technology in society are of significant importance in the delivery of police services. The Toronto Police Service is committed to developing the necessary skills and processes to take advantage of the advancements in technology to better address the investigation of crimes which use or involve technology.

#### Priority: Ensuring Pedestrian, Cyclist, & Driver Safety

The traffic on Toronto's roadways affects almost everyone within the City and is a consistent theme at public meetings. It has also been identified by members of the community in the Service's telephone survey as one of the most serious problems affecting neighbourhoods. The safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers and the safe and efficient flow of traffic are, therefore, of significant concern to the Toronto Police Service. Mobilizing local communities to respond to local traffic problems will assist in sustaining successful efforts and improving neighbourhood roadway safety.

#### Priority: Focusing on Police Interaction with Individuals Experiencing Mental Illness

Dealing with individuals experiencing mental illness is a continuing challenge for police. The requirement for Service members to better understand and more effectively address the immediate and specific needs of these individuals is a priority for the Service. In addition to developing internal information systems and effective training, the Service is committed to

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building stronger and more collaborative partnerships with professional mental health service providers to ensure the safety and appropriate care of individuals experiencing mental illness.

#### **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 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.

53 Division CPLC welcomes your input on community safety issues from all parts of the Division. Please use our email address at <a href="mailto:53divisioncplc@torontopolice.on.ca">53divisioncplc@torontopolice.on.ca</a> 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 Spring Season.

Geoff Kettel Community Co-Chair 53 Division

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## **AUTO THEFT** 5 PROTECTION T 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. X 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. X 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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## 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 nonemergency occurrences, contact the Toronto Police Radio room at 416 808-2222.

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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.

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.

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

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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

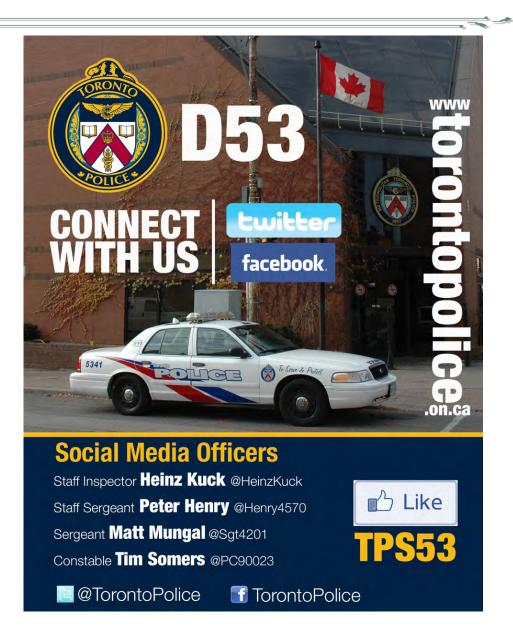
WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT CONFRONT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON YOURSELF.

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



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Thank you
53 Division
Toronto Police Service