



## MESSAGE FROM SUPT. BRODY SMOLLET UNIT COMMANDER OF 12 DIVISION

As I have noted in previous monthly bulletins, warmer weather usually brings with it an increase in criminal activity and other disorder issues. This year has not been an exception.

So far this summer we have noted an increase in our street robberies, including some involving weapons and there have been a number of shooting incidents, one resulting in a homicide. Robberies and gun violence are becoming commonplace, involving criminals and gang members. While this activity is a serious concern we have made a number of arrests of individuals for committing some of these robberies and we have seized a number of firearms. Our efforts to keep our community safe are ongoing and will continue, but we need help from the public in solving crimes.

Anyone with information about a crime is asked to contact the police or Crime Stoppers. This is your community and you must act to help the police keep it safe.

As you may also know summer is a time when there are many festivals ongoing throughout the city, including a number of them in 12 Division such as Grenada Day, Jamaica Day and others. These festivals require a presence by the police and our foot and bicycle patrol officers are utilized for policing these events. This means that at times there will be fewer officers visible on the street due to these festivals.

Please remember to safeguard your property and personal belongings while away from home. Many criminals take advantage at this time of year while people are away on vacation or when valuable items are left in open view in unlocked, open vehicles.

I encourage everyone to participate in crime prevention by getting to know your neighbours and looking out for one another. In the nice weather, get out and meet people in the neighbourhood and discuss how best to protect your community.

I am looking forward to the new challenges I face and also to working with our community partners. If you need to speak to me, I can be reached at 416-808-1213.

**Remember, your neighbourhood is our neighbourhood!**



## **COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES**

### **COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT:**

S/Sgt. Bruce Cottrell:

Our officers are very involved in our neighbourhoods. Here are a few of the activities in which they have participated during the four weeks. CRU officers have issued 69 Provincial Offences Tickets, arrested 20 people, and investigated approximately 447 others. Most recently they attended several addresses with local Liquor Inspectors and they have laid 85 charges covering liquor offences against the people operating the respective premises. They have also attended 18 public meetings or community events, conducted 27 school visits and checked local parks on 12 occasions; they also have paid special attention to 5 separate areas involving 88 activity checks where there have been community complaints.

Since the beginning of the year, CRU officers have issued 1492 Provincial Offences tickets and investigated approximately 2226 people for varying reasons with 169 people being arrested. The CRU will also continue to pay special attention to licenced premises, after hour's clubs, and booze cans within 12 Division. Their efforts since the beginning of the year have resulted in 190 Liquor Licence Act charges being laid. In other areas of concern, they arrested 4 people for prostitution activities, made 65 drug arrests, and investigated & arrested 15 people for robbery. In relation to weapons offences, so far this year there have been 25 charges laid.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER:**

Constable Jim Lambe:

Home Security & Safety:

- Discourage theft of valuables and identify property by maintaining an inventory of brands, serial & model numbers of all household possessions. Photographs of your property are also very helpful both for insurance and police identification purposes.
- Insure your home and contents, and store valuables in a safety deposit box whenever possible.
- Install dead bolt locks on all exterior doors and self tapping in the upper track of patio doors and windows. Consider installing a home security system.

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- Ensure that entry locks are changed or re-keyed, if you are a new owner or tenant.
- Secure all basement and ground level windows and patio doors. Use 'Lexan' glass where appropriate.
- Make your home fire safe by discussing your needs with your local fire station. Eliminate all fire hazards, install smoke alarms on all floors; it is the law in Ontario. Plan and practice an escape route with all household members.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors and check them regularly, as carbon monoxide is a clear, odourless, tasteless, toxic gas.
- Give your home the lived-in look, with light activating automatic timers, motion sensors, etc. Have mail, newspapers, etc. picked up or stopped if away for any period of time. Also have lawns cut or snow shoveled if away for an extended period of time.
- Trim shrubs, trees, etc., so that doors and windows are in clear view.
- Be cautious of con games and consumer frauds by door to door sales people. Don't sign any contracts without first obtaining an expert opinion.
- Employ only individuals from reputable companies or agencies to work in your home.

**Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.**

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:**

### **Divisional Traffic Sergeant:**

Sgt. Michael Mersereau #3942

Phone: 416 808-1224

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Traffic enforcement and safety is a priority of our Service and one of the core functions of all police officers. If you have a driving complaint that you would like to report, you can contact my office or attend at the station to have a report submitted. I will attempt to ensure that each complaint is addressed and appropriate action is delivered.

Summer is now here and as such an important time to remember safe driving practises. As you head out on the roads and highways during this summer, here are a few tips to keep in mind to keep you and your family safe.

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During the summer, tourists and vacationers add to the usual amount of traffic we face on our everyday routes. The weekends are also busier than usual, with people travelling to cottages, golf courses or one of Ontario's great tourist attractions.

#### **Safe Driving Practices**

Like any time of year, safe driving practices are the best way to deal with increased traffic. It can get hectic out there, so try to stay calm. Drive at a safe speed and be courteous to other drivers. Speeding, tailgating, weaving in and out of traffic and not yielding the right-of-way can lead to collisions.

If you're tired at the wheel, stop at a safe rest area, or take a break and treat yourself to a coffee or an ice cream. You'll feel rejuvenated and more alert.

#### **Always Remember to Buckle Up**

As always, make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up, and babies and young children are in car seats and booster seats. **Proper use of seat belts and child car seats, including booster seats, is the single most effective way to reduce vehicle-related injuries and fatalities.**

Health Canada statistics show that motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of death among children from one to nine years of age. And child car seat clinics held across Ontario demonstrate that as many as four out of five child seats are installed or used incorrectly.

#### **Packing Your Car**

On Friday night and Saturday mornings, the highways are full of vehicles stuffed to the max with supplies for the weekend, as well as sporting and camping equipment.

If you're heading out to the cottage, don't let these extra items block your view of the road. Make sure any loads are securely tied onto your vehicle, and if you are carrying a large load, slow down.

#### **Keep on the Lookout**

School is out, more children are playing outside. There are rollerbladers, skateboarders and scooters on sidewalks and streets, and all-terrain vehicles can appear unexpectedly by the side of the road. Also, in addition to the number of cars on the road, cyclists and motorcyclists come out of hibernation during this season and can be hard to spot.

In general, there are more people out enjoying the season, so you need to be on the lookout for pedestrians.

#### **Don't Drink and Drive**

Summer with its hot weather, also gives us lots of opportunities to get together with family and friends. If you are going to have a few drinks at a picnic or barbeque, make sure you have a designated driver.

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### Construction Season

And as everyone knows, summer also brings increased construction (and increased frustration) on our roads and highways. Be patient and give yourself sufficient time to arrive at your destination. Keep road workers safe by being prepared to stop or slow down in construction zones.

### **Traffic Enforcement Activities in 12 Division:**

On July 21<sup>st</sup>– June 27th, 2008, a city wide traffic campaign entitled 'T.T.C – Take Time to Check' was conducted which was a Traffic Safety initiative which provides education and enforcement in regards to vehicle and pedestrian safety concerns at all TTC locations throughout Toronto. To that end, our officers provided special attention with respect to offences which affected the safe movement of pedestrian traffic and TTC vehicles.

This month we have been fortunate not to have any major collisions, yet elsewhere in our city we have had collisions where 6 individuals have died and 5 more individuals have life threatening injuries. Remember *Safe driving is no accident!!*

Drinking and Driving continue to plague our streets with several individuals arrested this month.

### **Of note:**

- On Saturday July 6th, 2008 at 11:54 pm, a Class G1 licence driver failed to negotiate a turn on Brookhaven Drive and struck the curb several times resulting in significant damage the front wheel and wheel well area of his vehicle. The attending officer noted the obvious signs of alcohol consumption and the driver was arrested for Impaired Driving. Blood Alcohol readings were obtained of 190 milligrams and 170 milligrams. The accused was charge with the offences of Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80 milligrams. He was also charged with several other Highway Traffic Act offences including Class G1 licence holder – Drive While Alcohol Concentration Above Zero
- On Sunday July 13th, a vehicle was observed near Keele Street and Rogers Road with the driver processing a bottle of open alcohol. A 'Road Side Screening Device' was administered. As a result, the driver was arrested for Drive over 80 milligrams and Blood Alcohol readings of 119 milligrams and 115 milligrams were obtained.

A further 6 individuals had their Driver's licence suspended during RIDE Spot checks for alcohol levels above the legal limit and another 2 individuals charged with criminal Drinking and Driving offences.

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Take care, enjoy your summer, remember not to Drink and Drive and have a designated driver.

We must remember and be diligent to prevent Drinking and Driving.

Remember always be aware of your surroundings when you are driving.

### **12 DIVISION ARRESTS OF THE MONTH:**

#### **1: Officers Observe Accused Male Conceal Something Down Front of His Pants, Then Tried to Flee & When Stopped Drugs & a Gun Found**

It is alleged that: the accused was observed in a local Weston Road bar by plain clothes officers putting something down the front of his pants. When they approached him he pushed the closest officer away and then fled on foot out the door. A brief pursuit took place with the accused being caught a short distance away by the officers at which time he was searched. The officers located a 9mm hand gun and a quantity of drugs on the accused which were seized. The accused was taken to 12 Division where he was investigated further, charged and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

**Arrested:** PIERRE Jonathan Nathaniel, 19 years of Toronto

**Charges:** Assault Police  
Carry a Concealed Weapon  
Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm  
Possession of a Firearm Knowing its Possession is Unauthorized  
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Ecstasy)  
Possession of Marijuana

#### **2: Man with a Long History of Physical Abuse Towards Girlfriend Arrested After He Threatens Her with a Knife on TTC Bus**

It is alleged that: the accused and the victim have lived together since December of last year beginning in early February the accused started to become violent towards her. On several occasions he choked her into momentary unconsciousness and made several threats to kill her none of which were ever reported to police by the victim. Then on July 15<sup>th</sup> the accused and the victim were on a bus at which time he pulled out a knife and threatened to kill the victim. She then got off the bus at a stop on Humber Blvd to escape the accused at which time he stated that he would kill her if she got off the bus.

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The victim got off anyway at which time the accused followed her and then grabbed her by the hair and attempted to drag her away. Luckily for the victim there were three women nearby who witnessed the attack and threatened to call the police at which time the accused fled the scene. Officers attended quickly but the accused made good his escape but was apprehended several days later and taken to the station where he was charged accordingly and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

**Arrested: BUENO** Israel Reyes, 18 years of Toronto

**Charges:** Assault x 4  
Forcible Confinement  
Overcome Resistance Choking  
Threatening Death x 2  
Theft under \$5000  
Carry Concealed Weapon  
Weapons Dangerous  
Criminal Harassment

### **3: Youth Already Out on Bail Assaults His Younger Brother Then His Mother Over the Brother's Taking and Eating One of His Beef Patties**

It is alleged that: on July 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9.30 pm the accused youth came upon his younger brother who was eating a beef patty that he felt belonged to him. An argument ensued and the accused began assaulting his younger brother striking him until their mother intervened. The accused then began striking her with both hands and when she tried to call police for help he struck her with a chair. The accused father attended and called police who placed the accused youth under arrest and transported him to the station. He was charged accordingly and held in custody for yet another mandatory bail hearing.

**Arrested:** A Young Offender Who Cannot be Named Due to the Young Offenders Act

**Charges:** Assault x 3  
Assault with a Weapon  
Fail to Comply – Recognizance (Bail Conditions)



**COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Here is a list of community-based activities for the month of August that officers from 12 Division will attend. If you would like a Toronto Police Service representative from 12 Division to attend your community event, please contact 12 Division at 416-808-1200 and ask for the Community Response Staff Sergeant.

**August**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	<b>14</b> PCP Meeting 1885 Davenport Road 7.30 pm	15	16
17	18	<b>19</b> 3 Day Kids Soccer Camp starts 9.30am to 2.30pm daily runs thru to 21 <sup>st</sup>	20	<b>21</b> Neighbours Night Out @ King Georges Drive 7.00-8.30pm	22	23
24	25	26	<b>27</b> Neighbours Nite Out Event @ 15 Martha Eatonway 1.00-9.00pm	28	29	30
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