



MESSAGE FROM SUPT. BRODY SMOLLET UNIT COMMANDER OF 12 DIVISION

The month of May continued the trend we have been seeing since the beginning of the year. There were two more murders in the division, 3 attempted murders and one other shooting incident that did not result in any injuries. These occurrences are disturbing and continue to cause a great deal of concern in the community.

In an effort to help address these fears, meetings are being arranged for the public so that residents can ask questions about their safety concerns and we can listen and respond to these concerns. Please see the calendar attached to this bulletin for dates, times and locations for these meetings.

While we are deeply concerned about what is happening insofar as the number of shootings that are happening, I want to remind everyone that the overall level of crime in this division is about 28% lower this year than it was at the same time last year. This is due in part to the increase in police presence in 12 Division since the start of the year and as you may recall from previous bulletins, this increase will continue with additional officers being assigned here beginning in June.

Also coming in June is the 12 Division Community Day. This is an annual event held in the parking lot of 12 Division where members of the community can participate in games and other activities and can meet some of the officers who work here. This is the 11th annual event and I encourage everyone to come out and mingle and join us for some fun.

If you need to speak to me, I can be reached at 416-808-1213.

Remember, your neighbourhood is our neighbourhood!



12 DIVISION ARRESTS OF THE MONTH:

1: Woman Arrested on Weapons Charges After a She Attacks TTC Driver for Making Her Turn Down Her Music While She was on Bus:

It is alleged that: on May 26th, after receiving a call from TTC control advising of a driver being assaulted, officers attended Bus #2449 that had been northbound on Weston Road. Upon arrival they found the driver holding the accused female who had attacked him with a pen after he had demanded that she turn down the loud music she had been playing. The driver had warned the accused that if she did not turn down the music she would have to get off the bus. She refused and the driver stopped the bus at the next stop and ordered her off the bus. Another passenger got off ahead of her and took a transfer. The accused then tried to take a transfer and was refused by the driver. She then attacked the driver, punching him several times before he stood up to defend himself. The accused woman then ran to the back of the bus and picked up a pen and again attacked the driver with it. A scuffle ensued and the driver was eventually able to get control of the accused and police were called. The accused was arrested and charged with assault and assault with a weapon and later released on bail from the station.

Arrested: THOMAS Antonia, 24 years of Weston Road

**Charges: Assault
Assault with a Weapon**



2: Male Arrested After He is Stopped by Police for Investigation of a Sexual Assault and Then Assaults Officer in Attempt to Escape:

It is alleged that: on May 1st, officers were stopped by the victim who was driving her car past 12 Division and advised that the passenger had just sexually assaulted her. The accused was asked by the officers to get out of the car at which time the accused refused, then without warning, he took a swing at the officer closest to him. A struggle ensued and the accused was eventually tasered and arrested by the officers. He was taken to the station where he was investigated further and there refused to identify himself. He was taken to another station and finger printed which time his identity was discovered. He was found to be in the country illegally and was subsequently charged accordingly and held in custody pending the attendance of immigration bail authorities.

Arrested: SOLOMON Orandy, 24 years of Toronto

**Charges: Assault
Assault Police x 2**



COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Divisional Traffic Sergeant:

Sgt. Sandra Gregory #1972

Phone: 416 808-1224

<http://www.torontopolice.oc.ca/d12/>

In order to promote safety on the roadways for all. Traffic Response Unit officers pay special attention to locations where there are high incidents of collisions and complaints by members of the community. Aggressive driving and driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol continue to be a concern. New legislation was recently introduced to combat drinking and driving. There is now an escalating suspension program in effect for blood-alcohol concentrations of 50 mgs and over. The 12-hour warn range suspension has been replaced by a 3-day suspension for the first instance and escalates to 7 days for a second incident along with a remedial alcohol education program. A third incident will lead to a 30-day suspension along with the alcohol education program and a six-month ignition interlock condition. Plan ahead if you choose to drink: don't drink and drive.

If you have a driving complaint or concern relating to your neighbourhood, please contact my office, attend the station or complete a Traffic Complaint form on-line at <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/ca/d12/> . We will endeavor to take the appropriate action to resolve the problem.

Summer is fast approaching and this means that there will be more cyclists taking to the roadways. June is Bike Month! We have a traffic safety campaign starting June 22nd – Safe Cycling, Sharing the Responsibility, which will run until June 28th. Bicycles are legally considered vehicles and that means that they must obey the rules of the road as any other driver. They should be treated as equal users by all other vehicles. The best way to avoid collisions is to be prepared and be aware of other vehicles around



you. This campaign will be directed at creating awareness and enforcing the laws for both cyclists and motorists to ensure safety for all. This is a good time to ensure that your bicycle is in good repair and that you have appropriate safety equipment. Below is an equipment checklist that you can refer to when you are examining your bicycle.

Safety Equipment

Safety Check

Every cyclist needs to know how to tell when their bicycle is unsafe to ride and needs repair. This section includes a basic bicycle safety checklist.

Basic Bicycle Safety Checklist:

Bolts/Quick release levers:

Check that bolts and/or quick release levers on the seat, seat post, handlebar stem and axles are tight.

Headset:

Check that it turns freely and doesn't rattle.

Brakes:

Check that the nuts on the brakes are tight. Brake pads should not touch the rims unless you are squeezing the brakes. Brake levers should stop at least 2.5 centimeters from the handlebars when the brakes are fully applied.

Axles:

Check bearings for looseness by shaking the wheel side to side. Make sure quick release levers are clamped tight.

Shift Levers:

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Derailleur levers should move easily only when shifting. A screw or butterfly nut or similar device lets you adjust the movement of some types of shifter levers.

Derailleur Movement:

On derailleur bikes, try shifting through all your gears and make sure your derailleur does not throw the chain off the sprockets.

Tires:

Inflate to the recommended tire pressure as shown on the tire.

Spokes:

Check for and replace loose, bent or broken spokes.

Wheels:

Make sure wheels are centred in the forks and not touching the brake blocks. Check the rim for side-to-side wobbles and up and down hops by watching the wheel spin past the brakes or frame. More than half a centimeter of wobble is cause for concern.

Coaster Brakes:

Check that the bolt holding the brake arm to the frame clip is tight.

Helmet:

Make sure that your helmet meets safety standards (e.g. Snell, CSA, ANSI, ASTM, BSI, SAA, CPSC) and has not been damaged in a collision.

Keep Your Bike Secure

Always carry a quality bicycle lock when riding and always lock your bike and quick release items like your wheels and seat to something solid.

You can register your bicycle on-line with Toronto Police Service by visiting the web site under Crime Prevention. There are also tips for safe cycling.

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Traffic Enforcement Activities:

During the month of May, our officers were involved in the Canada Road Safety Week traffic initiative which focused on aggressive driving, drinking and driving and proper occupant restraint use. During this campaign, 12 Division officers laid 450 charges in relation to these offences.

Speeding and stop sign offences appear to be problem areas on side streets according to complaints received by members of the community. Our office has increased enforcement and several charges have been laid. It is imperative that motorists take the time to come to a full stop at posted intersections and drive according to the posted speeds and weather conditions.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT:

S/Sgt. Daryl Gerry #4293

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 162 Provincial Offences Tickets, arrested 40 people, and investigated approximately 381 others. Most recently they attended several addresses with local Liquor Inspectors and they have laid 36 charges covering liquor offences against the people operating the respective premises. They have also attended 10 public meetings or community events, 33 school visits; and have paid special attention to specific areas involving 52 activity checks where there have been community complaints.

Since the beginning of the year, CRU officers have issued 1591 Highway Traffic Act tickets and investigated approximately 2302 people for varying reasons with 113 people being arrested. The CRU will also continue to pay special attention to licenced premises, after-hours clubs, and booze cans within 12 Division. Their efforts since the beginning of the year have resulted in 274 Liquor License Act charges being laid. In other areas of concern, they arrested 1 people for prostitution activities, made 49 drug arrests, and investigated & arrested 7 people for robbery. So far this year, there have been 21 charges laid in relation to weapons offences.



COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER COMMENTS:

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

Break-ins to automobiles are a constant problem in 12 Division and are usually something that is often referred to as 'a crime of opportunity' meaning that thieves take advantage of people who leave valuables in their vehicles in plain sight. While this mainly occurs around Christmas time, it is indeed a year round problem for everyone. Please think of the following suggestions when you park your car:

- Either remove any valuables from your vehicle or at least lock them in your trunk out of sight.
- Park your vehicle in a well lit area where there is regular pedestrian traffic.
- Roll up all your windows and lock your doors when exiting your vehicle.
- If you have a garage, lock your garage doors as well as your cars.

An ounce of prevention is usually worth more than a pound of cure.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

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

June

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Weston PCP Meeting 1901 Weston Rd @ Lawrence West 7:00 PM	3	4	5 York Memorial Collegiate end-of-year BBQ	6
7	8 Community Information Session – York Civic Centre 2700 Eglinton W. @ 7.00PM to discuss problems in the community	9 Community Information Session – Runnymede Collegiate @ 7.00PM to discuss problems in the community	10	11 Police Community Partnership Mtg. 7:00pm @ 1884 Davenport Rd.	12	13
14	15	16 TAVIS BBQ Yore Rd 5-7 PM Neighbours Night Out Dennis Ave Church	17	18 Neighbours Night Out Paulson & King Georges Dr 7 – 8:30 PM	19	20 Beech Hall 30 th Anniversary @ McEachren Hall 10A Humber Blvd. from 1 to 4.00 pm
21	22	23	24	25 Neighbours Night Out Evelyn Gregory Library @ 120 Trowell Ave. 7 – 8:30 PM	26	27 FYI Summer Slam Jam Coronation Park
28	29	30				