



MESSAGE FROM SUPT. BRODY SMOLLET UNIT COMMANDER OF 12 DIVISION

Summer is over and we are all back to our normal routines. For 12 Division this was a busy summer with festivals and other special events that we needed to police but with the assistance of other units and the community we managed alright.

As far as our statistics are concerned, we still find ourselves with lower overall crime stats than at this time last year. However, there have been a number of recent incidents that cause us a great deal of concern. Over the past week, ending with the Labour Day weekend, there were 6 people shot in this division, although no one was killed.

These shootings are still being investigated but there is a lack of cooperation from the victims, hampering our efforts.

September 2nd has seen the return of students to school and the Toronto Police have once again undertaken a “back to School” campaign involving enhanced traffic enforcement and police visibility in and around our schools. This will help remind everyone of their responsibilities and will help ensure the safety of our youth.

A new pilot project is underway involving the police and our local high schools that will see a uniformed police officer assigned to a high school every day for the entire school year. In 12 Division, an officer will be assigned to York Memorial and Arch Bishop Romero high schools. This project has been undertaken in conjunction with both the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto District Catholic School Board and if successful could be expanded in the future.

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!



ARRESTS OF THE MONTH:

MAN ALREADY OUT ON BAIL ARRESTED AGAIN ON NUMEROUS FIREARMS RELATED CHARGES AFTER HE FIRES GUN ON STREET:

It is alleged that: the accused man was standing out front of 2480 Eglinton Avenue West along with several other males who began arguing which evolved into a fight. The accused male who was standing nearby but not involved himself pulled out a gun from his waist and fired off three shots into the air at which time the men fighting stopped. They all then ran off in different directions, luckily no one appeared to have been stuck by any of the bullets. A witness called police who attended the scene and located the accused man a short distance away down the street. Upon seeing the officers the accused fled and managed to escape for a brief period before he was found hiding between two doors. He was arrested and when searched a large quantity of cash and drugs were found on his person. The gun was recovered close by which he had hidden at the rear of the building. The accused was taken to the station where he was investigated further, charged accordingly and held in custody for yet another mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: Cox Allan, 22 years of Toronto

Charges: Careless Use of a Firearm
Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
Possession of a Firearm Knowing It's Poss. is Unauthorized
Possession of a Restricted Firearm with Ammunition
Fail to Comply – Recognizance x 3 (Bail)
Revocation of Bail
Possession of Proceeds of Crime
Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking



1 MAN ARRESTED FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER AFTER A 2ND MAN IS SHOT DURING AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN THE TWO:

It is alleged that: during the early evening hours of July 26th the accused and the victim became involved in an altercation on Eglinton Avenue following the Jamaica Independence Day celebrations held at nearby Keele Park. The victim was shot and the accused male fled the scene on foot, the victim was taken to Sunnybrook Hospital by ambulance where he was treated for his wounds but died approximately 3 days later. Police launched an immediate investigation following the shooting and were eventually able to identify the accused man as the suspect in the shooting. On August 7th, officers attended his home and arrested him following which he was taken to 12 Division where he was charged and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: JOHN Jimmy Jason, 18 years of Toronto

Charges: Second Degree Murder



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Divisional Traffic Sergeant:

Sgt. Michael Mersereau #3942

Phone: 416 808-1224

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.

Tips for parents on how to protect children:

With school just around the corner, its time to remind our children again about traffic safety. Approximately 60 Canadian children die each year as a result of pedestrian injuries. Over 4, 000 Canadian children and youth are injured each year as pedestrians.

What you can do to prevent pedestrian injuries

At a traffic light, teach your children to cross at the beginning of the green light and NOT to cross once the light turns yellow. You as their parent set the example and NEVER cross the street when the light is red. Stop at the curb or at the edge of the road if there is no curb, before crossing the street. Teach your children to always look left, right, left before crossing any street. Cross only when the street is clear. Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Be seen. Stop at the curb or edge of the road and listen for traffic before crossing.

Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk on the road, always walk facing traffic. Always cross at corners or within marked crosswalks, where available. Watch for traffic entering and leaving driveways and alleyways. Never cross from behind or in between parked cars or shrubs. Never run onto the street without stopping to look for traffic, even for a pet or toy. When walking at dusk or in the dark, carry a flashlight and wear reflective clothing. Always walk, NEVER run onto the street. Remain alert; don't assume a car will stop for you.



Tips for the Back-to-School Season

1. **Slow down in school zones.** Driving just 5 km per hour over the speed limit increases the risk of hitting a child.
2. **Avoid distractions.** Limit the use of cell phones, eating and drinking which can be distracting while driving.
3. **Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students.** Motorists travelling in both directions are required by law to stop 20 meters from the front and rear of the bus.
4. **Turn your headlights on.** If your car does not have daytime running lights, drive with your headlights on to help children and other drivers see your car better.
5. **Pay attention to kids waiting for a bus.** Children sometimes run into the street without looking out for oncoming traffic.
6. **If possible, avoid commuting through school zones.** Take major streets or highways.
7. **Use booster seats for all children under 8 years old.** It's the law in Ontario for all kids under the age of 8, weighing 80 lbs or less and who stand less than 4 feet 9 inches.
8. **Watch for teenage drivers.** Increased traffic means more inexperienced teen drivers commuting to school. Parents should also remind teenage drivers to take extra precautions.

Plan your commute ahead of time to arrive at a comfortable pace. Leave early and give yourself enough time for travel and to avoid the congestion of school buses, pedestrians and taxis.

Traffic Enforcement Activities in 12 Division:

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This month with many of us on vacation, 12 Division officers investigated nearly 140 collisions where 45 individuals which were injured. Many of these collisions were as a result of pedestrians disobeying the rules of the road and driver inattentiveness. A major collision, which overlapped with our border with 11 Division, occurred on August 18th at Scarlett Road and St. Clair Avenue West. In this collision a male driver drove his motor vehicle into the railway Bridge median. As a result, this male sustained life threatening injuries from this collision. This collision is still under investigation and is being followed up by officers from Traffic Services.

As for Drinking and Driving several more individuals were arrested this month.

Of note:

- On Friday August 1st, at 1:05 a.m., a 33 year old male was stopped for speeding on Trethewey Drive. The officer noted the odour of an alcoholic beverage licence driver and a Roadside Screening Device test was given where he 'failed'. Subsequent blood alcohol readings were obtained of 122 milligrams and 110 milligrams. Of note is that this driver had been previously charged with a similar offence last summer and as result was held bail; hearing for Diver Over 80 milligram charge.
- On Sunday August 3rd, at 2:30 a.m., a 22 year old male was observed vehicle being driven at high rate of speed Humber Boulevard. The officers noted the obvious signs of alcohol consumption and the driver was arrested for Impaired Driving. The driver refused to provide any sample of his breath as demanded by the officers. The Driver was charged with Impaired Driving and Refuse to Provide Breath Samples.
- On Sunday August 10, at 2:48 a.m., a 20 year driver was driving his vehicle at a high rate of speed, mounting the curb and then going into oncoming traffic before stopping for Police. The party was arrested for Impaired Driving and taken for a breath test. This party refuse provide a sample of his breath and was then charge with Impaired Driving, Fail to Provide Breath Sample and several other driving related offences.



A further 5 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 offences.

Take care and plan ahead; 'a danger foreseen is half avoided' and don't Drink and Drive.

COMMUNITY BASED ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT:

Our officers are very involved in our neighbourhoods. Here are a few of the activities in which they have participated in during the four weeks. CRU officers have issued 202 Provincial Offences Tickets, arrested 25 people and investigated approximately 407 others. Most recently they attended several addresses with a local Liquor Inspectors and they have laid 77 charges covering liquor offences against the people operating the respective premises. They have also attended 11 public meetings or community events, 2 school visits; they also paid special attention to separate areas involving 57 activity checks where there have been community complaints.

Since the beginning of the year, CRU officers have issued 1614 Highway Traffic Act tickets and investigated approximately 2745 people for varying reasons with 200 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 267 Liquor Licence Act charges being laid. In other areas of concern they arrested 4 people for prostitution activities, made 70 drug arrests and investigated & arrested 17 people for robbery and in relation to weapons offences so far this year there have been 26 charges laid.



COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER COMMENTS:

Motor Vehicle Safety & Security:

Cars have become an important part of our lifestyle. Personal safety and protection must be a consideration every time you enter the vehicle. The following suggestions will help protect you and make your vehicle safer.

- Ensure that your motor vehicle is well maintained, mechanically fit and roadworthy.
- Always check the interior and under the vehicle before entering especially at night. It's good practice in two-door cars to move the front seats forward when unoccupied.
- Always wear your seatbelt and ensure all passengers, especially children are wearing their seat belts. Secure young children in properly mounted safety seats.
- Don't drink and drive. You can be charged with a criminal offence and if convicted lose both your driving privileges and licence.
- Drive defensively and be courteous and considerate to other drivers.
- Don't leave your vehicle unattended and the motor running.
- Park in well lit areas with pedestrian traffic and don't leave any personal identification or valuables in the vehicle.
- Consider installing an anti-theft device and a locked gas cap.
- Always lock all the doors and windows after entering as well as exiting the vehicle.
- If possible keep your car in a locked garage with the vehicle locked up as well.
- Don't put your name or address on your keys, use separate key rings for your car and your house.
- In case of car trouble, lock yourself in, turn on the four way flashers; display a "Call Police" sign in window if you have one, or if you have a cell phone call for assistance and wait inside the car for help to arrive.

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Here is a list of community-based activities for the month of September 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.

September

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| | 1 | 2 Weston PCP Meeting @ 1901 Weston Rd. 7:00 PM | 3 | 4 Neighbours Night Out @ Tarragona Pk. St Clair & Gunns Rd 7:00pm | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Davenport PCP Meeting 7.00pm @ 1884 Davenport Road | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting @ 12 Division 7:30pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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