



MESSAGE FROM SUPT. BRODY SMOLLET UNIT COMMANDER OF 12 DIVISION

Since writing my last message for our bulletin, the level of overt violence in 12 Division has dropped, particularly in reference to the number of shootings that had been occurring. I believe this decrease is directly related to the efforts made by the officers in 12 Division, combined with assistance from the TAVIS task force and other support units.

We were successful in identifying and arresting a number of individuals who we believe are responsible for most of the current gun violence in this community. Since the arrest of these individuals, the shootings have virtually ceased. The accused persons are still in custody awaiting bail hearings and trials.

Even though we have been successful in reducing the gun violence, we are continuing to investigate and proactively prevent further violence. We have formed an alliance with neighbouring divisions to monitor, investigate and arrest people we believe are involved in other violent incidents. These investigations will continue for the immediate future.

I also want to let everyone know that 12 Division, in partnership with our Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) will be hosting our annual town hall meeting on Thursday November 20th, 2008. The meeting will take place in the council chambers at 2700 Eglinton Avenue at 7:00 PM and everyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to openly discuss community safety issues and how to work together to combat crime and disorder.

I am looking forward to the 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:

TWO MEN ARRESTED AFTER THEY CONSPIRE TO EXTORT MONEY FROM A GIRLFRIEND BY STAGING A PHONEY KIDNAPPING:

It is alleged that: the two accused decided to extort money from the girlfriend of one of them (Mills) and to stage a phony kidnapping to get her to give them \$20,000.00 in cash. The accused Mills attended the victim's address along with the other accused (Toumanova) and once there he accused the victim of having an affair with Toumanova behind his back. He eventually pulled out a gun and threatened both parties and ordered them into a car and drove to another address. He then demanded that the victim pay the money or he would kill Toumanova. She eventually agreed to pay the money and they then got back into the car and began driving. A short time later, the accused (Mills) stopped and got out of the car to relieve himself at which time the victim escaped and ran off. She flagged down a cab and went home but later received a phone call from the Toumanova saying he would be killed if she didn't pay the money. The victim notified police and arrangements were made to drop off the money at which time both men were arrested when they moved in to collect the money. They were taken to 12 Division where they were investigated further, charged accordingly and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: **Toumanova** Yana, 21 years of Toronto
Mills Randy, 27 years of Toronto

Charges: Kidnapping
Extortion Using a Firearm



1 MAN ARRESTED AFTER HE IS FOUND WITH DRUGS AND A LOADED HANDGUN IN TRETHEWEY DRIVE HIGHRISE STAIRWELL:

It is alleged that: the accused was hiding in a 3rd floor stairwell of a high-rise building located in the area of Trethewey and Jane by 12 Division officers on Wednesday, October 8th. At the time of his arrest, he was discovered trying to conceal a loaded 38 calibre revolver in his jacket. When searched, officers also located a number of baggies of crack cocaine ready for sale as well as 3 cell phones and a quantity of cash, all of which were seized. He was then taken to the station where he was investigated further and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: WHEATLE Yannick, 18 years of Toronto

Charges: Possession of a Prohibited Firearm with Ammunition
Poss. of a Firearm knowing It's Possession is Prohibited
Possession of a Firearm contrary to Prohibition Order
Careless Storage of a Firearm
Carry a Concealed Weapon
Possession of a Firearm Obtained by crime
Weapons Dangerous
Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking
Possession of the Proceeds of Crime



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Divisional Traffic Sergeant:

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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.

This month, I would like to take the opportunity to discuss changing lanes and merging with traffic and the many scenarios which often cause collisions – many of which can be avoided by having just a little patience.

“Nobody ever yielded their way into a collision.” Think about it. If you are in doubt about who has the right of way, give it away. The other guy may be wrong, but you can end up hurt or dead. If there is uncertainty about which vehicle should have the right of way, give the other guy the road. When it comes to driving safely, it's not the principle but the outcome that counts.

Changing Lanes Safely

Unsafe lane changes cause a lot of accidents and injuries. For instance, from time to time on highways unsafe lane changes cause multi-car pile-ups. With the speeds involved, the injuries are often very serious.

Please note that the unsafe lane change scenario is very different from the situation where the vehicle in front for unusual reasons unexpectedly slows down or stops. A sudden decrease in speed on the part of the lead vehicle generally will be one of the contingencies that should be anticipated by the driver of a following vehicle.

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In some circumstances, usually in a highway setting, slow moving traffic may be obliged to move into the “slow lane”. If a traffic control device directs slow moving traffic to use a designated lane, the slow moving traffic must safely move over (usually to the right).

It is also important to remember that the burden to yield the right of way falls on the driver attempting to enter the roadway from a parking spot. When a vehicle moves into a lane from a parked position, a vehicle already in the lane has the right-of-way and the driver leaving the parking spot has to be patient and yield. A lot of accidents result from vehicles leaving parking spots and cutting off approaching vehicles.

Good timing is the key to successfully moving from lane to lane. Good timing involves awareness and anticipating what the drivers around you are doing, and it involves letting these drivers know your intentions. Good timing cannot be achieved unless speed is moderated. Too much speed means too little control, no time to correct for one’s own mistakes, and no time to adjust to the mistakes of others.

Here is a method that you can use when making lanes changes and merging with traffic. It is especially useful in training new drivers.

To properly change a lane or merge into traffic, use the TLC System. The ‘T’ is for ‘turn signal’. Apply your turn signal three to five seconds before lane changing. This will give all users of the road a means to know your intentions and predict what your driving action may be. The ‘L’ is for ‘Look’ – look into your mirrors AND over your shoulder to make sure your blind spot is clear. Many people often don’t have their mirrors set up correctly. Most people adjust their mirrors so that they can see down the side of their vehicle which actually overlaps the visual field of the interior mirror. When you set up your side mirror, sit in your normal driving position; then tilt your head to the left and the adjust the left side mirror so that you can just barely see the rear of your vehicle; then do the same for the right side mirror. By doing this simple adjustment your visual field to the rear of your vehicle is greatly increased making you far more aware of the traffic around you. The ‘C’

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is for 'change lane' – merge smoothly over to the lane next to you. A smooth action gives you and others around you time to react if necessary to an unexpected event.

When you are making your lane change, you should be careful not to shift your lane position when you look over your shoulder. We can accomplish this with the system we call lock, loosen and look. Lock your shoulders, loosen your arms and then look. This moves your head without moving your body and it only takes a second."

Traffic Enforcement Activities:

This month, 12 Division officers investigated nearly 150 collisions where 22 individuals which were injured.

On October 25th, a pedestrian was killed at the rail crossing at Denison Road just west of Jane Street. This collision occurred as a result of the three pedestrians disobeying the railway signals. One of the pedestrians fell at the tracks and was subsequently struck by a passing train. This event should remind all that traffic safety includes the many railway areas within our Division. Tell your children to not use the rail lands as a hangout or playground.

Commercial Vehicle traffic is a major concern in our area, with many industrial parks, wreckers and warehouses being serviced by heavy trucks. Safety inspections were conducted on October 29th, 2008. A total of 50% of all vehicles stopped were taken off the road for safety concerns. We'll continue to monitor this problem by continuing to conduct random safety spot check on an ongoing basis to promote Traffic Safety.

On Saturday October 11th, 2008, Traffic Officers attended Beiras Driving School to lecture and answer questions in regard to accident avoidance and Impaired Driving.

Drinking and Driving continues to be a problem.

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On Saturday October 18th, 2008 at 7:50 p.m., Jonathon Wallace was travelling against one-way signs on Kane Avenue. Fortunately no collision occurred, but the signs of alcohol consumption were present and the driver was arrested for Impaired Driving. The accused provided sample of his breath with reading of 156 milligrams and 138 milligrams. The accused was also charges with Drive over Milligrams.

On Saturday October 18, 2008 at 10:55 p.m., Joao Doningoss-Francisco (43 years) was southbound on Scarlett Road approaching vehicles stopped at a red light at the intersection of Edinborough Court. The accused struck the vehicle from behind. The accused had bloodshot and watery eyes. There was a strong odour of alcohol on the accused breath. The accused was arrested and charged with Impaired Driving.

On Sunday October 19, 2008 at approximately 4:15 p.m., Emilio Casais (47 years old) was involved in a Personal Injury accident on Davenport Road near Perth Avenue. The signs of alcohol were present and the accused was arrested for Impaired Driving. After providing breath tests, a second charge of over 80 mg Operation was later added. Due to the accused's intoxicated state, he was not suitable for release until he was sober. His breath readings were 205 milligrams and 202 milligrams.

In October, we had another 7 individuals arrested for Drinking and Driving offences and a further 17 individuals had their Driver's licence suspended for alcohol levels above the legal limit of 50 milligrams.

As we enter the Christmas season, please don't Drink and Drive – plan ahead and arrange for a designated driver or take a Taxi.

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.

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CRU officers have issued 418 Provincial Offences Tickets, arrested 20 people and investigated approximately 325 others. Most recently they attended several addresses with a local Liquor Inspectors and they have laid 170 charges covering liquor offences against the people operating the respective premises. They have also attended 19 public meetings or community events, and 40 school visits. They also paid special attention to separate areas involving 75 activity checks where there have been community complaints.

Since the beginning of the year, CRU officers have issued 2104 Highway Traffic Act tickets and investigated approximately 3652 people for varying reasons with 242 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 639 Liquor Licence Act charges being laid. In other areas of concern, they arrested 6 people for prostitution activities, made 77 drug arrests and investigated & arrested 18 people for robbery. In relation to weapons offences, so far this year there have been 34 arrests made.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER COMMENTS:

The holiday season will soon be upon us and it can be a very busy time for shoppers as well as criminals. The following are a few Crime Prevention Tips to follow for both your own safety as well as peace of mind.

- Do not carry large amounts of cash – take only what is necessary;
- Carry your wallet in a pocket or on your person, not in your purse;
- Place all purchases in the trunk or concealed area out of sight of opportunistic thieves;
- Always try to park in well lighted busy areas of the street or parking lot;
- Try to shop with a friend or in a group to deter would-be pick pockets or purse snatchers who prey on lone shoppers;

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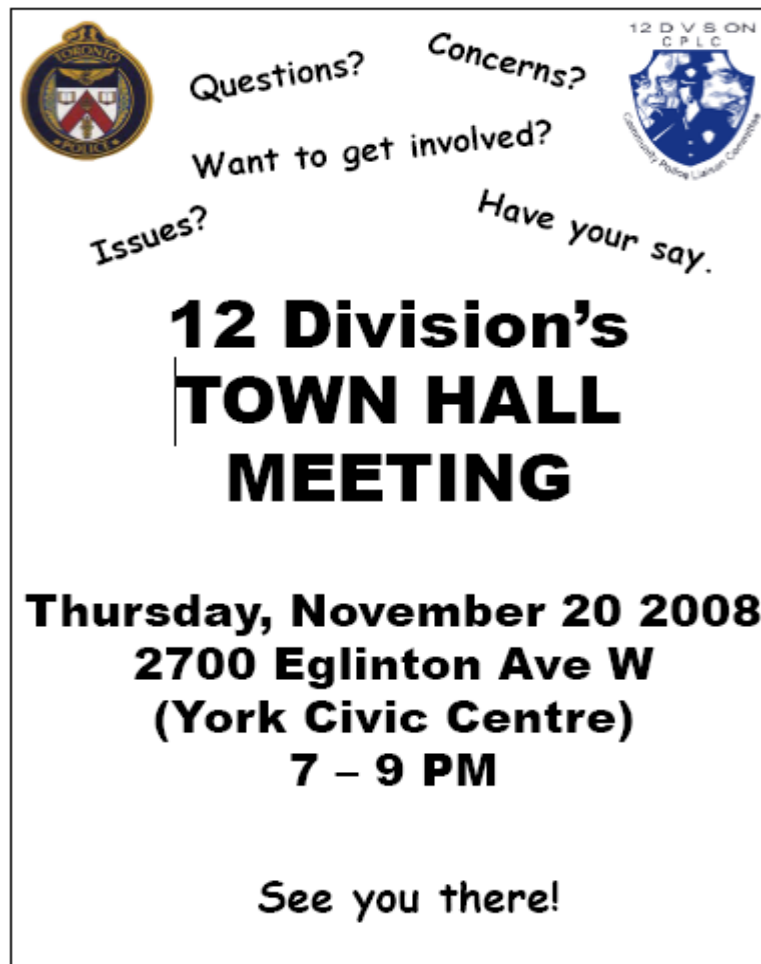


- Lastly, always be alert and aware of your surroundings to avoid any nasty surprises.

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 November 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.



The poster features two logos at the top: the Toronto Police crest on the left and the 12 Division CPLC logo on the right. The text is arranged in a circular pattern around the central title. The central title is "12 Division's TOWN HALL MEETING". Below the title, the date, time, and location are listed. At the bottom, it says "See you there!".

Questions? Concerns?
Want to get involved?
Issues? Have your say.

**12 Division's
TOWN HALL
MEETING**

**Thursday, November 20 2008
2700 Eglinton Ave W
(York Civic Centre)
7 – 9 PM**

See you there!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 Weston PCP Meeting @ 1901 Weston Rd. 7:00 PM	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Davenport PCP Meeting 7.00pm @ 1884 Davenport Road	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 12 Division Town Hall Meeting @ 2700 Eglinton Ave. W 7:00pm	21	22
23 Weston Santa Claus Parade 2 PM: Weston Rd between Church and Sidney Belsey Cres.	24	25	26	27	28	29
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