



MESSAGE FROM SUPT. BRODY SMOLLET
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In my opening message in last months' bulletin, I referenced a number of shooting incidents that had taken place within 12 Division. Unfortunately these incidents have continued with several more shootings, including one homicide. The deceased in the homicide was a young male who was shot and killed by another young male on the street during daylight hours and near a local high school. The suspect in this murder has been arrested and charged with 1st Degree Murder and is currently in jail awaiting trial.

Incidents such as these are extremely alarming to all of us because they put everyone's life at risk, not just those involved in the shooting. We all remember the Jane Creba shooting from several years ago and we as a police service and as a society must do all we can to ensure that incidents such as this never occur again.

12 Division has responded to these matters by deploying all of the resources available to us in an effort to identify the culprits and put an end to this senseless violence before more lives are lost. To this end we need the help and cooperation of our community members to act as our eyes and ears and to come forward in providing information that may assist us. This can be done by contacting 12 Division or through Crime stoppers should you wish to remain anonymous.

Only through a sustained, cooperative effort with all levels of government and community members will we be able to truly make a difference.

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!

If you have any comments, suggestions or recommendations please contact me at – 416-808-1213.



CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES/ARRESTS:

MALE ALREADY OUT ON NUMEROUS BAILS ARRESTED AFTER FOUND IN RESIDENTIAL AREA & IN POSS. OF A STOLEN CAR:

It is alleged that: on September 22nd the accused was located acting in a suspicious manner during the late evening hours in a residential area by the arresting officers. When they investigated him they found that he was out on bail from numerous prior arrests and was violating his curfew of 7:00pm to 7:00am. The officers also noticed that the accused was attempting to discretely dispose of a number of car keys as they approached him. When they investigated further they found one of the keys fit a recently stolen car parked nearby. The accused was taken to the station where he was investigated further and it was confirmed that he was also a suspect for an attempted auto theft that took place on September 16th in an underground garage where he had fled from officers who were checking the garage area. As a result he was subsequently charged with several bail violations as well and held in custody for yet another mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: SEPE Joseph, 20 years of Toronto

Charges: Theft over \$5000
Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
Prowl by Night
Fail to Comply – Recognizance x 2
Fail to Comply – Undertaking
Fail to Comply – Probation x 3

YOUNG MAN ARRESTED AFTER HE ASSAULTS HIS MOTHER AND THEN THREATENS TO KILL HER WITH A KNIFE:

It is alleged that: the accused came home during the early morning hours of September 10th at which time his mother with whom he was residing with advised him that he had to move out. The mother told the accused that she could no longer put up with his lifestyle and bad habits and that he would have to find a new place to live. The accused became infuriated and began yelling at her and at some point produced a knife and threatened to kill her. He then swung a shopping bag containing various items that he had been holding in his other hand at her striking her twice with it. She then fled the apartment and called police who attended quickly but the son had fled but was later arrested at his work place the following

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day. He was taken to the station charged accordingly and held in custody pending a mandatory bail hearing.

Arrested: DUBE Jules, 19 years of Toronto

Charges: Assault with a Weapon
Threatening Death

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Traffic Response Unit officers have been assigned to pay special attention to problem areas as well as providing traffic enforcement at our high accident locations within the division. As a result of their efforts, numerous impaired, suspended and careless drivers have been stopped and charged.

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.

Over the next couple of months I am going to use this opportunity to remind us all of simple defensive driving tips with respect to different driving scenarios.

This month: Beware of Intersections!

Intersections are one of the most dangerous areas for any driver. One oft-quoted statistic is that over 80% of all city collisions involving injury or death occur within signal-light (or "controlled") intersections. Adding to the severity of intersection collisions is the average speed through a city intersection is often above 80 km/h, and the typical collision is usually a "t-bone," where you are hit on your vulnerable side door.

HERE'S HOW TO LESSEN YOUR RISKS. First, as you approach an intersection on a green light, slow down before entering it and make sure to look left-right-left; look left first, look left twice, because the first danger to you is the traffic approaching from your left. If the intersection is a "blind" one - where you can't see the traffic on the cross street until they (or you) are so close as to be an immediate hazard, slow down even more. Do not enter an intersection you have not visually cleared. Some drivers "cover" the brake by

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moving their foot for a few seconds from the accelerator to a position just above the brake pedal, which helps eliminate the reaction time needed to begin braking.

THE MAJORITY OF COLLISIONS AT CONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS happens within 4 seconds of a light change. You don't want to be in the intersection during those 4 seconds. However, if you don't immediately go when the light turns green, people behind you get irritable, yes? Try this... The first thing is make sure you stopped in the right spot. Stop far enough behind the stop line that you can see it on the pavement in front of your car - this normally gives you 10-15 feet of space. When the light turns green, take your foot off the brake and let your vehicle start to creep toward the crosswalk (easy to do with an automatic transmission).

LOOK LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT making sure no one is running the red light and the roadway is clear of pedestrians. By this time, you are in the middle of the crosswalk (if it was clear), or close to the intersection boundary and at least a couple of seconds have elapsed. If the intersection is clear, begin to accelerate. The person behind you knew you saw the light change to green because you started to roll, so they don't usually honk, and you stayed out of the kill zone long enough to make sure it's safe to go.

THERE ARE TWO MAJOR REASONS not to crowd the stop line (or the car in front of you) when stopping for a red light. First, as noted in the last section, it puts you in the right position to momentarily delay your entrance to the intersection when you get the green light. Second, even if you are not the first vehicle in line at the light, leave the same space in front—stop where you can see the rear tires of the next vehicle where they touch the road. If that vehicle stalls, you'll have room to pull out and around it. This also gives you added room in case a vehicle behind doesn't stop in time. If you are watchful, sometimes that few feet is enough for you to pull forward to avoid being rear-ended.

WHEN MAKING A LEFT TURN don't turn your wheels in the direction you are turning until it is clear to go. If you are rear-ended while you are waiting, your already-turned wheels may cause your vehicle to veer into the oncoming traffic and a dangerous collision.

WHEN YOU ARE WAITING TO MAKE A LEFT TURN your view of oncoming traffic can be restricted. The temptation can be great to go anyway - even though you may not be able to see all the oncoming traffic lanes. Don't do it, ever! It is never safe to make a blind left turn! Finally, if the left-turn lane is crowded, and it looks like it will take more than one light cycle to be able to make a left turn, consider continuing through and make three right turns instead. If you do this on city streets (not private property) it's legal and often quicker when traffic is congested.

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Traffic Enforcement Activities:

On September 3rd – September 12th, 12 Division officers participated in the annual Back to School Traffic Safety campaign which focuses on pedestrian and vehicle safety in the vicinity of school zones. Sadly to say; nearly 600 offences were issued for drivers not meeting the grade.

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 September 4th and September 17th with a total **79** Commercial Vehicles inspected of which **27** 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.

This month, 12 Division officers investigated nearly 160 collisions where 42 individuals which were injured. Collisions are a caused incident, the majority resulting from drivers and pedestrians disobeying the rules of the road and inattentiveness. Unfortunately this month a collision occurred on Wednesday September 11th, 2008 at the intersection of Trethewey Drive and Tedder Street involving a motor vehicle and a cyclist which led to the death of the cyclist. This collision is still under investigation and is being followed up by officers from Traffic Services. If you any information in regards to this collision please contact Traffic Services at 416 808-1900.

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

Of note:

- On Monday September 1st, at 12:37 a.m., a 48 year old man was driving on Eglinton Avenue and had a rear end collision with another vehicle which was approaching Caledonia Road. The officer noted the odour of an alcoholic beverage and other signs of impairment and arrested. Breath tests were done with alcohol readings of 230 milligrams and 210 milligrams. Driver charged with Impaired Driving and Drive and Drive over 80 Milligrams.
- Also during September we had another 11 individuals arrested for Drinking and Driving offences; with several involving collision. Obviously we still need to get the message out that drinking and driving do not mix.



A further 8 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 of Failing to Stop after an Accident.

Be diligent to 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 393 Provincial Offences Tickets, arrested 18 people and investigated approximately 447 others. Most recently, they attended several addresses with local Liquor Inspectors and have laid 202 charges covering liquor offences against the people operating the respective premises. They have also attended 9 public meetings or community events, and 48 school visits. They also paid special attention to 5 separate areas involving 53 activity checks where there have been community complaints.

Since the beginning of the year, CRU officers have issued 1492 Highway Traffic Act tickets and investigated approximately 3026 people for varying reasons and 205 arrests. 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 382 Liquor Licence Act charges being laid. In other areas of concern, they arrested 4 people for prostitution activities, made 72 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.

Commensurate with the beginning of school in September, two high schools that were selected by their respective school boards saw 2 officers assigned to them. York Memorial and Arch Bishop Romero each have one full-time uniformed officer assigned to them for the duration of the school year as a pilot project which will be evaluated by the agencies involved at the end of the year.

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The two officers selected from 12 Division to perform this function are PC's George Dzelajilija and Vern Colaco.

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER COMMENTS:

Second Notice

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 is indeed a year round problem for everyone, historically this type of theft increases as the Christmas season approaches. Please take a moment when exiting your vehicle to take these extra precautions as to avoid becoming a victim.

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 you 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.**

REMEMBER: 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 October that officers from 12 Division have attended. 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.

OCTOBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4 Woodborough Pk Eglinton Hill BIA Community Safety BBQ	5
6	7	8	9 PCP Meeting @1884 Davenport Rd 7:00 PM	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting @ 12 Division 7:30pm	17	18	19
20 West Toronto Crime Task Force Meeting York Civic Ctr 2700 Eglinton Ave. West 7:00pm	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			