

53 Division

Community Bulletin, May 2009



Message from Staff Inspector Larry Sinclair #88

UNIT COMMANDER OF 53 DIVISION

Greetings, and welcome to the May 2009 edition of our 53 Division Community Bulletin.

To date, reported incidents of crime in our Division, based on the seven major crime categories, continue to be down an average of 7 % compared with the same period during 2008. The only two categories that have experienced an increase are sexual assaults which have increased to 23 from 19 and robberies which have increased to 61 from 54.

Although collisions involving property damage have decreased by 15%, personal injury collisions have increased by 4% compared 2008. Please drive, cycle and walk with care and courtesy.

During the past few weeks there have been several incidents in our Division involving suspect(s) entering residences through unlocked doors or windows or by breaking in, for the sole purpose of locating car keys and stealing motor vehicles from the driveways. When you retire for the evening please ensure your homes are secure and your car keys are out of sight.

Now that spring is here and we've had a taste of warm weather, people naturally start working in their backyards tending to their lawns and gardens. Criminals are very aware of this and many of them also have a spring tradition. They enter residences by way of an open or unlocked door or window, steal cash and property and leave the same way they came in - all while the residents are working outdoors. If you are going to be working or relaxing in your backyard, secure your residence in the same way you would if you were leaving for an extended period.

I thank you the residents and business people of our Division for your continued interest in and support of our initiatives to maximize our community's sense of safety and security.

On April 23rd, the Toronto Police Service held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night at Police Headquarters. Deputy Chief Keith Forde, representing Chief William Blair, hosted the event and paid tribute to the many volunteers who have supported the Toronto Police Service in so many ways throughout the years. **Mrs. Thecla Jorna**, a long serving member of our 53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee, was recognized for volunteer excellence and honoured as the co-recipient of the prestigious John Herra Award. **Congratulations Thecla**. You are a most deserving winner. Three other C.P.L.C. members were also recognized for 15 years of volunteer service. Congratulations to Patricia Garnett-Smith, Elizabeth Mason and Paul Newbigging.

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Our first recipient of the **53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee \$1,000 S.A.V.Y. (Scholastic/Athlete/Volunteerism/Youth) Bursary** is **Justin Greaves**. Justin is in his final year at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute and has been accepted in the tool and die programme at Mohawk College. Congratulations Justin.

Our annual **Police Week celebrations** are scheduled to run **Monday May 11th to Sunday May 17th, 2009**. During this week we, at 53 Division, will be hosting an Open House from 12 noon till 8:00 P.M. Monday to Friday and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturday and Sunday. You are invited to join us for station tours, crime prevention demonstrations and equipment displays. We would also like you to join us for third annual Police Week Community Barbeque to be held at the Yonge - Eglinton Centre on Wednesday May 13th from 11:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M. The proceeds will form part of our S.A.V.Y. Bursary.

Regards.

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What is the Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy?

The Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy, or **TAVIS** for short, is the plan that the Toronto Police Service is using to reduce violence and fear in neighbourhoods. The plan uses *community mobilization* to:

- reduce crime and disorder,
- make neighbourhoods safer, and
- bring neighbours together to keep their neighbourhood safe and liveable.

How does TAVIS work?

Your local division is the frontline of TAVIS; all officers are involved. Your neighbourhood has been assigned a Neighbourhood Officer. This officer is now working with people in your neighbourhood to find lasting solutions to crime and disorder issues.

The Neighbourhood Officer, community members and other service providers in the neighbourhood are:

- identifying crime and disorder issues,
- developing strategies to address these issues,
- implementing these plans, and
- monitoring the effectiveness of the plans.

All officers of the Toronto Police Service, including the four Rapid Response Teams, the Toronto Drug Squad, the Gun and Gang Task Force, and Intelligence Services, support the divisions in carrying out the neighbourhood plans.

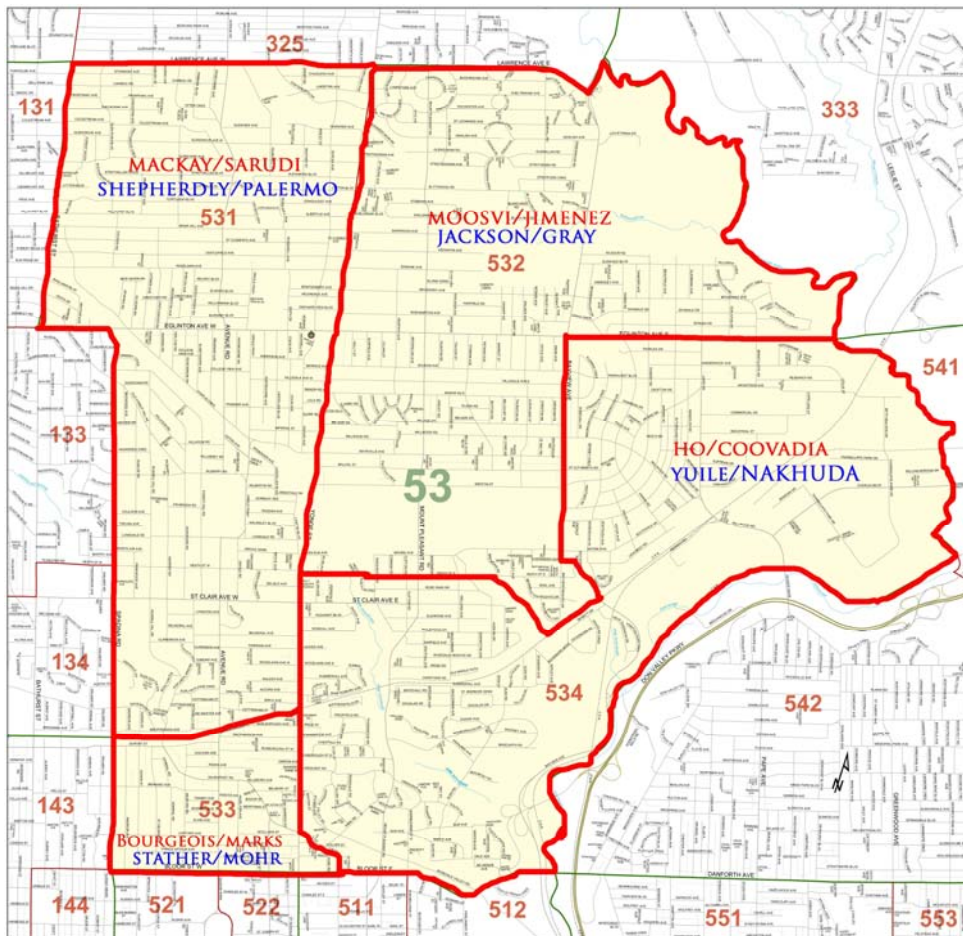
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Neighbourhoods in the 53 Division

Community members interested in speaking with their assigned Neighbourhood Officer(s) are encouraged to telephone the 53 Division Community Response Office at 416-808-5319.



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75 Eglinton Ave W
M4R 2G9

NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS

FA-1

SGT. MATT MUNGAL #4201
PC AB COOVADIA #874
PC VICTOR SARUDI #8568
PC JOSEPH HO #99438
PC JEAN BOURGEOIS #5461
PC RON MACKAY #99680
PC ALI MOOSVI #5718
PC FRANCISCO JIMENEZ #9111
PC ALEXI MARKS #9211

FA-2

SGT. RICK GIBILLINI #4677
PC SEAN MOHR # 8614
PC JANET STAHER #5374
PC BRIAN YUILE #99750
PC HANIF NAKHUDA #5466
PC GORD SHEPHERDLY #1221
PC WAYNE JACKSON #5049
PC JEREMY GRAY #8841
PC LORI PALERMO #8765



Contacting the Toronto Police Service



Emergencies or Crimes in Progress

If you require emergency assistance, or want to report a crime in progress, please call **9-1-1**. An emergency is any situation where people or property are at risk. (including but not limited to fires, crimes in progress or medical emergencies.)

Non-Emergency

If you require Police assistance, but are not in an emergency situation (e.g. Reporting thefts, vandalism, fraud) or for other situations where no person or property is in immediate danger, please call our non-emergency telephone number at **416-808-2222**.

TDD (TTY) - Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

For emergencies, dial **9-1-1** and **press the space bar announcer key repeatedly** until a response is received.

The Toronto Police Service non-emergency TDD number is: **416-467-0493**.

Crime Stoppers

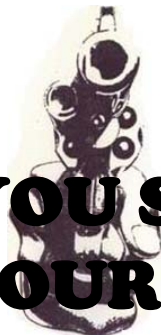
If you have information about a crime that you would like to report anonymously, please call Crime Stoppers at **416-222-TIPS** (8477), toll-free 1-800-222-TIPS, or visit their website: <http://www.toronto-crimestoppers.com/>.



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
CALL 416-343-GUNS (4867) or
e-mail: ReportingGuns@torontopolice.on.ca

TORONTO POLICE SERVICE
URBAN ORGANIZED CRIME SQUAD TIP LINE

- . Guaranteed confidentiality**
- . No call display**
- . Remain anonymous (if you wish)**



THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD
BE YOUR OWN!

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POLICE WEEK

Monday 11th May == Sunday 17th May

53 Division will be hosting an Open House during Police Week. You are invited to attend 53 Division to meet the officers who patrol the streets of your neighbourhood.

There will be Station Tours, Crime Prevention & Equipment Displays.
Tours will be held between 12:00 noon & 8:00 pm Mon to Fri.
9:00 am & 5:00 pm Sat & Sun.

3rd Annual Community Barbeque

53 Division will be hosting a Charity Barbeque on Wednesday 13th of May 2007 between 11:00 am & 2:00pm, on the courtyard of the Yonge Eglinton Centre, 2300 Yonge Street.

All proceeds will be used for the SAVY Award

(S scholar A athlete V volunteer Y youth)

The award will be given to a 53 Division graduating student who displays a combination of: a minimum academic average of 80%, participation on an athletic team, and outstanding community commitment.



MAJOR ARRESTS



Attempt Murder

On Sunday April 12th 2009 in the early hours of the morning both victims attended a house party on Soudan Avenue. One victim, who was not feeling well, went into the bedroom to lay down. Approximately an hour later, the victim heard a large commotion in the living room area. She returned to this area and saw the suspects attacking the second victim, holding him down on the ground beating him in the face and head. Victim #1 ran into the living room to help victim #2 and was pushed away by the suspects.

The suspects then dragged victim #2 out of the apartment and down the stairs, from the 3rd floor to the lobby. At this time the suspects fled the location. Police were called and attended and initiated an investigation. The victim was rushed to hospital.

As a result of an investigation the suspects were contacted by Police and eventually turned themselves into 53 Division.

Charged with attempt murder, aggravated assault & assault is **Daniel MELECA** 22 years, **Samuel DENOBREGA** 22 years, **David BANWAT** 21 years and **Hector MONTECINOS** 22 years, all of Toronto. All four were held for a show cause hearing at the Old City Hall Courts to answer to the charges



Robbery

On Tuesday April 28th 2009 at approximately 2:55 am, the suspect attended the Food Depot store on Dupont Street.

The suspect asked the clerk for change and when the clerk opened the cash drawer, the suspect reached over and took the money from the cash drawer. The clerk attempted to stop the suspect by covering the cash. The suspect pushed the victim away from the till causing the victim to fall backwards allowing the suspect to flee the store.

Police were called and the suspect was arrested a short distance away. He was transported to 53 Division for further investigation.

Charged with robbery is **James Hamilton**, 27 years of no fixed address. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts to answer to the charge.

Break & Enter

On Monday April 4 2005, Police attended a business on Highbourne Road in regards to a break and enter.

The suspect gained entry by removing a thin strip of wood along the left side of the door. Once inside, the suspect rummaged through the main counter next to the front window, taking unknown denominations of cash.

Officers collected blood stains on and around the point of entry and submitted them for DNA identification.

On the 14th of January 2009 Police received information from Forensic Identification Services that a DNA match to the blood found on scene of the break and enter was a positive match to a suspect.

On Tuesday the 28th of April 2009, officers from the Major Crime Unit attended College Park Courts and arrested the suspect who was appearing on an unrelated matter.

Charged with break & enter is **Charles HOBBS**, 38 years of Toronto. He was released on a Promise to Appear, to appear at College Park Courts to answer to the charge.



Break & Enter

On Wednesday April 29th 2009 at approximately 1:54 am, Security personnel from the Toronto District School Board received an alarm call pertaining to a 2nd and 3rd floor door at Glenview Senior Public School on Roswell Avenue.

Security arrived on scene and noted the southeast entrance glass pane was smashed. Security checked the exterior of the school on the east side and noted both suspects standing in the field with property in their hands. Both suspects continued to walk through the field toward Lawrence Park Collegiate.

Police arrived on scene and both of the suspects fled the area with the property. A foot pursuit ensued and police were able to capture both suspects a short distance away. Both were arrested and transported to 53 Division for further investigation. All property was recovered.

Charged with break & enter, possession of burglars tools and possession of property obtained by crime are two Young Offenders. One was held for a show cause hearing and the other was released on a Promise to Appear.



MAJOR NEWS RELEASES

Public Safety Alert Stolen medication.

The Toronto Police Service would like to make the public aware of a quantity of stolen medication.

On Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 7 p.m., a quantity of drugs was stolen from a parked vehicle in the Chatsworth Avenue/Yonge Street area.

It is reported that the following medication was stolen:

- Clonazepam, 50 pills; Imovane, 50 pills; and Provastan, 45 pills.

These pills could be harmful or potentially fatal if ingested, especially by children.

Anyone in possession of this medication, or locating it, is asked not to handle it, but to contact police at 416-808-5300, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Robbery (Vehicle Jacking) - 53 Division

A 45 year old female reports that on April 20, 2009 at approximately 1940 hours, she was in her vehicle parked in front of her garage in the No. 53 Division area when two male suspects approached her. One of the suspects opened the door, ordered the victim to get out of the car and demanded the car keys and cell phone. The second suspect demanded her wallet. The victim complied. The suspects fled the scene with the victim's vehicle in an unknown direction. No injuries were sustained by the victim. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described persons in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect #1: Male, white, 30 to 35 years, 5'4" to 5'5", 200 pounds, heavy build, brown eyes, short dark brown hair. Suspect #2: Male, black, 25 to 30 years, 5'4" to 5'5", 141 pounds, thin build, brown eyes.

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Robbery (Mugging) - 53 Division

A 9 year old male reports that on April 27, 2009 at approximately 0800 hours, he was in the vicinity of Rosedale Heights Drive and MacLennan Avenue when he was approached from behind by a male suspect. The suspect pushed the victim to the ground and removed food stuffs from his knapsack. The suspect then fled the scene in a southerly direction. No injuries were sustained by the victim. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described person in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect: Male, 5'7" to 5'8", 154 to 165 pounds, medium build, short grey hair.

Sexual Assault Alert

Two Men Wanted

The Toronto Police Service is alerting the public to a sexual assault, and requesting the public's assistance identifying two suspects.

It is reported that on Saturday April 18 2009, at 1:15 a.m., a 26-year-old woman was walking in the Yonge Street/Glebe Road area.

Two men approached the woman from behind, grabbed her and placed her inside a vehicle. The woman was driven to a location where she was sexually assaulted.

The suspects are described as:

- 1) white, 5'8", with short, dark hair, cleanshaven with a skinny build.
- 2) white, tanned complexion, medium build, with black, curly hair and bushy eyebrows.

The suspects' vehicle is described as a dark-blue or black, newer, four-door vehicle.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-7474, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

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Update,
Composite sketches of suspects released**



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”Have Your Say”

In 2008, the Toronto Police will be producing its Environmental Scan. This document is an assessment and review of major issues and trends and it is used by the Police Services Board, Chief of Police, and Deputies to set the priorities and goals in the Service's Business Plan. Public consultations are a very important part of the environmental scanning process. You are not asked for your identity and your answer will be added to the information reported in the Scan, helping to set the Service's priorities for the next few years.

These surveys are designed to find out how you feel about certain issues. New surveys will appear every three weeks. The results of the previous survey will be available on our Surveys page. Your participation is appreciated.

Simply go to the Toronto Police Service web site at www.torontopolice.on.ca. Then click on the “ Have Your Say Fill Out Our Surveys” box.

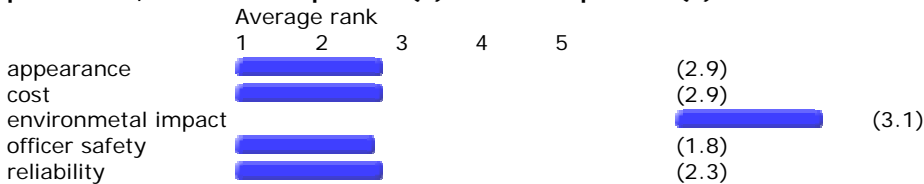


Most Recent Results

Have Your Say – March 9, 2009 to March 29, 2009

These surveys are designed to find out how you feel about certain issues. New surveys will appear every three weeks. The results of the previous survey will be available on our Surveys page. Your participation is appreciated. The Toronto Police Service is reviewing our fleet to identify the current and future transportation needs of front-line officers and ways to reduce the environmental footprint of the Service.

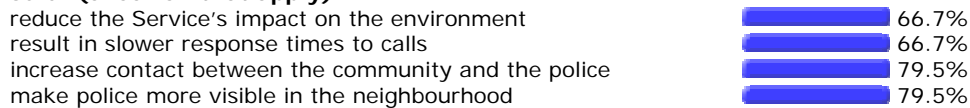
1. Based on what you believe is important, rank each the following considerations for buying marked patrol cars, from most important (1) to least important (5).



2. The Police Service should buy cars that are more environmentally friendly, even if they cost more.



3. Do you think that taking some officers out of patrol vehicles and assigning them to patrol on foot or bicycle would: (check all that apply)



4. Do you live and/or work in Toronto?



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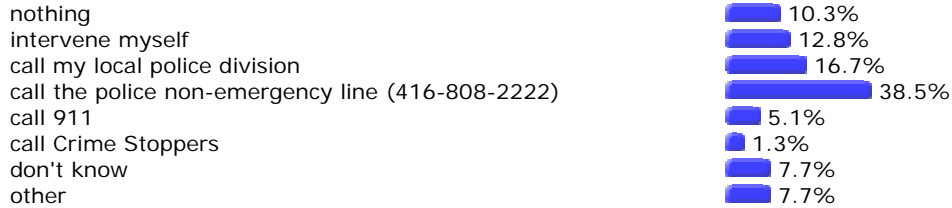
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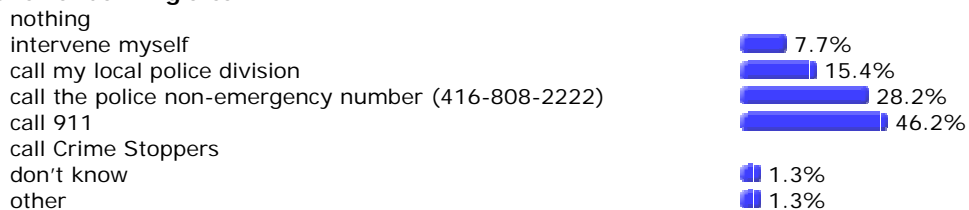
Have Your Say – March 30, 2008 to April 19, 2009

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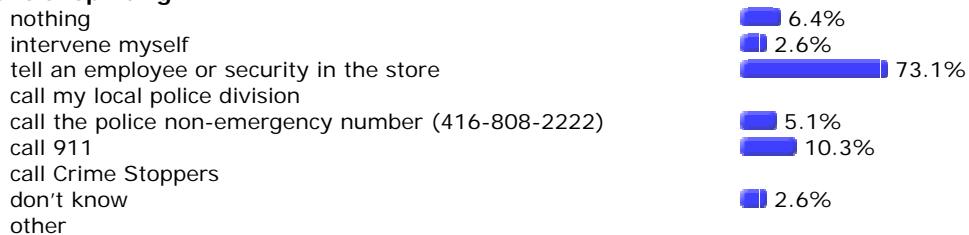
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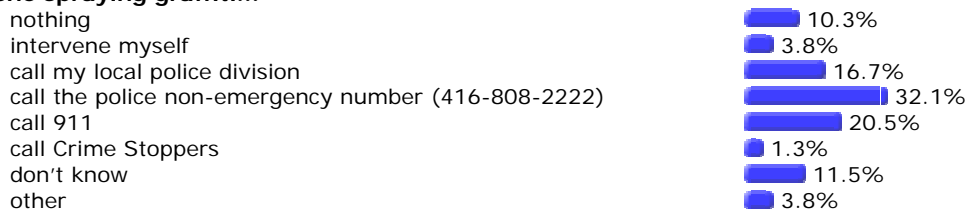
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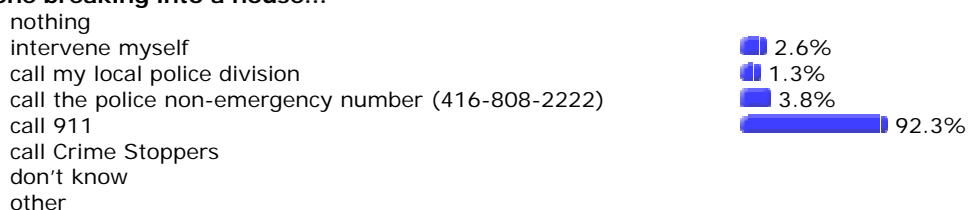
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4. someone spraying graffiti...



5. someone breaking into a house...

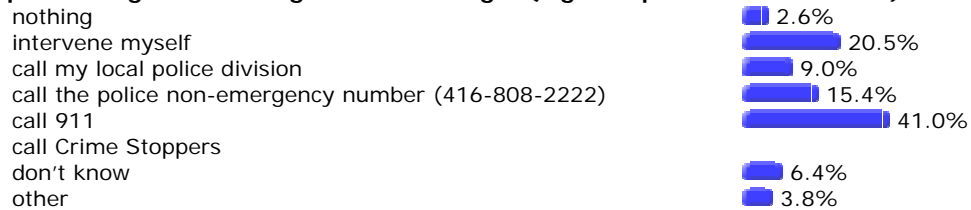


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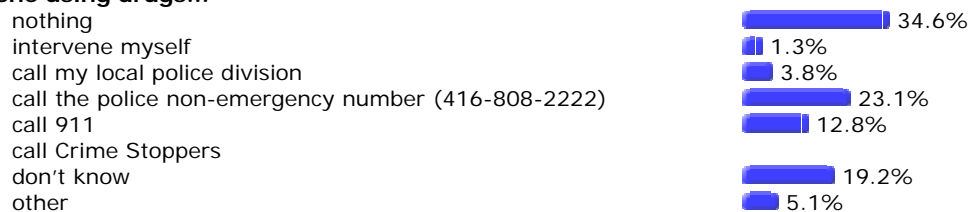
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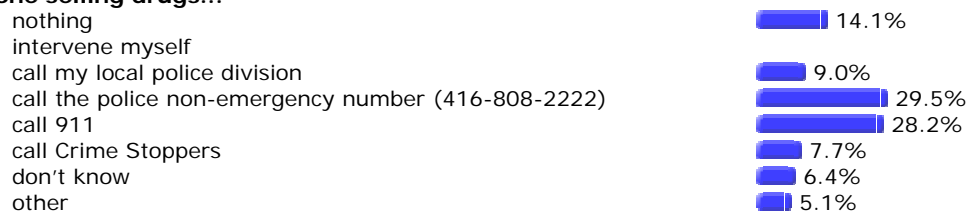
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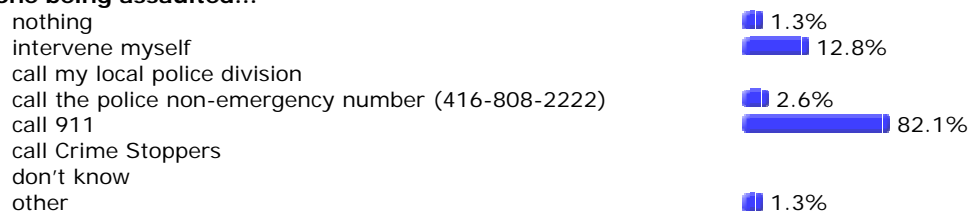
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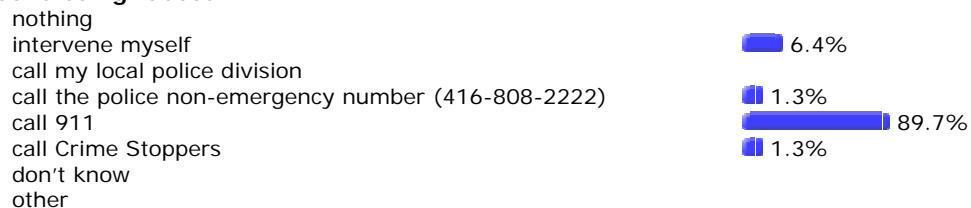
8. someone selling drugs...



9. someone being assaulted...



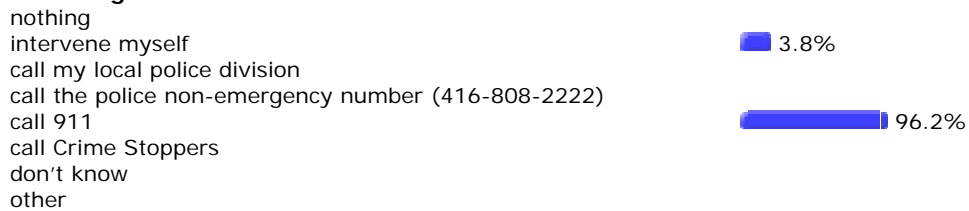
10. someone being robbed...



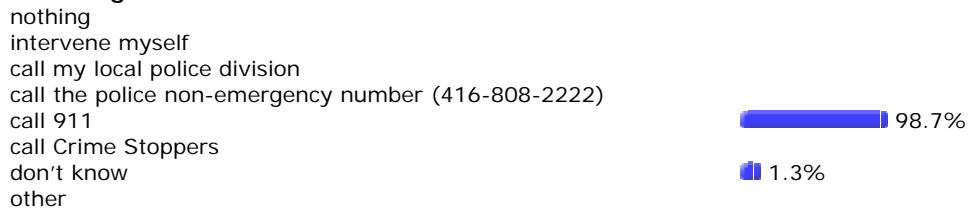
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11. someone being stabbed...



12. someone being shot...



13. Do you live or work in Toronto?





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POLICE CONSTABLE RICK LANGSTONE #6281
416-808-5337

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IT'S NEW

“AND NOW IN OPERATION”

TPS *links*

53 and 32 Divisions will be the pilot divisions for the new “TPS LINKS” System. This system will now replace the old “AUTO DIALLER”.

If you have any questions regarding the transition. Please contact the 53 Division Crime Prevention Officer at 416-808-5337 or via e-mail at richard.langstone@torontopolice.on.ca

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Community Automated Notification System

One of the goals of the Toronto Police Service, Community Mobilization Unit is to *“identify shared community values and support and empower communities to build the capacity necessary to resist and/or prevent crime and disorder”*. With this in mind, TPSlinks has been created to increase communication between the police, residents and business owners within Toronto. TPSlinks is a Community Automated Notification System that will be utilized by the Toronto Police Service to transmit information to the public in an effective manner.

In light of recent occurrences that required the evacuation of citizens from their residences, the need for a Toronto-based communication system was identified. TPSlinks allows the Toronto Police Service to notify recipients about safety concerns, emergencies, missing persons, amber alerts, and potential instruction related to these events as well as everyday occurrences including road closures or community events.

TPSlinks will serve as a communication device to replace the existing autodialler. Utilizing aspects of the outdated tool, TPSlinks applies advanced technology to deliver a more efficient communication system.

TPSlinks will be implemented by 32 and 53 Division as a pilot project and will be expanded service-wide in 2009. Current community members who are registered with the autodialler system must re-register under TPSlinks in order to receive future notifications. Toronto residents and business owners who do not register with TPSlinks will not receive automatic notifications.

Although all Toronto residents and business owners are encouraged to register with the TPSlinks system, only those who are within 32 and 53 Division (pilot divisions) will receive notifications. Therefore, residents outside the boundaries of 32 and 53 Division, will not automatically receive notifications until the TPSlinks system is implemented city-wide.

For more information and to register or pre-register, Toronto residents and business owners are asked to visit the Toronto Police Service website at www.torontopolice.on.ca and click on the TPSlinks icon. If you do not have access to a computer, there will be hardcopy registration forms provided at the local Division.


If you are having difficulty registering to TPSlinks or are not receiving TPSlinks messages, **do not call 911**, send a message to TPSlinks@torontopolice.on.ca.

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Toronto Police Service
Community Automated Notification System



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 Badge # _____

COMMUNITY MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

Register Update Unregister

* **FIRST NAME** _____ * **LAST NAME** _____

* **ADDRESS** Residence Business

* **Number** * **Street Name** * **City** * **Postal Code**

EMAIL ADDRESS:

POLICE DIVISION your home or business resides within : _____
(If Known)

* Select up to two destinations you wish to have messages sent to:

VOICE MESSAGE **PHONE NUMBER :** () - _____

TEXT MESSAGE **PHONE NUMBER :** () - _____

* **CELLULAR PHONE PROVIDER (Please select one)**

Bell Mobility Telus Rogers Fido
 Koodo PageNet Solo Mobile Virgin Mobile

USER PROFILE – Select the profile(s) that apply

Business Senior Citizen – 65 plus Disabled Small Children at Home

USER TOPICS – Select the message topics you wish to receive

Road Closures Amber Alerts Neighbourhood Crime Alerts
 Community Events Missing Persons Severe Weather Alerts
 Information Alerts Emergency Incidents School Lockdowns

Terms of Participation:

You acknowledge and accept:

- All personal information provided through the registration process shall be used solely for the purpose of enrolment in the TPS Notification System, stored on a Toronto Police Service (TPS) secured server and subject to the TPS Privacy Policy. Further information regarding the TPS Privacy Policy can be found at www.torontopolice.on.ca/privacy.htm
- You shall not use the TPS Notification System to:
 - register any user that does not have your express permission
 - impersonate any person or entity, including, but not limited to, a TPS official, forum leader, guide or host, or falsely state or otherwise misrepresent your affiliation with a person or entity
 - forge headers or otherwise manipulate identifiers in order to disguise the origin of any Content transmitted through the Service
 - interfere with or disrupt the Service or servers or networks connected to the Service, or disobey any requirements, procedures, policies or regulations of networks connected to the Service
 - intentionally or unintentionally violate any applicable municipal, provincial or federal law(s) or regulation(s)
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- By signing I ACCEPT and saving your information with us you agree to the Terms of Participation.

PRINT NAME

DATE (YYYY/MM/DD) **SIGNATURE**

*MANDATORY FIELDS
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When complete, return to local Toronto Police Station

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WARNING!

Your neighbourhood is being victimized by criminals, who are committing night residential Break and Enters to obtain keys to late model sport-utility and luxury cars that are parked in driveways. Typically these offenders are targeting homes between dusk and 6:00 a.m., on a Monday to Sunday basis, where late model cars are parked, and while the occupants are away or asleep. Homes with the following car makes are at highest risk: BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Porsche, Jaguar, Acura and Lexus.

YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF

A number of prevention measures can be taken so that your risk of becoming a victim is minimized. We strongly recommend that the 12-step program, which specifically addresses this crime problem, is followed by all members of your household.



DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET

- **Lock your windows and doors, especially basement windows, rear ground floor windows and patio doors.**
- **Most windows can be pinned for security by drilling a 3/16" hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame – place a nail/pin in the hole to secure the window.**
- **Sliding glass doors/windows can be lifted out of their tracks with relative ease. Install self-tapping screws in the upper track that allow the door/window to slide into place. Place a piece of wood into the bottom track – this will resist lateral forcing.**
- **Maintain control of your vehicle keys at all times, both at and away from home. Do not place them in routine and usual locations, e.g. foyers, kitchen counters or in purses.**
- **Leave a ground floor light and radio on during the night.**
- **Consider placing a cellular telephone in your bedroom in event that your telephone lines are tampered with. Call 911 if you hear an intruder in your home. DO NOT CONFRONT INTRUDERS.**
- **If you have a garage, use it to park your car and lock it. If you do not have a garage or can not park in it and have more than one car, always park the most expensive one ahead of the other one.**
- **Participate in the 'LIGHT THE NIGHT' crime prevention initiative in 53 Division, by joining with your neighbours in leaving all of your exterior lights on all night. Increased night-time illumination will act as a natural deterrent to these offenders who utilize the cover of darkness to their full criminal advantage. Additionally, position a motion detector light in your driveway and at the rear of your home, which is a long-term investment in providing the desired illumination effect after the 'LIGHT THE NIGHT' program request concludes.**
- **If your home has an alarm system, arm the perimeter portion during the night while you are asleep.**

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- **Ensure that your home alarm panel is not visible from exterior doors or windows, by moving it or covering it. It is important that potential intruders do not know that the alarm system is on or off.**

 - **Invest in a cellular based vehicle tracking system for your car. This is very important, as it will allow the police to locate your car and possibly arrest those responsible if your car is stolen. As the offenders are obtaining the car keys, anti-theft car devices, such as alarms and car-disabling locks for ignition, fuel and other systems are being defeated. Note: cars fitted with a tracking system are typically eligible for auto insurance discounts as well.**

 - **Be aware of suspicious persons and vehicles in your neighbourhood, especially in the evening and overnight hours and report suspicious activities immediately to the police.**

Please contact the 53 Division Crime Analyst at 416-808-5303 or the Crime Prevention Officer at 416-808-5337, if more information is required.

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Bicycle Registration

Bicycle theft is a crime that causes financial loss and inconvenience in every community.

- [On-line Bicycle Registry system](#)
- [Download printable registration form](#)

Thefts of bicycles can be reduced if owners acknowledge the need for adequate security, and invest in equipment that will be effective.

Protect Your Bicycle

- Register your bicycle with the police.
- Use a good quality locking device such as a hardened steel "U" shaped lock, or a hardened steel chain and padlock
- Lock your bicycle and both wheels to an immovable object which cannot be easily cut or broken.

Weak, inexpensive locks will not deter a proficient thief. It is pointless to save money by using a cheaply made lock, only to lose an expensive bicycle.

To prevent loss, accessories such as lights and bags, etc... should be detached and taken with you when the bicycle is left unattended.

Identification of your bicycle

Manufacturers mark most bicycles with a serial number. If yours does not have a serial number, engrave an identifying number on the frame. You may wish to put the same number on the wheels and other components.

Register your bicycle

Registering your bicycle will greatly assist in its recovery if stolen.

Two methods of registration:

1. Use an [on-line Bicycle Registry system](#)
2. Print the [registration form](#) included in the pamphlet and bring it to your local police station, or mail it to the address listed on the form.

Protect Yourself

Before riding your bicycle, take steps to protect yourself from injury.

- Wear an approved bicycle safety helmet.
- Use proper lights and reflectors.
- Follow all road safety rules.



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Crime Prevention



'PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBOUR – PROTECT YOURSELF'

Minimize The Risk of Your Home Being Broken Into

**These are some simple and inexpensive
methods to reduce the chances of being
VICTIMIZED**

Install good quality deadbolt locks and security plates on all exterior doors.

Install good quality locks on all windows.

Lock your doors and windows when you're away from home or retire for the night.

Activate any home security system.

Leave outside lights on during the night and have interior lights on timers.

Install motion sensor lights in driveways, walkways and at the rear of your home.

Don't leave vehicle keys in plain sight.

Immediately report any suspicious activity you see happening in your neighbourhood to the police. If possible please provide any details regarding person(s), vehicles and licence plate numbers.

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If you're away from home for an extended period:

Arrange to have the exterior maintained (snow shovelled and lawn cut)

Arrange for a neighbour to pick up newspapers and mail.

Arrange for a neighbour to place some garbage, recycling or compost containers on your property for pickup.

A Security Audit for your home or business can be arranged by contacting the 53 Division Crime Prevention Officer.

IT'S A MATTER OF DOLLARS AND SENSE

Phone Numbers and Contact Information

9-1-1 is the universal number for emergency response by Ambulance, Police and Fire Services and is available in the Toronto area, 24 hours a day. Remain calm and speak clearly. Identify which emergency service you require (Police, Fire or Ambulance) and be prepared to provide the following information:

What is happening? What is the location? What is your name, address and telephone number.

416- 808-2222 for anything that is not an immediate threat to life or property such as a parking complaint, a noisy party, or lost and found articles.

Crime Stoppers anonymously at **416-222-TIPS (8477)**, online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (**274637**).

53 Division, 75 Eglinton Ave West M4R 2G9, **416-808-5300** or 53@torontopolice.on.ca

Community Response Unit Manager, Staff Sergeant Peter Henry #4570, **416- 808-5319**

53 Division Crime Prevention Officer, PC Rick Langstone # 6281, **416-808-5337** or richard.langstone@torontopolice.on.ca



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COMMUNITY ALERT / BUSINESS ALERT

53 Division offers a service via the internet to help keep the public informed and it's simple to subscribe to.

Simply log onto the Toronto Police Web Site at: www.torontopolice.on.ca

In the left hand margin, click on police stations.

On the right hand side of the page, click on 53 Division.

On the top right. Click on Sign - up for Community Bulletin and follow the instructions.

Once you send your message to subscribe. You will get a message bounced back to you. This is to confirm that you were the intended subscriber. You **MUST** answer this message to allow the system to send you messages.

NOTE: You can remove your e-mail address at anytime.

For further information, please feel free to contact the 53 Division Crime Prevention Officer, Police Constable Rick Langstone #6281 at 416-808-5337 or at

www.richard.langstone@torontopolice.on.ca



53 DIVISION COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

53 Division School Guards Honoured



School Guards from 53 Division were among their colleagues from across Toronto to be honoured for their services. The ceremony took place on Monday April 20th 2009 at the City Hall Rotunda.

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53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee

JOHN HERRA MEMORIAL AWARD CONGRATULATIONS THECLA JORNA

On Thursday April 23rd, 2009, the Toronto Police Service held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. The event is dedicated to recognizing the important contributions of our many volunteers including C.P.L.C. members and Auxiliary Officers. Our volunteers play a vital role in helping us establish safe neighbourhoods and 53 Division is very fortunate to have some of the best.



One of the events most prestigious awards is the John Herra Memorial Award. The award is presented to a volunteer that displays exemplary achievement, outstanding assistance to the community, and advances the cause of volunteerism. We are very pleased that this year's winner was Thecla Jorna. Thecla has been a very active member on our C.P.L.C. since 2001. She originally represented the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre and she presently represents P.O.I.N.T. (People and Organizations in North Toronto.) She has made us very proud and we are all very fortunate to have her as a community partner.

The event also recognized several volunteers for their many years of dedicated service. Three of those volunteers were also members of our C.P.L.C. Congratulations and thank you to Paul Newbigging, Elizabeth Mason, and Patricia Garnett-Smith for an amazing 15 years of service.



Mounted Unit Tour



On Tuesday March 31st 53 Division held it's CPLC meeting at the Mounted Unit of the Toronto Police Service.



Members were given a tour of the Unit and were also permitted to ride some of the mounts.



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Thecal Jorna - co-winner of John Herra Award!

On Thursday April 23 I was delighted to attend the Toronto Police Service Awards to see one of our own – 53 Division CPLC member Thecla Jorna - receive the John Herra Award. Thecla was co-winner of the award for outstanding community volunteer - the other winner was Liz Salter from 52 Division CPLC. Congratulations Thecla and Liz!

Awards for other types of voluntary service included:

- Adult & youth corps volunteers
- Auxiliary police officers
- Victim Services volunteers
- Consultative Committees
- Chief's Advisory and Youth Advisory Councils

More information on the awards and images from the ceremony can be found on the TPS web site at <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca> - click on "service volunteers lauded".

SAVY Award

The first winner of the Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer, Youth (SAVY) Award created by the Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), in cooperation with the Social Committee of 53 Division, is Justin Greave, a student at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute, will be awarded at the Marc Garneau graduation ceremony.

The SAVY award supports local youth making positive life decisions, and acknowledges the difficult balance for youth who strive for academic excellence, athletic participation and community volunteerism. The \$1,000.00 award is given to a graduating student who is a resident of 53 Division and who displays a combination of: a minimum academic average of 80%, participation on an athletic team, and outstanding community commitment.

May 9 Workshop on Crime Prevention

The Community Mobilization Unit of Toronto Police Services holds workshops intended to provide people with problem-solving and crime-prevention skills they can take back to their neighbourhoods. The next workshop, which is open to all members of the community 18 years or older, will be held on *Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.* at Toronto Police Headquarters, 40 College Street, Toronto. It will cover a variety of topics including what the Toronto Police Service do, and how to properly utilize their services. Participants will learn about personal safety, home security and how to use 9-1-1. They will also hear from representatives from Forensic Identification Services, Domestic Violence, Crime Stoppers and other services. The workshop is free but prior registration is required – to register for the workshop please go online to www.torontopolice.on.ca and click on the Community Mobilization link, or call 416 808-7070.

May 13 Police Week BBQ

The annual Police Week BBQ will be held on *Wednesday May 13 11:00 am* at the northwest corner of Yonge and Eglinton. Funds raised will go to support CPLC activities such as the SAVY award.

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Bike Month is coming

With all the nice weather we have been having it's the perfect time to get out on two wheels. This year's [Bike Month, which will mark the 20th Anniversary of Toronto's Annual Festival of Bicycle Culture](#) is from *Monday, May 26 to Thursday June 25*. With more than 150 events in venues and locations across Toronto from mechanical workshops to bike racing, Bike Month has something for everyone. Check out an event happening in your community at: <http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/uds/cyclingcal.nsf/AllEvents?OpenView>

If your riding skills are rusty, think about taking a CAN-BIKE cycling course. These are for young cyclists and adults to boost your skills, safety and cycling pleasure. All instructors are fully accredited, are knowledgeable about the Highway Traffic Act and have advanced cycling skills. In fact, all Toronto Police Service bicycle patrol officers are required to take CAN-BIKE 2. Find out more about CAN-BIKE courses at <http://www.toronto.ca/cycling/canbike/>, Bicycle Safety Hotline: 416-392-1311, or e-mail: canbike@toronto.ca And don't forget to register your bike with the Toronto Police Service: <http://bikereg.torontopolice.on.ca/BicycleRegistry/>

Our CPLC welcomes your input with any questions and concerns on community safety issues from all parts of the Division. Please call Debbie Sands-Soderstrom at 416 808-5319.

Thank you

Geoff Kettel
Community Co-Chair
53 Division CPLC

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 OAS/CPP Payments	28	29	30
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UP COMING EVENTS FOR JUNE

9th June
21st June

CPLC Meeting at the Marine Unit
Father's Day

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People and Organizations in North Toronto

Do You Need Legal Advice?

POINT in partnership with West Toronto Community Legal Services is offering legal services in the following areas of law:

- **Housing and Tenant/Landlord**
- **Homeless Prevention**
- **Employment Insurance and Standards**
- **Ontario Works**
- **Ontario Disability Support Program**
- **Canada Pension Plan**
- **Assistance with government form-filling**
- **Statutory Declarations**

When: Every second Friday: May 1 + 15 and June 5 + 19, 2009

Time: 9:30 am to 12 noon

**Where: POINT (People & Organizations in North Toronto)
200 Eglinton Ave. West, 1st Floor**

Clients must meet Legal Aid Ontario financial eligibility criteria. No legal aid certificate is necessary.

Clients must make an appointment - Call POINT at 416-487-2427



A United Way member agency



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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD?

The School Crossing Guard Co-ordinator for 53 Division is
Police Constable Wai Lau #3765.

Please contact

416 808-5327 *Office*

or e-mail:

Wai.Lau@torontopolice.on.ca

