

53 Division Community Bulletin, Oct 2009



Message from Staff Inspector Larry Sinclair #88 UNIT COMMANDER OF 53 DIVISION

Staff Inspector Larry Sinclair, Unit Commander 53 Division

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

To date reported incidents of crime in our Division, based on the seven major crime categories, have decreased in every category and are down an average of 14% compared with 2008.

Although Property Damage collisions have decreased an average of 6 %, collisions involving Personal Injury have increased an average of 2.5%. I remind you that the vast majority of collisions occur simply because we don't leave ourselves enough time to get to where we're going safely. As a result, we may speed, follow too closely or disobey traffic signs and signals. Please, let's all leave ourselves ample time to get to where we're going so we all 'ARRIVE ALIVE'.

As most of you are aware, on Monday September 14th Mariam MAKHNIASHVILI 17 years was reported missing by her parents. Our information is she was last seen by her brother at about 8:40 A.M. outside Forest Hill Collegiate Institute. Since then we have conducted ground searches, canvassed addresses and followed up on numerous leads provided by the public. This has been an exhaustive investigation however, we still have not established the whereabouts of Mariam. We will continue to investigate any and all information related to this incident. If you have any information regarding Mariam's disappearance please call 416-808-5300 or, to remain anonymous, 1-800-222-TIPS.

On behalf of everyone who is involved in the investigation of Mariam's disappearance, I offer my sincere gratitude to Principal Peggy Aitchison, her staff and the students of Forest Hill Collegiate Institute for their cooperation and support.

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, security and quality of life.

Our annual 53 Division Town Hall Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday November 24, 2009 from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. Since we are still in the process of finalizing a venue, I will include an update on this in the November Community Bulletin.

Ms. Linda Martin, who represented the Cottingham Child Care Centre for many years on our Community Police Liaison Committee, has recently accepted an employment offer in the west end of Toronto and has therefore resigned as a member of our C.P.L.C. On behalf of our entire community, I thank Linda for her years of dedicated service.

The May 2009 edition of our 53 Division Community Bulletin, page 8 – 'Major Arrests', described a serious assault which resulted in 4 males being charged with attempt murder, aggravated assault and assault. In August 2009, the Crown Attorney, believing there was no reasonable prospect of conviction, decided to withdraw all charges against one of the accused, **David Banwat 21 years**.

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.

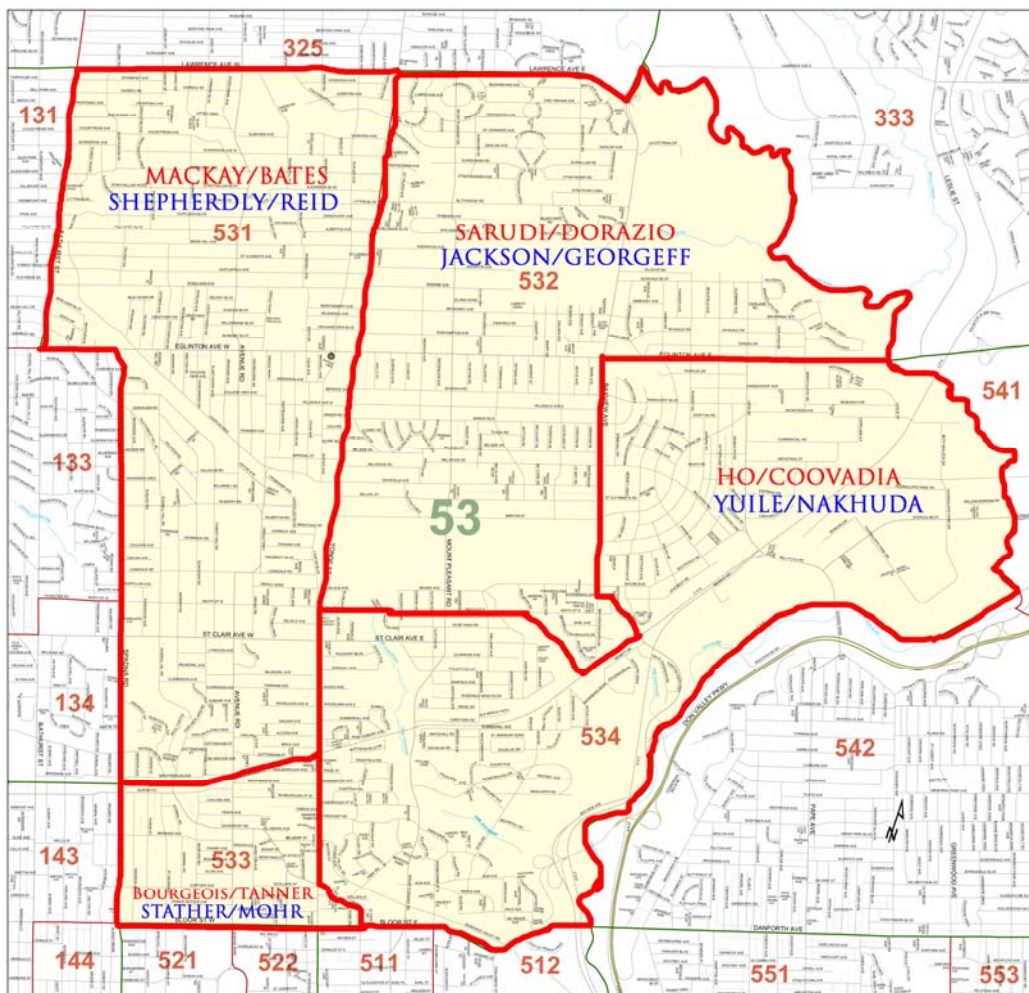
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Neighbourhoods in the 53 Division

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
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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 NICK DORAZIO #9113
PC LANA BATES #8637
PC JOHN TANNER #9035

FA-2

SGT. RICK GIBILLINI #4677

PC SEAN MOHR #8637
PC JANET STATHER #5374
PC BRIAN YUILE #99750
PC HANIF NAKHUDA #5466
PC GORD SHEPHERDLY #1221
PC WAYNE JACKSON #5049
PC RHONDA REID #9098
PC MARCUS GEORGEFF #87477

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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

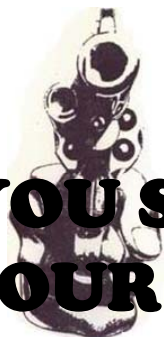
If you have information about a crime that you would like to report anonymously, please call Crime Stoppers at **416-222-TIPS** (8477), toll-free 1-800-222-TIPS, or visit their website: <http://www.toronto-crimestoppers.com/>.



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



THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD
BE YOUR OWN!



MAJOR ARRESTS



B & E BANDIT ARRESTED

Between the months of June and September, police have been investigating a number of break and enters in the area of Spadina Avenue and Bloor Street West on the boundary of 14 Division and 53 Division. On Tuesday September 1st at 2:00 pm a suspect was arrested after breaking into two homes in this area.

After an investigation between 14 & 53 Divisions Major Crime Units, it was revealed that the suspect was responsible for the numerous break ins in these two Divisions.

Charged with 42 counts of break & enter, 2 counts of possession of property obtained by crime, possession of burglars tools and attempt break & enter is **Ross STEVENS**, 47 years of Toronto. He was held for a show cause hearing at the Old City Hall Courts to answer to the charges.

ARSON SUSPECT ARRESTED

On Wednesday, September 2nd, at 2:40 am, police responded to a call for a fire on a TTC bus in the Yonge Street and Bloor Street area.

A dispute occurred between the suspect and a woman at the bus stop. The suspect assaulted the woman then entered a TTC bus. Several people approached the suspect, including the victim.

The suspect removed a container with a flammable liquid from his knapsack and emptied the container on the rear seats of the bus and set them on fire. The suspect fled the scene and hailed a taxi at Gloucester Street and Yonge Street making good his escape.

On Thursday, September 3, the suspect was arrested while in custody on other un-related matters.

Charged with assault, arson, damage to property, arson, disregard for human life, fail to comply with a recognizance, common nuisance, mischief and 5 counts of weapons dangerous is **Steven Edwards**, 28 years of Toronto, He was held for a show cause hearing at the Old City Hall Courts to answer to the charges.

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Break & Enter

Sometime between Sunday August 23rd and Monday, August 24th, the suspect attended a residential address on Chestnut Park. The owners were out of the country and had one of their relatives checking in on their property.

The suspect used an unknown instrument to break a ground floor window. The suspect entered the residence and search the house, removing an Apple Macbook Pro from the kitchen counter, a Toshiba laptop from a bedroom, a Canon Digital SLR camera with Sigma lens and a Sony Handicam and left the residence.

On Monday, August 25th, plainclothes officers from the 51 Division Major Crime Unit attended a Second Hand Shop on Queen Street to collect Pawn Sheets from the business.

As police entered the store the suspect, who was at the counter with the store owner conducting a transaction, abruptly left the store, leaving a quantity of property on the counter. Officers investigated the property left behind by the suspect and determined it to be stolen from a break and enter on Chestnut Park.

The suspect was eventually identified and on Wednesday September 2nd, the suspect was located and arrested and transported to 53 Division.

Charged with break & enter and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000. is **Jean-Pierre GAGNE**, 30 years of Toronto. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts to answer to the charges.

Cemetery Bandit Arrested

On Wednesday September 2nd, the Mount Hope Public Cemetery called police to report a theft of 81 solid bronze vases.

On Saturday, September 5th, at approximately 1:40 PM the suspect attended the Mount Hope Public Cemetery located on Erskine Avenue. The suspect was seen by a grounds keeper walking with 3 vases in his hands towards his vehicle.

The grounds keeper alerted the staff at the cemetery who immediately closed the front gates, which was the only entry and exit point to the cemetery.

The suspect returned to his vehicle and retrieved his dog and walked through the pedestrian gate, leaving his vehicle on the cemetery property.

Police arrived on scene and located and investigated the suspect. Upon further investigation the suspect was found to have 57 solid bronze vases in the rear of his vehicle.

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The suspect was arrested and transported to 53 Division where he was charged accordingly.

Charged with 2 counts of theft over \$5000.00 and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000.00 is **Nicholas MOORHOUSE**, 31 years of Toronto. He was released to appear at College Park Courts to answer to the charges.

Alert Citizen Helps Capture Bandit

On Tuesday September 8th, at approximately 10:30 am, the suspect was recognized by a member of the community riding a bicycle in the Rosedale area. He called police as he recognized the suspect as being someone who had previously stolen a bicycle in this area.

The suspect was located by police riding his bicycle on Glen Road. During the course of the investigation the suspect repeatedly provided an incorrect name, he took a GPS and an IPOD from his pocket and placed them on the sidewalk. After further investigation it was discovered that the property had been stolen from a vehicle on Heath Street East earlier in the day.

The suspect was arrested and transported to 53 Division for further investigation.

The investigation, revealed that the suspect was responsible for numerous thefts and break & enters within 53 Division between the 23rd of July & the 8th of September.

Charged with possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000.00, 7 counts of theft under \$5000.00 and 2 counts of break & enter is **Wilfred SPANISH**, 32 years of Toronto. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts to answer to the charges.

Break & Enter

On Saturday September 5th, the complainant who was out of the city, received a phone call at about 6:00 am from his alarm company, advising that the alarm had gone off at the house located on Strathallan Blvd. The complainant had a friend check the house. It was then discovered that an entry had occurred via the rear patio door.

While inside the suspect pulled curtains on the windows of the basement and two upper floors. Numerous closets and rooms were ransacked on all three levels. The suspect then removed two large flat screen television sets, jewellery, computer equipment, a spare key for an Audi and a spare key for a 2007 Porche 911 Carrera. The suspect loaded the property into the Audi and fled the scene.

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On Sunday September 13th, the complainant heard the alarm for her husbands Porche going off in the driveway. She looked outside and observed the suspect standing in the driveway with what appeared to be a key for the vehicle in his hand.

The suspect saw the complainant and fled the scene on foot. The complainant ran to get her cell phone and called 911. Police attended located the suspect a short distance away. A foot pursuit ensued as the suspect ran through backyards. The suspect eluded Police until he was located hiding on a garage roof at the rear of an address on Avenue Road. The suspect jumped from the roof in an attempt to flee but was arrested. He was transported to 53 Division for further investigation.

Charged with break & enter, attempt theft over \$5000.00 and assault to resist arrest is Kryzstzof HARASIUK, 39 years of Hamilton. He was held for a show cause hearing at College Park Courts to answer to the charges.



MAJOR NEWS RELEASES

Missing girl, Mariam Makhniashvili, 17

The Toronto Police Service are requesting the assistance of the public locating a missing girl. Mariam Makhniashvili, 17, was last seen on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., in the Bathurst Street Eglinton Avenue West area. She is described as white, 5'3", 140 lbs., light-brown shoulder-length hair, brown eyes. She was last seen wearing black pants, a light-blue shirt, dark-blue jean jacket carrying a large black backpack with a green stripe. Police are concerned for her safety.

Anyone with information is asked 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).



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Police request assistance with theft investigation. Security camera image of suspect released.

The Toronto Police Service would like to make the public aware of a theft investigation at a hotel in the Bloor Street West Avenue Road area.

It is reported that the victim was in the lobby of the hotel and placed his briefcase that contained a quantity of money on the floor. The suspect entered the lobby and sat down beside the briefcase and placed a knapsack beside it. The suspect picked up both the knapsack and the briefcase and walked out of the hotel lobby quickly.



Above: Security camera image of suspect

The suspect is described as white, 35-40, 6'0", 200 lbs., with a large build. He was last seen wearing dark-blue jeans and a black T-shirt with white print on the back.

Anyone with information is asked 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 (Mugging) - 53 Division

A 15 year old female reports that on September 16, 2009 at approximately 1140 hours, she was in the area of Roehampton Avenue and Redpath Avenue, when she was approached by a male suspect. A conversation ensued and the suspect removed the victim's camera and a quantity of cash from her backpack. The suspect fled the scene northbound on Redpath Avenue. The victim did not sustain any injuries. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described person in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect: Male, black, 30 to 34 years, 5'9" to 5'10", chubby build, brown eyes, short black hair.

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Robbery (Mugging) - 53 Division

A 16 year old male reports that on September 22, 2009 at approximately 2245 hours he was riding his bicycle in the area of Bathurst Street and Lawrence Avenue West when he was approached by two male suspects. One suspect stood in front of the victim while the second suspect stood behind the victim. One suspect grabbed the victim and dragged him behind a nearby building and made a demand for cash. The victim refused. The second suspect then indicated he was armed with a handgun, although no weapon was seen. The suspects then made a demand for the victims debit card and pin number. The victim complied and the suspects fled the scene 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, 50 years, 5'10", 180 pounds, thin build. Suspect #2: Male, 50 years, 6'. 200 pounds, medium build.

Robbery (Mugging) - 53 Division

A 25 year old male reports that on September 28, 2009 at approximately 0004 hours, he was walking in the area of Hanna Road and Parkhurst Boulevard when he was approached by two male suspects in a vehicle. The suspects exited the vehicle and one suspect made a demand for the contents of the victim's pockets. The suspect then sprayed mace into the victim's face causing him to fall to the ground and both suspects punched the victim about the body. Both suspects then fled the scene empty handed southbound on Hanna Road. Toronto EMS attended and treated the victim at the scene for his injuries. Police are requesting the assistance of the public in identifying the following described persons in connection with this offence. Description of Suspect #1: Male, 20 years, 5'10"-6', short brown hair, thin build. Male, white, 20-25 years, 5'10"-6', thin build.



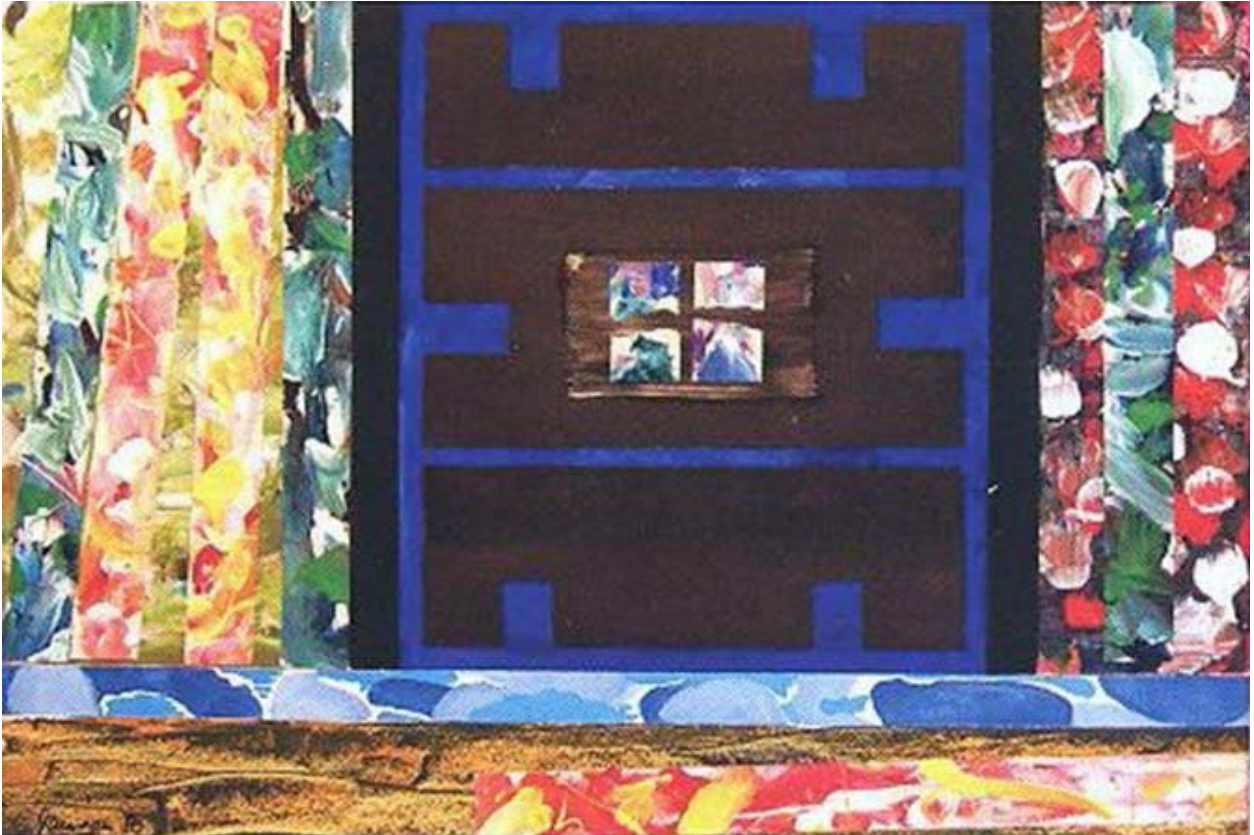
**Police request assistance with theft investigation,
Photographs of stolen paintings released**

It is reported that on Sunday September 27 2009, at 4:11 a.m., the suspects broke into an art gallery in the Yorkville area. The suspects removed three abstract paintings of exceptional value.

Anyone with information is asked 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).



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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 - August 24, 2009 to September 13, 2009

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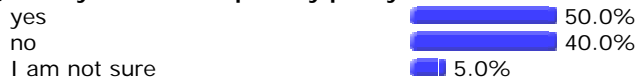
1. Does your home computer have filtering software that blocks out material that you feel is inappropriate?



2. Do you or your children have a social networking account (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Windows Live Spaces, etc.)?



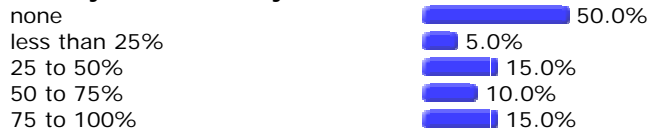
3. If yes, have you read the privacy policy for the social networking site?



4. Have you ever spoken to your children about Internet safety?



5. Approximately how much of your child's time on the home computer do you monitor?



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





CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH
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Bullying

A bully is:

- A domineering person or group of persons who abuse others
- A person who tries to control others by fear
- A person who behaves in an aggressive, thoughtless and unjust manner

If you are a bully:

- Your reputation could suffer
- You could hurt someone
- You could become unpopular with friends
- You could disappoint your family
- You could be suspended from school
- Police will investigate
- If charged and convicted you will receive a criminal record

Reasons why people are bullies:

- Peer pressure
- They are looking for attention
- They have no friends
- They do not care about peoples feelings
- They are insecure
- They have been picked on in the past
- They want to feel accepted by others
- They want to be part of a gang/group
- Their behaviour is a reflection of personal problems

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Bullying is a criminal offence:

- Assault
- Harassment
- Extortion
- Threatening
- Intimidation

If you are the victim of a bully:

- You may lose your self esteem
- You may feel humiliated
- Your physical health may suffer
- Your emotional health may be jeopardized
- You may skip school or refuse to go to school to avoid the bully
- Your grades may suffer
- You may feel like running away

Bullying impacts everyone in different ways. In some cases, victims could not bear the ridicule and taunting and have committed suicide.

Ways to avoid a bully:

- Stay together in a group
- Be brave
- Be confident
- Walk away from trouble
- Stick up for yourself
- Tell someone you trust

Report bullying to:

- Someone you trust
- Your Principal
- Your Teacher
- Your Parents/Guardian
- The Police
- Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers by calling 222-TIPS or (416) 222-8477



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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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:

1. 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.
2. 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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11. By signing I ACCEPT and saving your information with us you agree to the Terms of Participation.

PRINT NAME _____

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

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 Toronto Police Service – TPSlinks – fm01

When complete, return to local Toronto Police Station



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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,
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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

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KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS SAFE

Don't leave anything on display in your car

*If you have to leave items in your car,
put them out of sight*

REMEMBER, MOST THEFTS FROM CARS
ARE A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY. IF
YOUR VEHICLE IS UNLOCKED AND
VALUABLES ARE IN SIGHT, YOU ARE
MORE LIKELY TO BE A VICTIM OF VEHICLE
CRIME.



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THEFT OF GPS SYSTEMS



Over the past couple of weeks there have been a rash of thefts from vehicles in 53 Division. Suspects approach the vehicle, break the side window, reach in and remove the GPS system that has been left on the dash or front windshield. When you park your vehicle. Please remove all signs that your vehicle is equipped with a GPS system. Also do not leave any valuables in your vehicle within plain sight.



53 DIVISION COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

Traffic bridge blitz



It was a bridge too far for some drivers who were found to be operating unsafe vehicles in the east end recently.

The commercial vehicle and truck blitz on the Leaside Bridge on Sept. 17 found six operators driving unsafe vehicles of the 138 stopped for inspection.

Officers from 53 and 54 Divisions were joined by enforcement officers from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and the Toronto Municipal Licensing & Standards

Unit.

"A heavy truck involved in a collision can have greater potential for property damage and personal injury and can often be fatal," 54 Division Traffic Sgt. Jack West said, of the reason for the blitz.

Heavy trucks and other vehicles were inspected by MTO for safety defects and overweight loads in the centre lane of the bridge.

MOE officers inspected waste disposal trucks and conducted emissions equipment tests on the vehicles, and municipal inspectors investigated vehicles and drivers licensed by Toronto. This included taxicabs, tow trucks, and driving school vehicles.

Toronto police officers assisted in locating vehicles in the surrounding area and bringing them to the location for inspections.

"Taxicabs, like other personal vehicles, carry our most precious commodity: people," West said.

"We wanted to ensure they're in working order, clean and operated safely."

Sgt. West and 53 Division Traffic Sgt. Dale Carter said working alongside partner agencies benefited the enforcement blitz as well as worked as good training for the officers involved.

Blitz results:

138 vehicle inspections conducted
47 provincial offence tickets issued
6 vehicles impounded – deemed unsafe, plates seized
3 drive under suspension
2 operate no insurance

All agencies involved were very pleased with the results and are planning another in October 2009.

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53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee

Community Automated Notification System

The Toronto Police Service (TPS) is introducing the TPSlinks system. TPSlinks is a community automated notification system that delivers vital information to residents and business owners within the city of Toronto. 53 Division is one of two Divisions that are part of a pilot project so you can subscribe now before it goes service wide.

TPSlinks utilizes sophisticated software by strategically sending information to a selected geographic area made possible through a community member sign-up webpage. Messages are prepared and delivered by local Divisional Police officers through voice and text messaging. Message types and user delivery profiles can be tailored to meet the needs and preferences for each registered community member. Community members can choose to change their profile or unsubscribe at anytime.

<https://webapp1.torontopolice.on.ca/tpslinks/>

Public Surveys

You are invited to take part in on-line public consultations conducted by the Toronto Police Service. The consultation focuses on one main question: What do you think is the main challenge, or challenges, that the Toronto Police Service will face over the next three years? Your answer will be added to the information reported in the Environmental Scan, helping to set the Service's priorities for the next few years. To complete the survey go to: <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/surveys/> There are also other TPS surveys designed to find out how you feel about certain issues. New surveys appear every three weeks.

CANBIKE Courses

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: And don't forget to register your bike with the Toronto Police Service: <http://bikereg.torontopolice.on.ca/BicycleRegistry/>

New CPLC Community Vice-Chair

At the CPLC meeting on September 29 Kathleen Kedzierski was elected as Community Vice-Chair. Kathleen represents the Sherwood Park Residents Association on the CPLC. Many thanks to Kathleen for stepping-up to take this position.

Please make a note of these upcoming events:

The 53 Division Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday November 24 at 7pm. Location to be announced.

New Years levee at 53 Division on Sunday January 10

CPLC meeting Tuesday January 26 at 7pm

Contact

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



HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE SURVEY

The following are highlights from the recent Community Consultative Survey which was distributed via: hard copy, e-version and electronically. Over 100 surveys were completed by members from all three levels of consultation.

- 84% of consultative members felt that during the past 12 months they were able to bring forward local issue(s) or problem(s) to be addressed.
- 75% of consultative members felt that during the past 12 months they generally were involved in developing the activity(ies) or initiative(s) used to address a problems/issues.
- 72% of consultative members felt that in the past 12 months they were involved in the division's / unit's crime management process.
- 42% of consultative members felt that in the past 12 months they were included in the division's / unit's problem solving team.
- Consultative members indicated that they required additional training in: community mobilization, problem-solving and community development/capacity building.
- 57% of consultative members were satisfied in the way issues/ concerns have been dealt with by the police and committees in the past 12 months.
- 65% of consultative members felt that in the past 12 months the respective committees have been very effective in identifying local problems/issues.
- 93% of consultative members felt that the respective committees are a good resource to the police.
- 62% of consultative members felt the \$1000 funding provided by the Police Services Board was not adequate to support the respective committee's activities, however, 63% of the respective committees did not utilize the funding provided in the years 2007 and 2008.

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General Comments

- The word needs to be heard in the local community that the police are involved. Not everyone is apt to check police websites. More of a community local/paper type of promotion would probably benefit.
- I think our group is finally coming together. There have been many changes in command in our division; however, our current Superintendent has challenged us to do more and I think that we have met that challenge.
- The officers in our division are great.
- The committee has become more active and more organized recently and the interest is greater as a result.
- Police from the division are very community minded and are available whenever they are requested for events or community involvement.
- I am pleased and honoured to represent my community in the CPLC. I feel that the CPLC in this division is a good example of community/police partnerships.
- Suggest that a focus group be held with people from across the CPLCs in the city. The issues are common I think, and very few CPLCs are really effective.
- Participation in keeping the community safe is essential and mandatory for every citizen. The CPLC is a good vehicle for promoting this concept.
- I would like to see all CPLCs meet informally on a quarterly basis to share ideas and successes.
- There should be a formal training course for all new CPLC members.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 International Day of Older Persons	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12  Thanksgiving Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 OAS / CPP Payment date	29 North Toronto Community Fair 2300 Yonge Street.	30	31  Halloween

UP COMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

1st November Change your clock
 11th November Remembrance day
 24th November Town Hall Meeting (Location to be confirmed)

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD?

The School Crossing Guard Co-ordinator for 53 Division is
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