

14 Division Community Bulletin

January 2008



The Main Station at Dundas & Dovercourt
150 Harrison St.
416-808-1400



The Sub Station at Exhibition Place
275 Manitoba Dr.
416-808-1500



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POLICE
 SERVICE

150 Harrison
 Street

14 DIVISION

Unit Commander	Superintendent Ruth White
Uniform Operations	Inspector Paul Vorvis
Detective Operations	Inspector Bryce Evans
Investigative Branch	Det/Sgt Egidio Roseto
Crime Management	Det/Sgt Laurie Jackson
Community Response	S/Sgt Frank Besenthal
Crime Prevention	P.C. Gord Reid
Total Strength	347 officers and civilians

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MESSAGE FROM Ruth White UNIT COMMANDER, 14 DIVISION

Crime management continues to be at the heart of what we do every day in 14 Division. 2007 was a benchmark year for us, as our major crime indicators showed a decrease from 2006. We are especially pleased that robberies in 14 Division were down 30% in 2007.

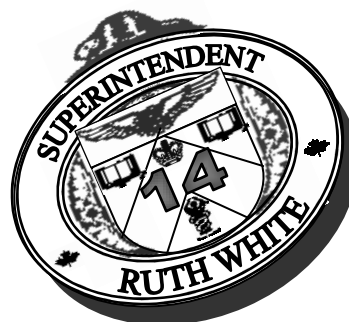
We're committed to maintaining this standard for 2008. Part of this crime management strategy will continue to involve our enforcement initiatives in high crime areas. These initiatives pool the resources of the entire station and involve every facet of policing. We also seek out the participation of outside agencies such as the TTC, and the AGCO.

The addition of closed circuit cameras at Bathurst and Queen is nearing completion. The cameras should be operational in March. We have supported their installation from day one and we consider them valuable tools. I also want to make clear that the cameras will supplement the work our officers are doing, not replace it.

In 2008, we will be as proactive as ever, from every angle.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth White".



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Arrest of the Month

Michael Ogini

Charge: Sexual Assault

Arrested: January 14th

On Monday, January 14, 2008 at approximately 6:00 pm, the suspect was on the eastbound platform of the Dufferin subway station located at Bloor and Dufferin. The suspect approached the victim who was waiting for the eastbound train.

The suspect approached the victim from the rear. Without warning, the suspect grabbed her buttocks. The eastbound subway arrived shortly after.

The victim approached the subway doors as the subway came to a stop. The suspect followed her to the same subway door. She moved to the side of the entrance/exit doors to allow the passengers to exit.

As the victim stationed herself to the side of the doors, the suspect placed himself behind her. The suspect then reached between the victim's thighs with his hand. He then placed his hand on the victim's crotch, and in a brushing motion moved his hand from her crotch to her buttocks. The victim and suspect then boarded the train. The suspect sat down as the subway left the station.

The victim then located a Toronto Transit Commission subway worker and told the worker what happened to her.

The victim provided a description of the suspect and Toronto Transit Commission Special Constable Unit was dispatched.

The suspect exited the train when the subway arrived at the Yonge station. The victim was able to locate the suspect who was sitting in another train. He was arrested by TTC Special Constables. He scheduled to appear in court at Old City Hall on February 20th.



Dufferin Station – scene of sexual assault . The suspect was arrested at Yonge.

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MESSAGE FROM Roy Sorgo Traffic Sergeant, 14 DIVISION



In January, we started an insurance initiative in 14 Division. A traditional enforcement project sees officers hitting the streets and handing out tickets for speeding and so forth. This is not a typical enforcement project.

In this case, our officers are stopping cars and conducting traffic investigations with the vehicle's insurance in mind. In some cases, drivers have no insurance card and verbally identify their insurance company. In other cases, drivers show expired cards, or apparently valid cards.

The officers gather the information they received from these traffic stops and our office follows it up with insurance companies during business hours.

Everyday you are driving through the streets of Toronto with vehicles that are uninsured. While the exact percentage of uninsured autos is not known, it has been estimated to be as high as 30%.

In the four weeks that we have conducted our project, we have found that approximately 20% of the roadside investigations our officers have conducted have resulted in charges against the registered owner. To date, we have laid 25 charges.

Driving without insurance in Ontario carries a minimum \$5,000 fine. Subsequent fines may be as high as \$10,000 -- a very serious matter indeed. 14 Division will continue the project through February. We've also established contacts with the Insurance Bureau of Canada who have expressed interest in our results.

The IBC also has some very helpful information on their website:

http://ibc.ca/en/Car_Insurance/index.asp



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CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN:

CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH



THEFT FROM AUTO AND STOLEN AUTO'S



Repeatedly, vehicles are stolen in the cold weather because the driver starts the ignition, then leaves the vehicle unattended while it warms up and the driver goes back indoors. This situation is an excellent opportunity for a thief to steal the vehicle with very little effort. **Never leave you vehicle running unattended.**

Stolen Auto's: 12 (Year to date)

- **Peak times:** 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
- **Day of the week:** Sunday, Thursday and Friday
- **Top stolen:** Honda Civic, Honda Accord, Dodge Caravan, Toyota Corolla and Plymouth Voyager

Theft From Auto: 83 (Year to date)

- **Peak times:** 9:00 am, 6:00 pm, 9:00-11:00 pm
- **Day of the week:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

Preventing theft of/from your Automobile:

- Always lock your vehicle and close your windows
- Turn the ignition off and take the keys with you. A car left running is an open invitation to thieves
- Park in a well lighted, attended area, if possible and one which is well used
- Remember: briefcases, sunglasses, laptops, keys, gym bags/knapsacks and spare change are all tempting to a thief. Remove or move them to the trunk. Thieves like window shop with your car
- Never hide a spare key in the vehicle
- Never leave your insurance slip or ownership in your vehicle when unattended. The thief could use these to impersonate you when transferring the car's ownership
- Drop business cards or address labels inside doors to assist with vehicle identification
- Wherever possible, when parking, turn your wheels and set your parking brake to make towing your vehicle more difficult. With a standard transmission vehicle engage a forward gear
- Be aware of your surroundings while driving and drive with your doors locked

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- If you have a garage, use it. Lock both your car and the garage
- Report the theft to police immediately – **911 Emergency (crime in progress)**
 - **416-808-2222 Toronto Police Service non-emergency number**
- Record the following information - year, make, model, colour, licence plate number, vehicle identification number (VIN), serial numbers of all special equipment and special markings (dents, scratches and other damage)
- If your car or accessories are stolen, the police need specific information to identify the car, parts and accessories

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION WORKSHOP

The Toronto Police Service, Community Mobilization Workshop is an intensive one-day workshop which focuses on community problem-solving and crime prevention.

The Community Mobilization Workshop is held at Toronto Police Headquarters, 40 College Street, Toronto.

Participants receive instruction about how to make themselves and their property safer. They also receive information about the programs and services available in their community that can help them to reduce crime and disorder where they live and work.

At the end of the course, participants receive a package containing a range of resources, including pamphlets and presentations they can share with their family, neighbours, and co-workers.



The one day session will provide eight hours of instruction and activities dealing with a variety of subjects, including:

- Personal Safety
- Home Security Crime Prevention
- Role of the Police
- 9-1-1 Communications
- Forensic Identification Services
- Domestic Violence
- Community Mobilization
- Common Neighbourhood Problems
- Police Programs and Services
- Crime Stoppers

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UPCOMING CLASSES

Saturday February 23, 2008.

Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. There is a one hour lunch break. Lunch is NOT provided, however there are a number of choices for lunch in the area.

Classes are held in the Auditorium of Toronto Police Headquarters, 40 College Street, Toronto.

Space is limited. If you are accepted, you will be notified by telephone or mail four weeks before the beginning of the first class. Due to the large number of applications we receive, it is not possible to respond to unsuccessful applicants.



The Community Mobilization Workshop is available free to people living in the City of Toronto. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and agree to a criminal background check.

[Click here for an Application form](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/communitymobilization/cmwapplication.pdf)

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Completed applications should be sent via mail or fax to:

Mail: Community Mobilization Workshop Co-ordinator
Community Mobilization Unit
40 College Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 2J3

FAX: Community Mobilization Workshop
(416) 808-7222

Remember, trust your instincts! Be Alert, Be Aware, Be Prepared.

Home Safety for Children

http://www.toronto.ca/ems/safety_tips/child_1.htm

Internet Safety and Youth

http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/on/press/2007/07-02-16_internet101_e.htm

<http://safety.sympatico.msn.ca/default.aspx> (Online safety and information for parents)

<http://kids.getnetwise.org/safetyguide/> (Family, teens, kids)



CPAT (Crime Prevention Association of Toronto)

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<http://www.cpatoronto.org/main.htm>

Neighbourhood Watch
416-225-1102



Call 9-1-1 for emergency service - Fire, crime in progress or medical emergency.

Toronto Police Service Non-emergency number (to report the crime)

416-808-2222

(Interpretations are available in over 140 languages)

Toronto Crime Stoppers (anonymous)

416-222-TIPS 416-222-8477

<http://youtube.com/user/1800222TIPS>

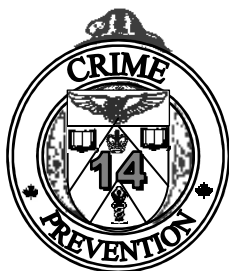


3 Missing Teens

http://youtube.com/watch?v=ZbmF-7Da_ho



Working Together To Prevent Crime



P.C. Gord Reid #1703
14 Crime Prevention
416-808-1529

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CPLC REPORTING:

Whose Corner Is It?

A Toronto newspaper recently carried an article called “At the Corner of Crack and Pizza.” Another news article was titled “College’s Party Monster” Both of these articles were written to describe parts of Toronto covered by our 14 Division police officers, and in which many of us live and work. These articles did not simply describe a problem; they were driven by what we are doing to build strong neighbourhoods. I was fortunate enough to participate in both of the community meetings that resulted in these articles.



The corner unfortunately referred to as Crack and Pizza is Bathurst and Queen. Toronto 14 Division Police held a well attended meeting to work with the community in a trial of CCTV cameras at that location. Attendees were animated and points of view were widely divergent. Even the police are still uncertain of the success and ultimate impact of CCTV cameras in our community, which is why they are being used on a trial basis. Think of a camera as an eye on our streets. Think of our neighbours

and community members as hundreds of eyes, hands, and feet on the street. That gives us all an idea of just how strong our community can be with everyone’s commitment and involvement.

College’s Party Monster is the media monster that the press wants to make of the concerns expressed by the Palmerston Area Residents’ Association (PARA) over the impact of bars and clubs in the area. PARA brought together members from Toronto Police, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, Toronto Municipal Licensing and King-Spadina Residents Association to hear community concerns and build solutions. Someone commented that the neighbours “are going all NIMBY on us”. When it comes to illegal activities, that’s true. Not in my back yard, front yard, laneway, park, or anywhere else.

The strength we have when banding together to understand and solve our urban issues is incredible. Community building is not easy or fast. Putting up a new condo or retail store is relatively quick compared to developing the strength and roots that a neighbourhood needs to succeed. I refuse to live at the corner of crack and pizza. I do live at the corner of neighbourhood and community. How about you?

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Bruce McKay
Co-Chair



The C.P.L.C. holds monthly meetings and consists of volunteers from various walks of life. Officers of all ranks from 14 Division also participate. Volunteers donate significant portions of their free time towards Committee functions. For more information on the C.P.L.C. contact Rita Kingston at 416-808-1500

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD:

The Toronto Police Service invites applications for the position of School Crossing Guard to work at one of our Divisions throughout the City. You can contact 14 Division at:

- 14 Division – 150 Harrison Street, Toronto, ON M6J 2A4
- (416 808-1417)

Your main duty is to safely cross all school-aged children up to and including grade 6. As a courtesy, you may assist older children, adults, elderly, the disabled or any other person you feel would benefit from your assistance. We invite you to apply in person at one of the Divisions listed above. As well, for any additional information, please call the Division that is closest to your home address. The salary for this position is \$10.36 per hour with 12% Traveling Allowance and 4% Vacation Pay.



Note:

- All applicants must pass a vision test.
- All applicants must provide a Certificate of Fitness from their family physician confirming that they are physically fit to carry out the duties of a Crossing Guard.
- Must not have been convicted of a criminal offence for which a pardon has not been obtained. If a pardon was obtained, proof of pardon must be provided. If a conditional or absolute discharge has been received, proof that the RCMP has sealed the records must be provided.
- A security check will be conducted.

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**Community
Outreach**



*From P.C. Gord Reid and Jim McFedries
--Crime Prevention and Community Relations*

Our officers are very involved in our neighbourhoods. Here are a few of the activities they have participated in:

Sgt Zammit along with members of KA platoon attended the C.O.R.A. (Christie Ossington Residents Association) community meeting held at the Bob Abate Centre on January 7, 2008. Local issues were discussed.

Supt. White, Insp. Evans, S/Sgt Besenthal, Sgt Zammit, P.C. Reid and P.C. Tajti attended the monthly C.P.L.C. (Community Police Liaison Committee) meeting on January 9, 2008. There were approximately 18 members in attendance.

D.C. Taylor 14 M.C.U. - VICE attended the Palmerston Area Residents Association annual general meeting with Deputy Mayor Pantalone, Municipal Licensing & Standards, Planning Department, A.G.C.O. (Alcohol Gaming Commission Ontario) held at College/Bathurst United Church on January 16, 2008.

Officers from KC Platoon attended the May Robinson Apartments, 20 Westlodge Avenue, for the Problem Properties meeting with Councilor Gord Perks on January 17, 2008. Problematic addresses in the Parkdale area were discussed.

Insp. Vorvis, S/Sgt Besenthal and members of KC Platoon attended St. Christophers House, 558 Queen Street West, regarding the information meeting on the 'Pilot Project - Closed Circuit Television Cameras' for the Queen Street West and Bathurst Street area on January 17, 2008.

P.C. Therrien and Beckwith assisted with traffic points during the 'Coldest Day of the Year Bike Ride' held in 52 Division, Nathan Philips Square, on January 30, 2008. There were approximately 25 participants escorted to 55 John Street.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 2008:

Here is a list of activities for the upcoming month.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Operation – Safe Commute	29 Operation – Safe Commute	30 Operation – Safe Commute	31 Operation – Safe Commute	1 Operation – Safe Commute	2
3	4	5	6	7 Chinese Lunar New Year (Year 4705 Rat)	8	9
10	11	12	13 CPLC Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Community Mobilization Workshop 8:30 to 5:00 pm at Headquarters
24	25	26	27	28	29 Leap Year	1