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Message from Unit Commander



Superintendent Jeff McGuire

The summer is coming to an end which means that the schools will soon be open for business again. It is imperative that everyone does their part to ensure the safetv of the children in our neighbourhoods. The Toronto Police Service will have a number of Traffic initiatives underway in and around the schools in the city and the women and men of 51 Division will be participating in these initiatives. Education and Enforcement are an integral part of these initiatives and I ask everyone to do their part to ensure the children are aware of the safety rules. I further challenge everyone to exercise the highest level of attention to safety when operating their motor vehicles and bicycles on the streets of our neighbourhoods.

On September 7th a new class of police recruits will be graduating from the C.O. Bick College and will receive their badges from Chief Bill Blair. These new police officers belong to the citizens of Toronto and in keeping with our Community Policing efforts the graduation ceremony will be held outdoors at Nathan Phillips Square in front of Toronto City Hall at noon. I encourage everyone to attend the ceremony and welcome these new officers to the Toronto Police Service on this very important day. Five of the officers in this class will be assigned to 51 Division as of September 11th, 2006. When these new officers are assigned to our Division we will have forty-three more officers here than we did at the beginning of the year. I trust you have seen the increased visibility of the uniformed police officers in your neighbourhood and I encourage everyone to engage your officers in conversation when you meet them.

As I stated earlier this year we have geographically divided 51 Division into five neighbourhoods in order to allow us to deploy officers into specific а neighbourhood for a period of time. The intent of this process is to have the same officers in your neighbourhood for a couple of years so that you can get to know them and they in turn will know you and the concerns of the neighbourhood. The neighbourhoods and the names of the assigned officers are posted on the following pages. Please feel free to contact the officers if you need them.



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51 DIVISION BUILDING HISTORY

as compiled and submitted by Toronto Historian Bruce Bell

51 Division's new facility ironically at 51 Parliament Street is surrounded by arguably some of the most historic land we have in Toronto today.

The new Police Division is across the street from where the British flag was planted by Governor Simcoe when he stepped ashore in 1793 renaming the region known for centuries previous by the First Nations as *to-ron-to* to the more British sounding term, York.

In the area today on the north side of Mill Street just east of Parliament Street and across the street from 51 Division once stood one of the largest structures in preskyscraper Toronto, an enormous gas holding tank over five stories tall itself surrounded by smaller but equally massive gas tanks.

These gigantic containers were all inter-connected by conduits, pipes and tubes that ran along trestles over Parliament Street then linking up to the various buildings that made up the colossal gas works.

While most of this massive gas works enclosure was demolished in the 1960's a few structures still remain. One of these massive structures is the former Consumers' Gas purifying house built in 1899 and now remodelled into the new headquarters for 51 Division at 51 Parliament Street.





Other remnants of the Consumers' Gas complex that survived this era are the former engine house of the gas company at Front and Berkeley built in 1887 and now home to the Canadian Opera Company and the four structures that make up the Canadian Stage Co (CanStage) on Berkeley Street all designed to implode and fall inward in case of an accidental gas explosion. 51 Division's new building is situated on the edge of Toronto's historic Corktown neighbourhood so named after County Cork in Ireland.

For decades after the Second World War (during which the former Consumers' Gas purify house was used as a smelter) the building sat empty while all around it structures of Toronto's 19th century industrial past were being demolished.

In 1998 the Police Station on Regent Street had become far too undersized to meet the needs of Police services so a visionary initiative was put forward to develop and to renovate the former factory as the new 51 Division and today the result is a brand new yet century old state-of-the-art Police Station building that opened in 2004.

The transformation of 51 Divisions new facility from a derelict, polluting gas refinery surrounded by a vast slum has come to symbolize the proper way Toronto can connect with its past by mixing the old with the new and therefore not forgetting where we came from.

Bruce Bell 110 The Esplanade #906 Toronto ON, M5E 1X9 416 350-2052

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Community Police Liaison Committee

<u>Chair</u>

- Bob Kemp

Member Groups:

- Cabbagetown Preservation Association (CPA)
- Cabbagetown South
- Cabbagetown Youth Centre
- Corktown Residents and Business Association Inc.
- Donvale CRA
- The Homewood Neighbourhood Association
- Gooderham&Worts Neighbourhood Association Inc
- John Innes Community Centre Advisory Council
- McGill-Granby Residents Association
- Moss Park Arena Management Board
- Oak Street Area Residents
- Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area (OCBIA)
- Queen East Business and Residents Association
- Regent Park North and South
- St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church
- St. James Town Neighbourhood Association
- St. Lawrence Business Improvement Area
- St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre
- St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA)
- The Garden District Residents Association
- The Salvation Army River St.
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation (Security)
- Toronto East Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance
- Toronto Police Service Division 51
- Trefann Court Residents Association
- Upper Jarvis Neighbourhood Association
- Winchester Park Residents Association

Political / Support Org:

- Hon. Bill Graham MP
- George Smitherman MPP
- Pam McConnell City Councillor
- Kyle Rae City Councillor

Other Participants

- City of Toronto Parks and Recreation South and East

51 Community Police Liaison Committee has embarked on an initiative to clearly focus on and fulfill its original purpose/mandate and revitalize this important community based organization. The immediate goals of the 51 Division CPLC is to broaden and expand 51 Division memberships to:

- Be reflective of the diversity in neighbourhoods and communities served;
- Be a community organization that is inclusive;
- Improve the quality and efficiency of information flowing amongst all partners.

In an effort to achieve these goals 51 CPLC will be holding meetings over next 6 months in various 51 Division locations to enhance participation and educate interested community partners.

We welcome everyone to come out to these meetings and participate in advancing the CPLC experience and making 51 Division the safest community in Toronto.

Next CPLC meeting: Monday September 18, 2006 at 7 p.m. To be held at the St. Lawrence Market.

Please contact Staff Sergeant Frank Bergen at 51 Division 416- 808- 5152.

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Message Board

MEET OUR POLICE PARTNERS AND HELP PREVENT CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITY

Monday, Sept.18, 2006 ~ 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. ~ St. Lawrence Community Resource Centre (230 The Esplanade)

> This evening is brought to you by: 51 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC)

- ~ Meet key members of our police service
- ~ Find out how 51 Division is working for our community
- ~ Learn how to report crime incidents and why reporting crime is important
- ~ Have an opportunity to voice your crime and safety concerns

JOIN US IN MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFER



Meeting Dates

DATE: September 18, 2006 TIME: 7:00 - 9:00PM LOCATION: St. Lawrence Community 230 The Esplanade Resource Centre INFO.: 4th Community Meeting DATE:October 16, 2006TIME:7:00 - 9:00PMLOCATION:51 DivisionINFO.:CPLC Meeting and
Nominations

DATE:November 20, 2006TIME:7:00 - 9:00 PMLOCATION:51 DivisionINFO.:CPLC Meeting and Election of
Officers



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Traffic Unit



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IMPORTANT TIPS

- Always follow the vehicle owner's manual and the child safety seat manufacturer's instructions for correct installation and use of child safety seat.
- Ensure the child safety seat is tightly installed with either the vehicle seatbelt or Universal Anchorage System (UAS) and there is no more than 2.5 cm (1 inch) movement in any direction at the base.
- Harness straps should lie flat with no more than 1 finger space between the harness and child's collarbone (rear facing) or chest (forward-facing).
- The chest clip is at armpit level.
- Children under 13 years should be

Be Safe & Buckle Up

Sergeant Soffe of the 51 Division Traffic Unit provides an invaluable service to the community by advising and inspecting child seats according to manufacture specifications. To arrange this service please contact the Traffic Sergeant at 416-808-5124 to book an appointment.







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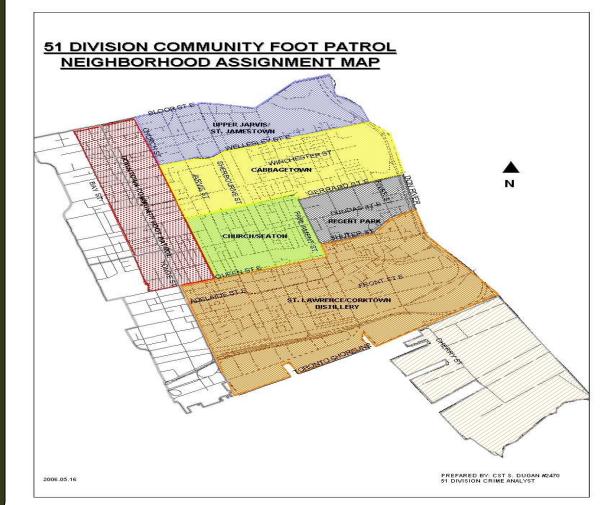
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Community Response Unit

The 51 division Community Foot Patrol (CRU) is divided into five platoons and a Yonge Street patrol component. Staff Sergeant Frank Bergen is responsible for the all Officers who work within the Office. Each of the five platoons consist of one Sergeant and four- five Police Constables with each platoon responsible for specific neighbourhoods as shown in the below colour coded map of the division.

The Yonge Street patrol component has ten Officers. Two Officer correspond with each of the five platoons. Their hours of work reflect the same as the CRU platoon Officers.





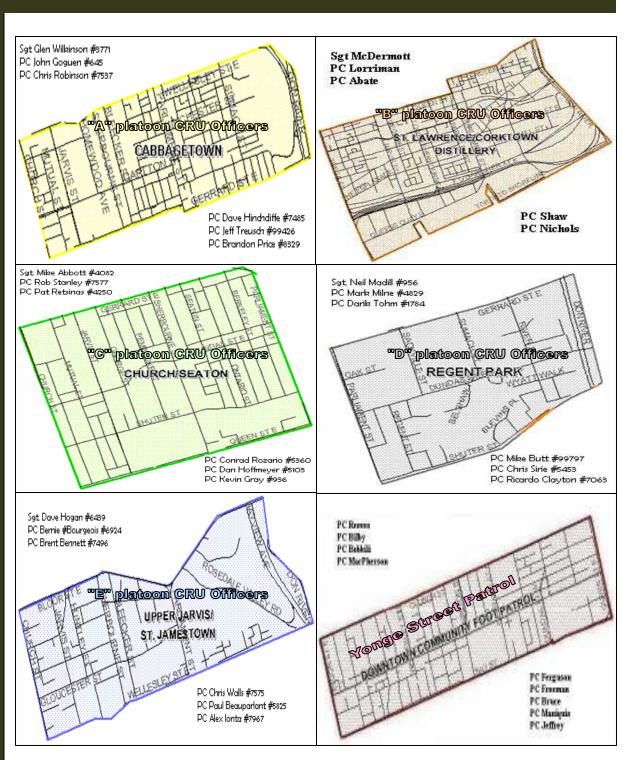
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Community Involvement

On Saturday August 19th, 2006 between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Toronto Police Service - 51 Division in conjunction with the Regent Park community hosted the 5th annual three on three Regent Park Community "Building Bridges" basketball tournament. 160 participants were involved who ranged in age from under 10 to 21. The event was held at the outdoor courts located on St. Bartholomew Street at Regent Street just South of Dundas Street East.



One of the main goals of the tournament is to improve the relations between youth, their families and their The three-on-three community. tournament provides an opportunity to positively promote Regent Park, which is traditionally known as one of our lower income neighbourhoods. It also has an impact towards building better relationships between the community and the service providers within the community including the police.







Any revenues generated are applied to the P.E.A.C.E. (Police Enabling Action through Community Education) Scholarship Fund, a police/community based scholarship initiative and to basketball programs in the Regent Park community that are assisted by the local 51 Division of the Toronto Police Service. The 2005 scholarships were awarded to two students from the Regent Park community who attended Jarvis Collegiate Institute.

There was also a barbeque lunch provided for the approximately one hundred and sixty participants and the two to three hundred spectators and volunteers.

"Building Bridges" showcases Regent Park in a positive way and allows the youth to interact with the local police and other community service providers in a relaxed and entertaining environment. This level of interaction improves communication, mutual respect and understanding amongst all the participants.

The event draws much support and interest which included the attendance of Toronto Councillor Pam McConnell.



Before the Building Bridges initiative began the use of the basketball court required a facelift. With the financial assistance from the Toronto Raptors and Burger King the court was resurfaced, painted and installed with hoops.

Since the commencement of the program further financial support came from ProAction and Maritz.

Enbridge Gas also assisted by providing the use of a barbeque and tents.





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A few lucky young ballplayers capped off a winning season with the Toronto Blue Jays and several Toronto officers recently.

The Toronto Community Housing children were given a chance to put their running, fielding, pitching and hitting skills to the test at the Rogers Centre, including a rare opportunity to play alongside Vernon Wells on the baseball diamond.

The day marked the end of an eight-week Rookie League summer camp that pitted Toronto-area kids between the ages of 8 and 14 in games at Riverdale Park.

The team from Flemingdon Park took home the winning trophy.

51 Division Crime Prevention Const. Joe Smith, who umpired games and coached St. Jamestown kids during the inaugural Rookie League 18 years ago, said the day is a highlight for kids.

"How many kids get a chance to set foot on the field here," said Smith, of the opportunity that had children rushing from station to station during the skills training.

The youngsters got to shag some fly balls, had their fastballs clocked and even took some hacks off a batting tee with Sgt. John Soffe and Consts. Jim Wallace and Scott Mills.

Earlier this month, the Jays held an instructional clinic with Major League Baseball scouts giving pointers to kids aged 14 and up who were too old for Rookie League but still wanted to continue playing the game. The kids all formerly played in the Rookie League baseball program run by JaysCare Foundation and Toronto Community Housing. A total of \$20,000 was also donated for baseball gloves, hats and T-shirts.

The Blue Jays will be hosting a Gun Play, No Way event at the Rogers Centre, on Saturday, August 26. Any child that hands in a toy gun will receive two free tickets to that game. Toronto Community Housing Corp. communication liaison Taiwo Bah said they are always glad to include officers in their events because it gives kids a chance to interact with them in a positive environment.

"It bridges the gap between police and our communities," said Bah. "It fosters a relationship between kids and the people who are important to our community – like the police."



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MAJOR NEWS

An alleged hand-to-hand drug deal in 51 Division led a trio of plainclothes officers to a cache of weapons and a crack cocaine manufacturing operation.

Det. John Babiar speaks to media with seized weapons on display

A total of 700 grams of crack cocaine with a street value of over \$100,000, eight firearms, a machine gun and an assault rifle were seized in a search warrant following an open-air drug buy just steps from a Regent Park community centre on August 31.

Consts. Marc Cioffi, Karen Chapman and Brian Emery allegedly spotted what appeared to be a street-level drug deal between two men on Regent St. shortly before midnight on August 31.

When the pair noticed the officers, they immediately bolted.

"Plainclothes officers frequently patrol this area," said 51 Division Det. John Babiar, of the officers being in the right place and the right time. "It's a good piece of policing where they're out on the streets with their eyes and ears open."

Ten uniform officers soon followed as an officer assist was broadcast over the police band.

"This looks to be isolated, there are a lot of good people in the area," Babiar said.

Cioffi was the first to give chase, following one of the two men to a home where he slammed the door shut and locked it. Cioffi then kicked down the door and was able to tackle the man to the ground in the kitchen while Chapman and Emery barrelled inside to help make the arrest. It was then that they discovered a Browning 22-calibre handgun lying on the ground.

"He had to fight him to the ground," Babiar said, of Cioffi tackling the suspect. "They didn't realize the gun was there until the man was cuffed and the dust settled."

Inside the home, in plain view, were drugs, weigh scales and weapons. An AK-47 assault rifle lay up against a wall with its bayonet attached.

"These are some of the best guns you can get out on the streets," Babiar said, of the deadly cache of weapons. "These are not your Saturday-night specials."

Besides the Browning and AK-47, police found five other handguns and a submachine gun. They also found ammunition, holsters and body armour.

A second man was arrested after he allegedly interfered with a uniformed officer.

"This is the upper level of crack dealing," said Babiar, of the large quantities of the drug, which are then usually sold off to small-time dealers.

He said uniformed officers and plainclothes officers have been working in the community trying to address gun and gang activity.

One man faces numerous gun- and drug-related offences while another man was charged with assaulting police and threatening bodily harm.



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IF SPOTTED CONTACT THE POLICE DISPATCH AT 416-808-2222 OR CRIME STOPPERS AT 416-222-TIPS(8477)

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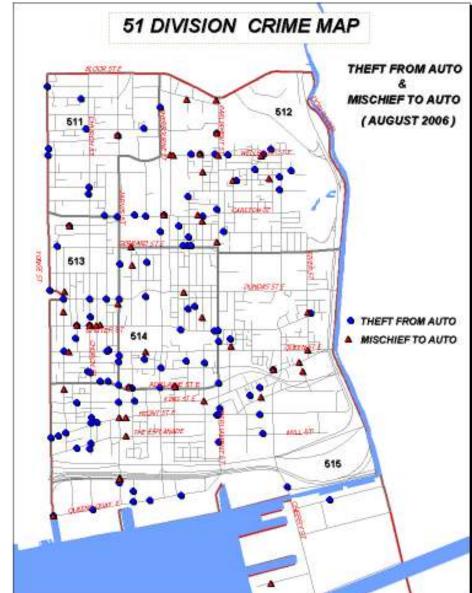
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Parked vehicles, with items visible to passer-by's, become a "Target: for thieves looking to steal property for quick cash.

Everyone is reminded not to leave personal items such a Computer laptops, Brief cases, purse etc. visible in parked vehicles.





Please place your possessions out of sight or secure them in trunk away from prying eyes.

Don't become the next "dot" on out map.



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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

A Crime Prevention Card has been created and printed to remind vehicle owners of the following:

Designated High crime areas are canvassed by the Toronto Auxialiary Officers with a copy of this pamphlet left on the window which tells vehicle owners to:

- Park in a Well lit location
- Make sure doors are locked
- Leave all valuables and property (ESPECIALLY TAPES AND CDs) In trunk or out of sight.
- > Never leave a cellular phone in your car.
- Notify police of suspicious Activities.

For more information on this topic or on personal safety, home or business security or any other matters that concern you, please contact me at the 51 Division Crime Prevention Unit.

P.C. Joseph Smith 416-808-5187

YOU COULD HAVE BEEN A VICTIM



COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY FIGHT THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE STEPS, HAVE PROVED TO REDUCE THEFTS FROM PARKED VEHICLES (HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PART?)

- Park in a well lit location.
- Make sure doors are locked.
- Leave windows closed.
- Leave all valuables and property (ESPECIALLY TAPES AND C.D.s) in trunk or out of sight.
- Never leave a cellular phone in your car.
- Notify police of suspicious activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER AT 51 DIVISION 808-5126

Don't give the Criminal the "Window" of Opportunity