

THE ACTION



Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods

UPDATE

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Follow ACTION on Twitter

ACTION is on Twitter. Why not follow the team 'on-the-beat' as they patrol city streets. Sgt. Jay Turner let's you in on their activity and their arrests. They can be found on Twitter at: HPSActionTeam4. So far, they have 339 followers. Sign on today!

Here's a sample of their recent tweets:

HPSActionTeam4

1. Welcome to our newest followers. We will provide you insight into proactive policing and how we are striving to make [#HamOnt](#) a greater city. [about 2 hours ago](#) via web
2. You heard it here first. We give you an interesting "inside the ropes" view on what we're doing in [#HamOnt](#) and how we're doing it. [about 2 hours ago](#) via web

ACTION arrest robbery suspect at LCBO

The Hamilton Police Service ACTION team arrested a Hamilton man robbing a local LCBO.

On Tuesday March 8th, 2011 at approximately 4:00 p.m., a man was observed concealing a bottle of rum by security at the LCBO located at 2 King St. W. The security guards, contracted by the LCBO, informed the man that he was under arrest for Theft Under \$5,000.00 and attempted to detain the man but he resisted.

The man then sprayed the security guards with a form of pepper spray in an attempt to flee. The man was detained by security who then called 9-1-1 for police assistance.

ACTION team members were in the area and were alerted to the robbery in progress. ACTION members continued with the arrest. After searching the arrested man he was found to be in possession of some marihuana. The suspect was held in custody for a bail hearing on March 9, 2011. He was charged with two counts of Robbery, two counts of Assault with a Weapon as well as Possession of a Prohibited Weapon and Possession of Marihuana.

Here's what they are saying about ACTION

Good morning. I'm a tenant in City Housing Hamilton. The tenants here see your Officers, particularly those wearing the yellow jackets, coming onto these properties frequently and we think it's a great idea. The silent majority would like to see more of your Officers in these hallways because your efforts are making the drug dealers and addicts very nervous. We've even heard stories about crack cocaine dealers who have seen your Service members enter these buildings while they, the dealers, were watching the lobby cameras on their TV's and these dealers have panicked and bolted from their apartments to run up the stairwells to hide in other units because they were afraid your Officers were coming for them. Great stuff. Keep up the good work. We love seeing you here.

Chief De Caire

I would like to thank you for your progressive attitude regarding the Internet and Twitter. As a person with a mobility disability, I enjoy the time I spend on both the Internet and Twitter. It is particularly enjoyable to be able to follow the fine men and women of our City Police force. With Twitter, I am able to keep myself informed of ongoing events in our neighbourhood, get the latest traffic reports and have the pleasure of interacting with your officers on the line.

Please if you could; keep Twitter and the Internet as part of your arsenal against crime in our neighbourhoods.

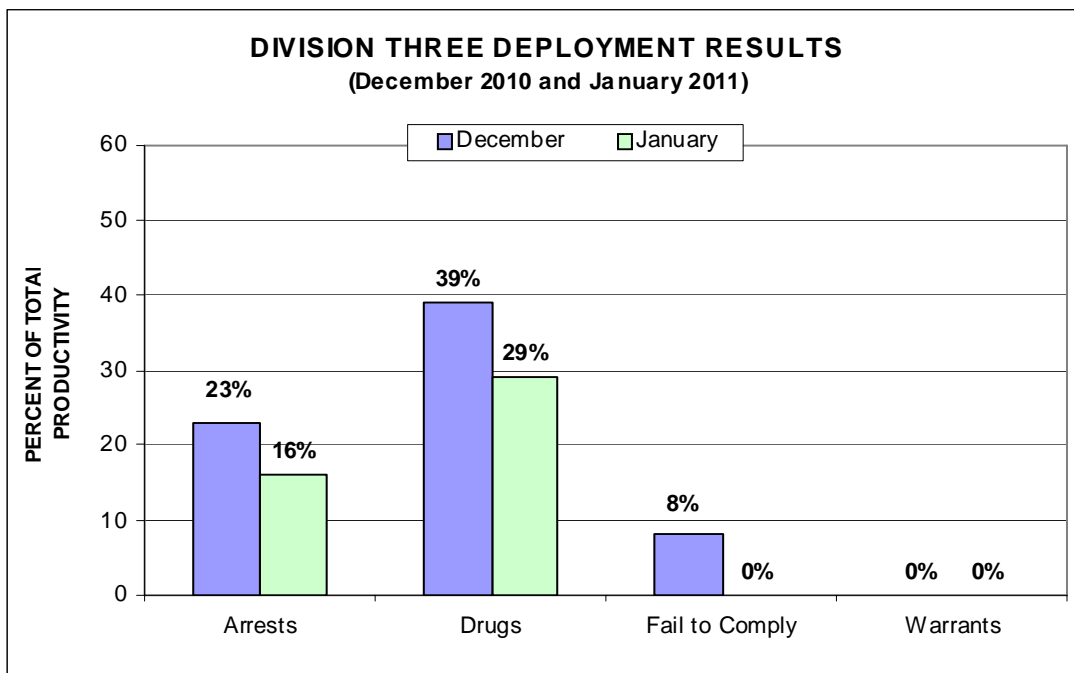
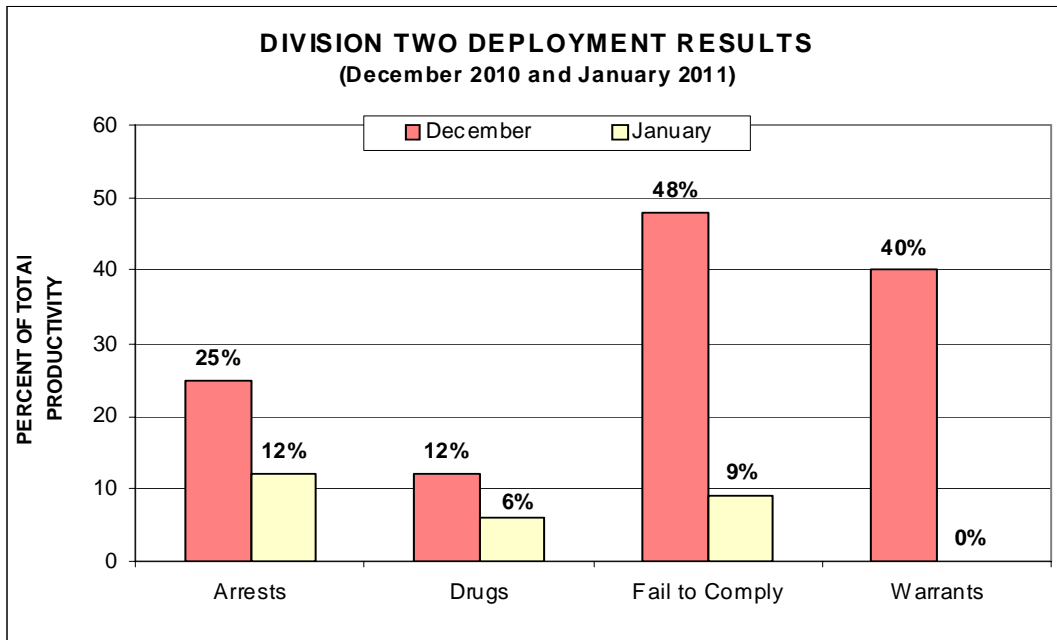
I also cannot say enough good things about your ACTION program, I have just finished reading the report you have published on the Hamilton City Police website, and it appears that ACTION, as well as the rest of your great team have been successful in lowering our overall crime rate.

Again thank you.

Breaking it Down: Downtown and Around Town

In January, 2011, 71% of ACTION deployment was in Downtown Hamilton, 18% in Division Two and 11% in Division Three. In Division Two, 75% of their time was spent in the Melvin Avenue area and in Division Three, all of the deployment time was spent on Concession St.

The charts below show the return on investment by ACTION in deploying outside the downtown area. ACTION had immediate impact as the number of arrests, drug charges and warrants arrests increased significantly. Feedback from area citizens, and you know we're always looking for feedback, has been very positive and encouraging.



Impaired, Over .80 and Driving the Wrong Way on a One Way

On March 5, two ACTION Officers were driving on Main St approaching James St in the ACTION Van when a vehicle turned from James St and started westbound, the wrong way on Main St. The vehicle continued the wrong way on Main against heavy traffic in poor, slippery, and snowy road conditions.

The officers turned around and followed the vehicle with emergency equipment activated to MacNab St, where the vehicle pulled a u-turn and attempted to go eastbound on Main. Officers were able to stop the vehicle without incident and observed the driver Wanzah, showed common signs of impairment by alcohol. The 25 year old driver was arrested for impaired and over .08.

The ACTION Team is funded through the provincial Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Service's Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (PAVIS) grant.

To read comments on ACTION or to submit your own, please go to the Hamilton Police Website at www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca or click below.

www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca/HPS/Action/



The ACTION Team (Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods) is a part of the Hamilton Police Neighbourhood Safety Project. ACTION is a Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services provincially funded initiative dedicated to reducing violence and disorder in our neighbourhoods, increasing safety in the community and improving the quality of life for all citizens of Hamilton.