

# THE ACTION

Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods

# UPDATE

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## ACTION TEAM Firearms Initiative Nets 70 Guns



The Hamilton Police ACTION Unit recently completed a four-week Firearms Initiative.

As part of the Service's ongoing commitment to public safety, ACTION officers were tasked to investigate 69 cases related to the registration, possession, use and safe storage of firearms.

Over the course of a month, officers **seized 70 firearms**: 33 were long arms and 37 were handguns.

There were various reasons provided for the failure of citizens to properly register the firearms or to renew their permits. Police discovered that in some cases, the original owner was in a nursing home or

deceased. Family members who took over possession had either misplaced the firearms, sold them without the appropriate documentation or just did not know they had possession.



There were also two cases where the firearms had been stolen and the owner failed to report the theft.

If anyone has information on an illegal gun or a criminal act involving a gun in the community, they can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. If anyone has questions regarding firearm possession, they can contact the Hamilton Police Service's Firearms Registration office at 905-546-4978.

## **ACTION on Relentless Pursuit of Offenders**

Based on an investigation by Detectives in Division Three, three suspects were being sought for Assault Causing Bodily Harm.

Within 20 minutes of placing a call to the team for assistance, one of the ACTION officers located and arrested one of the suspects.

Within another 30 minutes, a second suspect was arrested by ACTION.

“This was outstanding work by the officers and an extremely quick response,” said Division Three Detectives. “These offenders were quickly apprehended before they had the opportunity to cause any further issues in the city.”

“Thanks to Action Team 5 for their ‘relentless pursuit of offenders’”.

The third suspect was identified, and, wait for it, while on bike patrol in the area of King and Hughson, ACTION officers spotted the third and final suspect involved. He was arrested and taken into custody.

## **ACTION and Mounted Unit cross training**



May 7, 2011 marked one-year for the ACTION deployment. ACTION and Mounted Patrol Unit continue to work together to make Hamilton a safer place for all of our citizens.

## **ACTION Productivity for April 2011**

<b>Arrests</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Charges</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Warrants</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>FTC / Breach</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Other Criminal Codes</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>CDSA</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Total Value Seized \$22,869.00</i>	
<b>Provincial Offence Notices</b>	<b>571</b>
<b>Street Checks</b>	<b>446</b>
<b>Community Contacts</b>	<b>2173</b>

The "Hockey Night in Canada Play On 4 on 4 Street Hockey Tournament" was held last weekend at Bayfront Park. On a dreary Sunday morning, Team 4 biked by to check it out.



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