

THE ACTION

Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods

UPDATE

April 8, 2011

New Grads, Gun Seizures and More in Mounted Unit Update

Mounted Grads

Please join us in congratulating two of our members for recently graduating from mounted police training programs. These training programs are a grueling test of physical ability, and are facilitated by the best equine police instructors in North America. Our mounted program is continuing to develop in skill and adaptability as an operational tool. We are proud to add these members to our mounted patrol team!



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PC Tom McKittrick – Toronto Police
Service Basic Police Equitation
Course

PC Ed Penner - Royal Canadian
Mounted Police Mounted Police
Seminar

The Mounted Patrol Unit continues to conduct high visibility patrol in the core while working to target violent offenders and promote traffic safety:

Firearms Seizure

Recently, during the course of patrol duties, mounted unit officers received information about two persons residing in the James St North area that were engaged in the local drug trade. The neighborhood is one of the areas that is frequently patrolled by mounted officers. These persons were also said to be

armed with handguns and tasers. The tasers were being sold on the street for profit. Mounted officers conducted further investigation in the area and identified the address of the suspects. A close working relationship with the Gang and Weapons Enforcement Branch resulted in a search warrant authorization for the suspect residence. Gang and tactical officers executed the search warrant and recovered two handguns, three tasers, cash and a small amount of drugs. Two males have been arrested and charged for being in possession of these items. Mounted officers will continue to monitor this neighborhood to ensure the safety and security of the local community.

All Hands on Deck Traffic Safety Initiative

Traffic safety continues to be a priority for the Hamilton Police especially in light of recent pedestrian fatalities. Mounted officers assisted in this City-wide initiative by issuing offence notices to drivers talking and texting while driving or stopped at red lights in the core.

They are still talking....

Re: MPU visibility downtown

Hi there, I wanted to comment about how much I love seeing the HPS mounted patrol out and about in downtown Hamilton. I have watched adults and children interact with the mounted officers like I haven't seen them interact before with patrols on foot. What a nice experience. It seems like such a great community relations tool in addition to their capacity for crown control and improved lines of sight for our officers. I live and work in downtown Hamilton and wanted to let you know that I would love to see this initiative carried on past the initial three year period.

ACTION seizes \$20,363.00 worth of illegal drugs



On Tuesday, April 5th, 2011 at approximately 4:30 p.m., ACTION team officers were patrolling on bikes in the rear parking lot of the apartment complex at 355 Melvin Ave. They came across a vehicle that had an odour of burned marihuana coming from within.

They approached the vehicle that had one male inside, and observed a small amount of marihuana in plain view inside the vehicle. The male was arrested and searched. A quantity of marihuana was found in his pockets along with a quantity of cash, Canadian and American.

A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of more marihuana, along with a quantity of Ecstasy, OxyContin, Tylenol 3, and contraband unmarked cigarettes.

The man is facing numerous drug related charges.

Drug Seizures:

Marihuana – 1043.9 g / \$10,439.00

Ecstasy – 305 tabs / \$6,100.00

OxyContin – 172 tabs / \$3,440.00

Tylenol 3 – 128 tabs / \$384.00

Total Value: \$20,363.00

Cash Seizures:

Canadian Cash – \$1720.63

US Cash – \$47.00 USD

Total Value: \$1767.63

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