

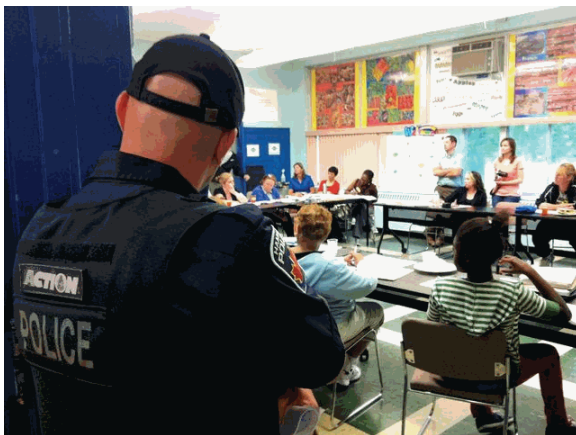
# THE ACTION

Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods

# UPDATE

June 27, 2011

## ACTION East



ACTION officers attended the regularly scheduled McQuesten neighbourhood meeting at the McQuesten Community Centre earlier this month. This meeting usually deals with challenges facing the community. In light of the two recent shootings at Oriole Crescent, the meeting was attended by approximately 60 stakeholders, a considerably larger than usual attendance. There were two McMaster students on hand to report on recent community surveys they had conducted. We had the opportunity to engage the community members and

educate them as to our roles and their roles in building stability into their community. Our attendance appeared to be well received by the community.

## Goodbye and Hello



Sgt. Will Mason, who has been in charge of the ACTION unit from its inception has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. He has been transferred to the Service's Training Branch, where he will no doubt make just as much of an impressive impact as he did with ACTION. A/S/Sgt. Marty Schulenberg of the Service's Mounted Unit will now take over the reigns of ACTION.

## ACTION-packed year

It's been one year. Launched on May 7, 2010, the ACTION Team, was armed with a mandate to reduce violence and disorder in our neighbourhoods, increase safety in the community and improve the quality of life. And so they have.

The ACTION Team was primarily formed for two reasons. First, it is in response to the Hamilton Police Services Board's request to look at ways of increasing visibility and building capacity for enforcement, in particular in relation to the downtown core and second to help address crime and disorder. Similar anti-violence programs are in place in other large police services in Ontario.

In developing the unit, innovative hotspot analysis was used to assist in deployment strategies. Hotspot analysis is a statistical technique to identify incidents that are concentrated within geographical areas over time. Identifying crime hotspots and analyzing both neighbourhood and crime characteristics within these areas are critical pieces of information for fighting crimes. Check [www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca) for the full details.

"Our focus is where the crime is taking place so we can reduce drugs, guns and gangs and improve community safety in the City," said Police Chief Glenn De Caire. "It's a strategic approach to violent crime and the analysis determines where the Team is deployed, at what times and what days of the week."

The highly visible team on foot and bike patrol has made over 950 arrests, seized a half-million dollars worth of illegal drugs and made over 16,000 positive community contacts. Here are the stats of the Team's first year:

### ACTION Team Statistics May 7, 2010 – May 7, 2011

<b>Provincial Offence Notices</b>	Trespass to Property	<b>911</b>
	Liquor Licence Act	<b>1245</b>
	Highway Traffic Act	<b>1541</b>
	Safe Streets Act	<b>482</b>
	By-Law	<b>1021</b>
	Other	<b>173</b>
	<b>Total PON's</b>	<b>5373</b>
<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Street Check Cards</b>	<b>6268</b>
	<b>Community Contacts</b>	<b>16001</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>CDSA Charges</b>	<b>416</b>
	<b>Total Street Value Seized Drugs</b>	<b>\$465,464.30</b>
<b>Weapons Seized</b>	Knives, Brass Knuckles, Fireworks, Spiked 2x4, 2 Replica Handguns, <b>2 Long guns, 2 Handguns (Firearms Initiative: 38 Long guns, 39 Handguns)</b>	
<b>Arrests/Charges</b>	<b>Warrants Executed</b>	<b>148</b>
	<b>Fail to Comply and Breach Charges</b>	<b>408</b>
	<b>Persons Arrested</b>	<b>951</b>
	<b>Charges Laid</b>	<b>1306</b>
	<b>Criminal Intelligence Reports</b>	<b>343</b>
	<b>Criminal Debriefs</b>	<b>184</b>

## Community Survey and Interviews

The Hamilton Police Service is studying public safety in the city of Hamilton. The purpose of the study is to collect information from city residents about their perception of crime and neighbourhood safety as well as police service delivery.

The study involves two components - a Community Survey and Interviews with members of our community.

Community Surveys will be distributed to residents of selected neighbourhoods in Hamilton in the next two weeks.

On June 28 and 29, student volunteers from Nipissing University will be conducting interviews around Concession Street and Melvin Avenue areas in the mornings and around the Hamilton Downtown area in the afternoons.

Input gathered will be used in the police business planning process to improve service delivery. Together, the Hamilton Police Service and the community can make the Hamilton City a safer place to live and enjoy.

For more information, contact: Rita Lee-Irvine, Manager, Corporate Planning, Hamilton Police Service, 905-546-3868.

## ACTION's Turner half of Hamilton Police Award Winning Hashtag Tag Team



Hamilton Police Service's Sgt. Jay Turner and Cst. Stephen Welton were presented with the Chief's PRIDE Award at the Hamilton Police Services Board meeting on June 20, 2011. Officers Turner and Welton were recognized for their efforts in the development of the Service's social media presence.

The Service has been developing its social media usage as part of its communications efforts. Similar to other communications tools, social media can grow if it has relevant, engaging and interesting content. In order to have that, passionate, keen and enthusiastic individuals are needed to provide that content.

The Hamilton Police Service has this by way of Sgt. Jay Turner and Cst. Stephen Welton. These two officers were critical in the development of their respective Twitter

accounts: Officer Turner for @HPSActionTeam4 and Officer Welton for @HamiltonPolice. They provide content on a consistent basis - content that advances the Service's mission, vision, and values as well as updating the community on police activity and information on crime and crime-related topics.

Officers Turner and Welton have been able to increase the number of followers they have because of the strength of their tweets. They continue to increase the traffic to their Twitter accounts, thereby increasing the number of people receiving positive and timely information about Hamilton policing. Building on-line communities is important and these two officers are doing a very effective job.

Officer Welton was also responsible for the development of the Service's Facebook page and is one of its prime contributors.

Officers Turner and Welton will also be assisting with further development on the social media front which will include the Service's Victims of Crime branch and its recruiting section. Citizens can connect with Hamilton Police at:

Twitter: @HPSMedia @HamiltonPolice @HPSActionTeam4

[www.facebook.com/HamiltonPolice](http://www.facebook.com/HamiltonPolice)

These channels are also available at the Service's website at: [www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonpolice.on.ca)

The Chief's Pride (Person who is Really Interested in Delivering Excellence) award is given to members of the Hamilton Police Service who go above and beyond normal expectations. These are special acts of compassion, support and quality of service that are worthy of recognition. This is the second PRIDE award that has been bestowed in 2011.

**Follow ACTION on Twitter:** @HPSActionTeam4.

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

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***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.***