



SAFEGUARD HAMILTON

*'Assisting the Community in
SAFEGUARDING Homes Against
Break & Enters'*

The Hamilton Police Service is excited to launch a new crime prevention initiative called '**Safeguard Hamilton**', a program aimed at educating the community on making their homes less of a target for a residential break and enter. Specially trained members of the Hamilton Police Service Auxiliary Branch will be conducting free home security audits in areas where break and enters have been occurring.

The home security audits will evaluate such things as door hinges, frames and locks, window locks and pins, exterior lighting, and garage security. Upon completion of a home audit, the homeowner will be given an information package containing a copy of the home audit report, as well as community agency and sponsor information. A home audit sticker will also be left with the homeowner to be placed in a visible area advertising the fact that this home has been '*safeguarded*' against crime.

The Hamilton Police Service Auxiliary Branch is made up of community members who volunteer their time with the Hamilton Police Service. Auxiliary members have completed training and orientation sessions in a variety of areas relating to police work. Members of the Safeguard Hamilton Unit receive specialized training in 'target hardening' principles that will enable them to effectively conduct home security audits.

Safeguard Hamilton is coordinated by the Hamilton Police Service in partnership with Dofasco Inc., The Economical Insurance Group, Emergency Services of Hamilton and Hamilton Crime Stoppers. It is the belief of the Hamilton Police Service that only through community partnerships, can we succeed in making Hamilton one of the safest cities in the country.

For more information on Safeguard Hamilton, or to request a home security audit, contact the Hamilton Police Service Auxiliary Police Branch at 905.546-4929.

