

THE ACTION

Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods

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A look at 2011 and to 2012

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ACTION and Mounted Units had a very successful and productive 2011. Please take a look at our productivity:

Mounted Unit Productivity

	2011
Highway Traffic Act Tickets	143
Liquor Licence Act	39
Arrests	23
Bylaw	229
Street Checks	486
Community Contacts	12,328
Community Events Attended	117

ACTION Productivity

	December 2011	Jan – Dec 2011
PONs (tickets)	200	5,426
Street Checks	228	5,423
Community Contacts	2,807	35,842
Arrests	63	937
Charges	36	914
Drug Charges	10	236
Value of Drugs Seized	\$1,244.30	\$53,849.05

In 2011, ACTION officers patrolled the streets of Hamilton for a total of 1,040 shifts. Each of these shifts included a team of seven officers, dedicated to the reduction and elimination of violence and disorder. During the same period, Mounted Patrol Unit officers patrolled the streets of Hamilton for a total of 416 shifts. Each of these shifts includes a pair of officers and their horses, dedicated to high visibility policing.

The combined value of these two units equals 1,456 policing shifts that are exclusively dedicated to proactive crime prevention and violence reduction.

Officers attended many significant community events in a proactive capacity to increase public safety and improve the perception of security for both local residents and visitors from other communities. Two notable examples include September 10 Supercrawl and Canadian Country Music Awards, and McMaster University Welcome Week.

By way of reminder, this is the mandate and purpose of the two units:

ACTION: ACTION is part of the Neighborhood Safety Project and is a strategy to address violence within the City of Hamilton. The goals of ACTION are to reduce violence and disorder in our neighborhoods, increase safety in the community and improve the quality of life for all citizens of Hamilton.

Mounted Patrol: The objective of the Mounted Unit is to address public concern about police visibility, while enhancing the ability of the Hamilton Police Service to manage entertainment districts and improve the image of both the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Police Service.

Both ACTION and MPU are city wide resources and are deployed across all

three policing divisions, throughout the City.

In order to measure our success we look to both statistics and community feedback. We partnered with Nipissing University to conduct extensive community surveys in our ACTION deployment zones. Notable results include: 91.2% of respondents report feeling safer with ACTION teams in their neighborhoods. 95.7% believed the ACTION strategy was a good police initiative. 85.5% of those respondents reported having a mounted presence in their neighborhood made them feel safer, with 83.1% reporting that the MPU initiative was a good initiative by the Hamilton Police Service.

This feedback is critical to our assessment so we ask the community, residents, BIAs to please stay in touch - your input is critical to achieving safe communities.

2012 ACTION Plan

ACTION and Mounted have started out the year with a new complement of officers and supervisors. The Units have two new Sergeants and 11 new constables. The supervisory team now consists of: Inspector Scott Rastin, S/Sgt Marty Schulenberg, Team #1 Sgt Dave Pidgeon, Team #2 Sgt Mark Stiller, Team #3 Sgt John Canaris, Team #4 Sgt Jay Turner and Team #5 Sgt Ben Adams and MPU Sgt Brad Adams.

The year was kicked off with a comprehensive training week for all new officers and included a review for existing officers. New goals were also set for 2012 - they include a focus on the reduction of violent crime by drug and robbery enforcement, reducing crime and disorder in our neighborhoods by focusing on intelligence gathering, criminal debriefs and street checks.

Community engagement is also a critical piece of our goals for 2012 and we plan to achieve this in part by setting a high expectation of our officers in terms of community and business contacts. The new team for 2012 is very excited about the ACTION initiative and looking forward to their roles in creating positive change within neighborhoods.

Look for our officers on your streets soon!

Arresting Highlights



On December 16, 2011, ACTION officers were conducting a traffic stop at King and John, when they became aware of a street disturbance at Main and Catharine. They ran to the area and located a male bleeding from a puncture wound to his hand. He told them that he was stabbed by an unknown assailant and that the suspect went south on Catharine.

The victim provided a brief description to the officers as they ran by. The officers caught sight of the suspect and radioed his location as he and they ran. This alerted other officers in the area, who all converged on bicycles to the area that the male was running towards. They were finally able to corral the suspect at Hunter and James and arrest him.

On Thursday, January 26th, 2012 at approximately 9:00 p.m., Hamilton Police responded to investigate a theft in progress at a pizza place on King St. E. A delivery truck driver had been unloading pallets of pizza boxes when two passers-by stopped him. One suspect started swinging at the driver while the other took a package of boxes. They both then ran with the delivery driver in pursuit. Acting on the description of the outstanding suspect, an ACTION officer patrolled the area and located a man who matched the description. He held the man until his identification was confirmed and then arrested him for Robbery. He was also found to be breaching his probation order and was additionally charged with breach of probation. Central Detectives have taken over the investigation.



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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.
