

# **THE ACTION**

**Addressing Crime Trends In Our Neighbourhoods**

# **UPDATE**

**November 28, 2011**

## **Rick Mercer joins ACTION Team**

Rick Mercer and his production team joined Hamilton Police Service on October 25, 2011. He spent the morning with the Service's Emergency Response Unit and participated in their rappelling exercises. In the afternoon, he joined the ACTION Team and learned the finer points about the team, proactive policing and patrolling on bicycle. Broadcast of the segment will be part of the Rick Mercer Report on CBC and is expected to be aired November 29, 2011.



## **Tis the Season so please Lock it or Lose it**

Tis the season and Hamilton Police ACTION Team ask that you LOCK IT OR LOSE IT. A car with an unlocked door or an open window is an easy target. Protect your car, and the items in it. Always roll up your windows, lock the doors and pocket the keys when you park. Never leave valuables in plain view. Last month, Hamilton Police Community Policing Centre volunteers handed out over 3,000 Lock it or Lose it flyers – these flyers have a check list. If you can believe it, 1,400 cars had their doors unlocked, keys in view, windows open and/or valuables in plain view. We care about your safety and our volunteers will be out with their flyers throughout the holiday season.

## **ACTION in on Armed Robbery Arrest**

On November 10th, 2011 at approximately 7:00 p.m. three males, Anthony CLARK, Jason LONG and Ronald STAATS entered the Kevin Martin Fine Jewellery store located on King St. W. in Dundas. It is alleged that all three were dressed in dark clothing and were wearing balaclavas to hide their identities. Anthony CLARK was wielding a sawed-off shot gun and directed the female victim, a store employee, to place jewellery from the display case into a bag held by Ronald STAATS. The third male Jason LONG went to a rear room where he removed cash money from the till. All three then fled the store on foot in an easterly direction. Nobody was injured.

Over the course of the weekend following, the Hamilton Police Service Break, Enter, Auto Theft and Robbery (BEAR) Unit continued to investigate and developed persons of interest. ACTION officers were able to determine the location of two of the suspects.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, warrants were obtained to search three homes located at 285 John St. N., 44 Ashley St. and 105 Cannon St. E. All three homes were searched at different times throughout the day.

Jason Long and another male in possession of jewellery from the robbery were arrested near the home on Cannon St. Anthony Clark and Ronald Staats were arrested near the home on Ashley St. As a result of the arrests and searches some of the property stolen was seized. Long, Staats and Clark were held for a bail hearing. The male arrested with Long was released on a Promise to Appear for court on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Through further investigation, BEAR investigators learned of the location of the weapon used in the robbery and on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 executed a search warrant at a home at 73 Gertrude St. A 12 gauge sawed-off shot gun was located and seized by police

## **ACTION saves Distraught Woman**

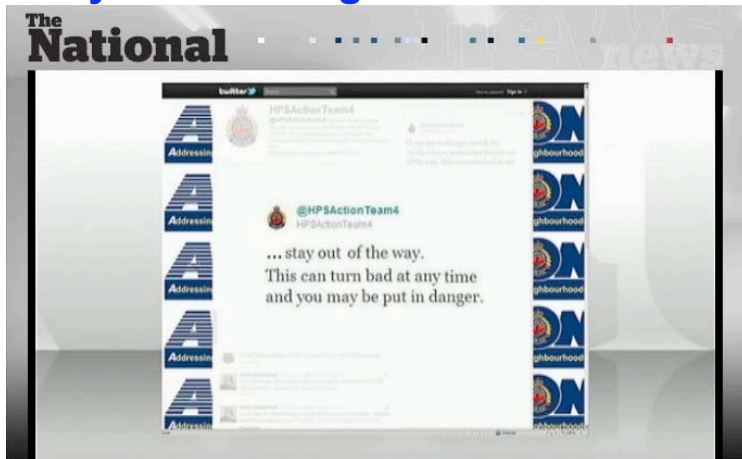
On November 1, ACTION was patrolling the roof top of Jackson Square and came across an extremely distraught woman. She became extremely agitated and climbed onto the ledge of the Jackson Square rooftop and threatened to jump off. Using tactical communication ACTION officers managed to talk her down safely. She was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital.



## ACTION Productivity

	October
PONs - tickets	364
Street Checks	397
Community Contacts	2,285
Arrests	57
Charges	71
Warrants	9
FTC/Breaches	25
Value of Drugs Seized	\$3,017.60

## Are you following ACTION on Twitter?



Over 1,300 people follow ACTION on Twitter and you are welcome to as well. You may recall that there was an incident in late October involving a stolen transport truck. OPP officers followed the truck for over five hours. The convoy passed through Hamilton, with reports of people driving to overpasses to watch –

HPSActionTeam4 sent out a tweet to caution people and CBC's The National aired it during their evening broadcast.

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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..***