

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – April 2, 2012

This bulletin is prepared by the Wellington Community Police Centre (1064 Wellington St., 613-236-1222 ext. 5870) for distribution to area residents to promote safety and security in our neighbourhoods. Please distribute it to anyone who might be interested. Any questions or information concerning safety or security issues in your neighbourhood may be forwarded to wellingtoncpc@gmail.com.

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The City of Ottawa's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is keeping a close eye in April on motorists who perform unsafe lane changes and who inappropriately use reserved lanes as part of its ongoing commitment to keeping Ottawa's roads safe.

Unsafe Lane changes

This form of aggressive driving caused 1,130 reportable collisions in 2010, resulting in one death and 111 injuries. One of those injuries was life-threatening.

Reserved Lanes

In 2010, motorists traveling in the reserved transit lanes caused 27 collisions – resulting in two injuries. The fine for this infraction is \$150.

These initiatives support the larger Safer Roads Ottawa Program, a leading partnership between Ottawa Fire Services, Ottawa Paramedic Service, Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa Public Health and the Public Works Department committed to preventing or eliminating road deaths and serious injuries for all people in the City of Ottawa, through culture change, community engagement, and development of a sustainable safe transportation environment.

2. 9-1-1 error calls

Is your cell phone stored where 9-1-1 can be dialled accidentally? Pants pocket? Purse? Save Emergency Services your unnecessary 9-1-1 calls by storing your phone safely.

Pre-program all the numbers you want, including 3-1-1 and 2-1-1, **but not 9-1-1**. It's too easy to dial by mistake.

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En avril, le Programme d'application sélective en matière de circulation (PASC) de la Ville d'Ottawa ciblera les automobilistes qui effectuent des changements de voie non sécuritaires ou qui utilisent les voies réservées de façon inappropriée. Cette initiative sera conforme à l'engagement que ses responsables ont pris d'assurer la sécurité routière à Ottawa.

Changements voies non sécuritaires

En 2010, cette forme de conduite agressive a été à l'origine de 1 130 collisions, qui ont fait un mort et causé des blessures à 111 personnes. À la suite d'un des accidents, la vie d'une personne blessée a été mise en danger (ou était en danger).

Voies réservées

En 2010, des automobilistes circulant dans les voies réservées aux véhicules de transport en commun ont provoqué 27 collisions, dans lesquelles deux personnes ont été blessées. L'amende pour cette infraction s'élève à 150 \$.

Ces initiatives appuient le vaste programme d'amélioration de la sécurité routière à Ottawa, un partenariat de premier plan entre le Service des incendies d'Ottawa, le Service paramédical d'Ottawa, le Service de police d'Ottawa, Santé publique Ottawa et le Service des travaux publics. Ces derniers se sont engagés à empêcher ou à éliminer les décès ainsi que les blessures graves causés par les accidents de la circulation pour toutes les personnes se trouvant sur le territoire de la Ville d'Ottawa, et ce, grâce à un changement de culture, à l'engagement communautaire et à la mise en place d'un milieu de transport sécuritaire et durable.

Key Ottawa Police Service numbers:

- * Life threatening emergency assistance or to report a crime in progress .. **911**
- * Other emergency **613-230-6211**
- * Non-emergencies and general inquiries **613-236-1222**
- * To have the police attend your location **613-236-1222**
ext. 7500
- * To make a police report **613-236-1222**
ext. 7300

OPS and By-Law services base their work on call statistics. The more calls that you make, the more neighbourhood services we receive. There are three steps to making the call:

a) Deciding which number to phone.

If you have an emergency or see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. If your car was broken into or you need police to attend another non-urgent situation, please call the "other emergencies" number (613-230-6211). To report an incident after it occurred without

police attending the scene, please call 613-230-6211 – ext. 7300. You can reach by-law services at 3-1-1.

b) Getting a report number.

When the dispatcher answers, it is a good idea to ask for a report number immediately. We've found that dispatchers sometimes hang up before we get to ask for a number or we forget. Asking for a report number right away solves these problems.

c) Share your report number and incident.

Please e-mail your report numbers and a brief description of the incident to your Block Captain (if you have one), or directly to us.

Importance of Reporting Prostitution and Problem Addresses

Neighbourhood Watch members can support the police by writing down and phoning in important information such as: vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers (specify Ontario or Quebec) of anyone soliciting prostitutes, descriptions of drug dealers and addresses of crack houses.

Graffiti

If you spot graffiti, call 3-1-1. Graffiti kits are available from your city councillor.