

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – March 18, 2013

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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In February 2013, the Ottawa Police Service conducted a four-week Crime and Disorder Foot Patrol Project concentrating on areas in the ByWard Market area, Rideau Street and transit hubs that have been drawing repeated calls for service and frequent complaints from the public and businesses alike.

Police officers, in partnership with Bylaw Enforcement Officers and OC Transpo Special Constables, walked the beat enforcing City of Ottawa Bylaws, The Safe Streets Act, The Trespass to Property Act, The Liquor License Act, the Highway Traffic Act and The Criminal Code of Canada.

At the conclusion of the initiative, officers laid over 400 charges that included over 120 Bylaw infractions ranging from Smoking bylaws to unlicensed street vendors more than 230 Provincial Offences including aggressive panhandling, public intoxication and trespassing, and 40 Criminal charges including indecent acts, drug possession, possession of stolen property and breaching Probation conditions.

“During the course of the Foot Patrol Project, police officers maintained a visible presence around high volume locations of pedestrian traffic,” noted Inspector Chris Rheame, District Community Section. “It is not unusual to have over 100,000 pedestrians pass through these areas of the City on any given day.”

Ottawa Police is planning to repeat this type of initiative across the summer.

For more information about Crime in Ottawa visit our crime mapping tool.
<http://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/CrimeFiles/CrimeMaps_Reports/index.aspx>

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Au long des quatre semaines de février 2013, le Service de police d'Ottawa mena une opération de patrouille à pied contre le crime et le désordre, concentrée dans des secteurs comme ceux du Marché By, de la rue Rideau et des pôles de transport en commun ayant fait l'objet d'appels de service répétés et de plaintes fréquentes de la part du public et de commerçants.

Les agents de police, en partenariat avec les Services des règlements municipaux d'Ottawa et les agents spéciaux d'OC Transpo, se mirent à l'œuvre, faisant l'application des règlements municipaux d'Ottawa, de la Loi sur la sécurité dans les rues, de la Loi sur l'entrée sans autorisation, de la Loi sur les permis d'alcool, du Code de la route et du Code criminel.

Au cours de l'initiative, les agents ont porté plus de 400 chefs d'accusation, touchant à plus de 120 infractions à des règlements municipaux, allant des règlements concernant l'usage du tabac comme les vendeurs ambulants sans permis, à plus de 230 infractions aux lois provinciales, dont la mendicité agressive, l'ébriété en public et l'intrusion, et à 40 accusations criminelles liées entre autres à des actes indécents, à la possession de drogue, à la possession de biens volés et au non-respect de conditions d'ordonnance de probation.

« Tout au long de l'opération de patrouille à pied, les agents de police ont maintenu une présence visible au sein d'endroits connaissant un fort volume d'achalandage piétonnier, » note l'Inspecteur Chris Rhéaume, de la Section communautaire de division. « Dans ces secteurs de la ville, il n'est pas inusité, au quotidien, de voir passer plus de 100 000 piétons. »

La Police d'Ottawa prévoit répéter l'opération cet été.

Pour plus d'information visitez l'outil de cartographie du crime à Ottawa.
<http://www.ottawapolice.ca/fr/crimefiles/crimemaps_reports/index.aspx>

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 613-236-1222 – 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.