

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – March 23, 2015

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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With students returning from March break, the Ottawa Police Traffic sections --assisted by School Resource Officer and Community Police Officer sections -- conducted proactive traffic enforcement blitzes in school zones in Ottawa.

The enforcement campaign was held this morning and focused on traffic safety in and around school zones – paying special attention to motorists for:

- speeding in school zones;
- failing to stop, failing to yield to pedestrians at school crossings;
- failing to obey crossing guards;
- failing to obey school bus signs; and
- distracted driving.

As a result, a total of 101 Provincial Offence Notices were issued during this enforcement campaign of which included 47 charges and 54 warnings. Approximately 20 different school areas in Ottawa were monitored.

“The Ottawa Police Service continues to remind drivers to be alert when driving, especially in school zones,” said Cst. Jonathan Hall with East Traffic Enforcement.

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Alors que les étudiants rentrent en classe après le congé du mois de mars, les Sections de la circulation de la Police d’Ottawa-- secondées par des agents scolaires et de police communautaire -- ont mené des campagnes-éclair proactives d’application du Code de la route dans les zones scolaires à travers la ville.

L'initiative en question eut lieu ce matin et mettait l'accent sur la circulation sécuritaire au sein des zones scolaires et dans leurs environs. Les agents étaient à l'affût des infractions suivantes :

- Vitesse excessive dans les zones scolaires
- Défaut de s'arrêter, défaut de céder la priorité aux piétons à un passage pour écolier
- Défaut d'obéir à un brigadier scolaire
- Non-respect des signaux d'un autobus scolaire
- Conduite inattentive

En conséquence, 101 avis d'infractions provinciales furent délivrés, dont notamment 47 accusations et 54 avertissements. Environ 20 différentes écoles d'Ottawa furent surveillées.

« Le Service de police d'Ottawa continue de rappeler aux automobilistes de demeurer attentifs en conduisant, tout particulièrement près des écoles », a déclaré l'agent Jonathan Hall, de la Section de la circulation de la division Est.

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.