

SLNA: CPLC-51's Activities/Meetings — September to November 2008

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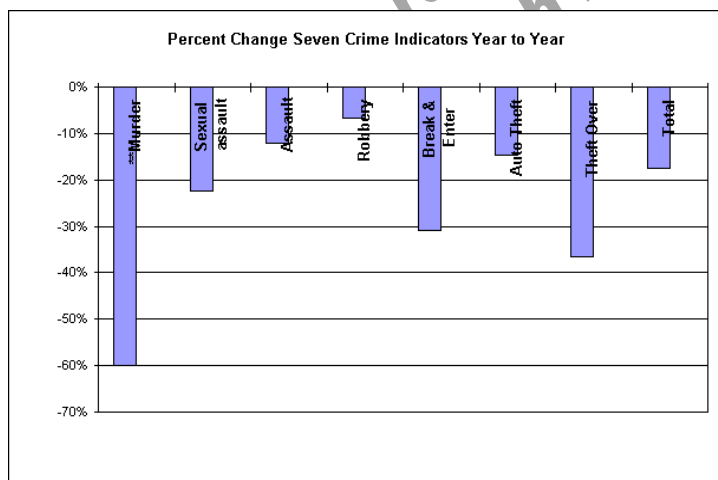
Your previous report covered March to June 2008. CPLC-51 resumed its meetings in September 2008. However, December 2008's meeting was purely social. As for January 2009, CPLC-51's membership has not yet approved the Minutes. Thus, this report covers the three meetings whose minutes have received approval.

CPLC-51's Regular Meeting for 15 September 2008

Rogers TV and the Africa News Network covered this meeting. Their presence provided additional visibility for Division 51's new Superintendent and Inspector.

- ❖ Superintendent Kimberley Greenwood's most recent experience includes being an Inspector at Division 23. Before that, she was in Professional Standards and worked as a Prosecutor.
- ❖ Inspector Heinz Kuck's most recent experience was as 2I/C of Division 11. Before that, he was in Divisions 53 and 14. His experience includes work in plainclothes and on the Drug Squad.

Following introductions, Inspector Kuck provided details of Division 51's Focussed Neighbourhood TAVIS Deployment ("TAVIS" denotes "Toronto Antiviolence Intervention Strategy"). The chart depicts year-to-year crime statistics for Division 51, as at 28 August 2008.



www.torontopolice.on.ca/d51 provides additional information via the "Community Bulletin" link and/or

via links under "News Releases". (Overall, FNTD contributed to an 18% reduction in crime in Division 51.)

Anyone interested in ongoing information should go to www.torontopolice.on.ca. There, you can click on the "Statistics" link (upper left corner of the page). From the Statistics page, you can access updated information for the City and/or for specific Divisions.

CPLC-51's Regular Meeting for 15 October 2008

As part of community involvement, PC Paul Nadeau sought Delegates' participation in a Clothing Fund Drive (17 October to 07 November) for the Good Neighbours' Club (Jarvis & Shuter Streets). To assist, the St Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA and the Salvation Army provided drop-off bins outside Division 51. Although the focus was on male adults' clothing, the Club also appreciates receiving children's clothing — indeed, on an ongoing basis. (Ultimately, the Drive collected 20 bundles of clothing.)

Sup't Greenwood supported the Drive via a press release, and via information on Division 51's Web site.

This meeting also included ongoing reports on FNTD. PS Rita Morehouse provided the following details.

- ❖ TAVIS made callbacks to Regent Park and the north end of the Division, c/w walk-throughs of playgrounds.
- ❖ Project Vanguard is addressing drug-complaints within high-rise buildings and is patrolling through stairwells, fire escapes, and garbage rooms.
- ❖ TPS personnel are cross-tabulating complaint books to address displacement issues the community reports.
- ❖ During all shifts, CRU members are addressing three or four complaints per day. (eg, Hubbard/Central Hospital Lane/St Lawrence area/St James Park; prostitution at Shuter & Seaton Streets/Homewood & Maitland). This type of monitoring/assessment is an ongoing process.

Project Vanguard is specific to Division 51 — to address drug-use in high-rise buildings. Division 51 will soon be reporting the Project's results to the Chief

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Constable. Continuance of funding will depend on demonstrable and/or replicable success.

Finally, the meeting approved a \$300 grant to facilitate a partnership between the Cabbagetown-Regent Park Museum and Division 51. The grant will assist in providing rotating community-police exhibits in two of Division 51's unused display cases.

CPLC-51's Regular Meeting for 19 November 2008

Within the ambit of volunteer-recognition, Division 51 presented a plaque to James Dale of Earth Inc, acknowledging Mr Dale's and his employees' hard work and commitment to the Regent Park Beautification Project. Sup't Greenwood joined in thanking Mr Dale — on behalf of Division 51 and CPLC-51.

This meeting's guest speakers were from the "radio room", so to speak. They provided the following information about communications with the TPS.

- ❖ Callers to 416.808.2222 (*ie*, non-urgent calls): On Monday to Friday (7.00am to 10.30pm), the switchboard will redirect calls to an operator. On Saturday/Sunday and during the night shift, a recording will ask whom callers wish to contact.
- ❖ Callers to 9-1-1: The operator will (and must) ask questions to ascertain the appropriate service-provider (*eg*, TPS, TFD, and/or EMS). If the referral is to the TPS, the next issue is urgency (*eg*, bodily harm, threatening activities, break & enter in progress, property damage in progress, or similar).
- ❖ If anyone is uncertain, call, call 9-1-1. The operator will direct calls appropriately.

Additionally, the two guest speakers provided examples of the call-system's prioritisation-system.

- ❖ Priority 1 (*aka* "Hot Shot"): The operator believes the caller to be in imminent danger. S/He will put the caller on hold while putting the call "on the air".
- ❖ Priority 2 (*aka* "High"): The operator believes this to be a crime in progress or a crime only recently completed. For example, this might include the sighting of a person with a gun, a B&E in progress, or a possible medical issue. Operators may also escalate some of these calls to Priority 1.

- ❖ Priority 4: The operator will take a report from callers — possibly, for subsequent investigation. Police will attend and take a report.
- ❖ Priority 6: These comprise complaints about noise and/or disorderliness.
- ❖ Priority 8: These usually comprise calls that provide "station details" — such as information that the TPS might be able to use for ongoing issues.

PS/S Bruce Kennedy then summarised current purely local crime prevention activities.

- ❖ FNTD Maintenance Programme (01 September to 31 December): The aim was to preserve and continue FNTD's successes. This entailed a high profile uniformed and non-uniformed presence in North & South Regent Park, and in nearby areas.
- ❖ TACTIC (Targeting All Crime Together in Communities — 10 November to 11 January): TACTIC addressed the street crime and/or disorder that directly affect Division 51's communities. Geographic focus varied according to communities' needs.
- ❖ SCROOGE — "Keep Your Belongings": This seasonal initiative operated from 24 November to 04 January. Its focus was reduction of theft from motor vehicles — by educating the public about strategies for securing their vehicles and contents. To accomplish this, the TPS distributed 10,000 flyers to local businesses and parked vehicles in the area bounded by Yonge, Church, Bloor, and Queens Quay.

Finally, Sup't Greenwood announced Division 51's and CPLC-51's December Toy Drive. In doing so, she reminded members that Division 51 retains some of the collected toys for distribution throughout the year. For example, Division 51 likes to be able to provide toys to comfort children whom the Division must apprehend on behalf of the CAS and other agencies. (Ultimately, after deducting the above-mentioned holdback, the Toy Drive provided toys for 120 families.)

Respectfully submitted
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