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## 14 Division

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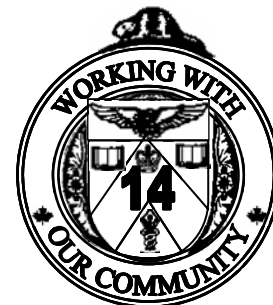
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Total Strength 376 officers, civilians and auxiliaries

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## UNIT COMMANDER'S PAGE SUPERINTENDENT RUTH WHITE



# 14 Division forever a vibrant place

**O**ur new recruits have settled into their assignments here at 14 Division. They are working with Coach Officers daily. These coaches monitor their progress and observe how they apply the skills they learned at the Police College. The coach officers must submit a report on the recruits' progress after the fifth, and 10<sup>th</sup> week of their probationary year. Uniform sergeants then assume the evaluation process. This procedure is all part of the evolution of a seasoned officer from raw recruit. It is a progression all officers undergo, and what has sustained this police service for generations.

June certainly was a colourful and noisy month on the streets of 14 Division. As anticipated, Portugal and Italy have faired very well in the 2006 FIFA World Cup Finals. Flags, banners, horns, and noise makers have taken to the street in celebration of victory.

While this merriment is enjoyed by many, some do not appreciate the resulting clamor, and traffic congestion. We sympathize with them. However, we cannot as a police service simply make it all go away. These are very emotional times for the ethnic communities who feel great affection for their roots and/or homeland.

I have attended meetings and am kept appraised constantly on preparations for security in areas where celebrations occur. We have deployed resources as required and 14 Division stands ready to prevent any breach of the peace where the safety of the public is concerned. This applies not only to the World Cup, but to every major event that passes through our area.

July brings the Champ Car Grand Prix of Toronto to Exhibition Place. This annual event brings noise and celebration of a different kind. The three day event will coincide with the World Cup championship games.

And as I mentioned in last month's bulletin, we have now begun our cooperative foot patrol of Spadina Ave with 52 Division. Officers are walking the area of China Town. This is a 10-week venture which I hope will strengthen our ties with the community.

*Ruth White*



# Traffic stop leads to discovery of firearms, two suspects charged

**PRIMARY RESPONSE – A traffic stop has led to the arrest of two individuals and the seizure of two Luger semi automatic pistols.**

On June 4<sup>th</sup> at about 1:45am, Constables Cosimo Crisanti and Martin Warnock, combined their efforts with Christine Kluge and Joe Verissimo as they stopped a 2003 Cadillac Escalade driving aggressively in the King and John area.

The investigation began as a routine traffic stop but soon expanded into a multitude of charges against the two suspects. In all, 22 charges were laid including firearm, drug, and other offences.

PC Crisanti and Warnock were completing an investigation on an unrelated vehicle on Front Street when they saw the SUV drive eastbound past them.

The Escalade cut off other drivers in the area as it sped towards John Street. The officers kept the vehicle in sight as it turned north on John, cutting off another car on Front.

## Avoiding a pursuit

The officers were careful not to engage the Escalade in a pursuit. The consequences of pursuing a full size SUV in the downtown core were painfully obvious to the officers.

Instead, they were able to keep their distance and wait for traffic to slow the vehicle for them.

The found such a moment near Metro Hall, at 55 John St., south of King.

With no escape route, the occupants pulled over for the police car.

PC Warnock approached the driver while PC Crisanti went to the passenger side. Warnock demanded the customary documents from the driver.



Officers stopped a 2003 Cadillac Escalade similar to the one shown here.



Curbside – Looking south on John St. near the location of the traffic stop. Officers recovered a Luger semi-automatic pistol

Constable Warnock then asked the driver to take a roadside breath test after he smelled liquor on the driver's breath.

The driver would pass the test; however, another matter came to light when the officer checked his name on police records.

## Bench warrant on file

The driver was wanted by 54 Division on a warrant for three counts of mischief and attempt arson.

Moments later the officers found Marihuana in the vehicle and arrested the passenger.

PC Warnock and Crisanti conducted a further search of the area and found a handgun. The weapon was seized and detectives at the station were notified.

## Search Warrant

By this time PC Kluge and Verissimo arrived on the scene and took custody of the passenger.

Meanwhile, detectives at the station prepared a search warrant for the SUV.

As a result of a more complete examination of the interior, a second handgun was found.

The two suspects were held in custody and appeared for a bail hearing the following morning at Old City Hall.

Both men face a variety of firearms charges. One suspect had already been on a prohibition order from possessing firearms.

In addition, one of the weapons had its serial number filed down.

Among other charges, the passenger falsely identified himself to the officers when he was arrested.

The amount of drugs found in the vehicle was such that both suspects were charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

## Drugs and Guns

The arrest is another example of the drug and gun culture going hand-in-hand.

Last month *On The Job* reported on the work done by officers in Parkdale during Project T.O.A.S.T., a Vice Squad drug sweep.

During that project, officers stopped a vehicle after observing a drug transaction moments earlier. A handgun was found in that vehicle.

Also last month, Major Crime officers on another traffic stop found drugs in a vehicle.

Their investigation led them to an address where a search warrant enabled them to find a handgun, thousands of rounds of ammunition, an explosives detonator, and more narcotics.

# Citizen beaten in his friends' home, fights to protect property

**MAJOR CRIME – A 30-year-old man has been arrested and charged with breaking into a Dupont St. apartment and assaulting the occupant's friend with a pipe.**

The attack happened late evening on June 2<sup>nd</sup> when two residents returned home with a friend and found the suspect ransacking their 2<sup>nd</sup> floor home.

The residents, Ernesto Manera and Francisco Villalobos with their guest Ahmad Tavakouli confronted the suspect and demanded to know what he was doing in the apartment.

The suspect rushed Tavakouli and knocked him to the floor. He tried to pin down the suspect and rolled around on the floor as Manera moved in to help.

## Suspect armed himself

The intruder managed to break free and ran down the stairs. Both Manera and Tavakouli gave chase, while Villalobos called 9-1-1.

They lost sight of the suspect around the corner at the bottom of the stairs.

When they turned the corner, the suspect charged them with a 4½ foot steel pipe.

Ahmad Tavakouli tried to defend himself with a smaller pipe, but the suspect had the advantage.

He swung at Tavakouli several times, striking him in the head, and arms.

Tavakouli fought back and with the help of Manera, he disarmed the suspect and pinned him to the ground again.

Villalobos then arrived and the three men held him for police.



Gordon Leece

**Inside the victims' apartment where the struggle began. The suspect fled down the stairs but was arrested by police.**



Gordon Leece

**1025 Dupont St., where the victim came home to find an intruder ransacking his belongings. A struggle ensued but the suspect was arrested when police arrived.**

Constables John Labelle and Kyle Drummond responded to the 9-1-1 call and were the first to arrive on the scene.

The officers took the suspect into custody without further incident.

Tavakouli suffered several cuts and bruises and was fortunate not to have sustained serious injury.

## Ambulance called

The officers tended to his injuries and called an ambulance for him.

His injuries included a bruised elbow, bruised bicep, two bruised forearms, cuts, and swelling to the forehead, a swollen lip, and several sore and stiff muscles.

He was treated in hospital and later released. Tavakouli attended 14 division on a later date to have his injuries photographed.

When the suspect was brought to the station officers were able to identify him as 30 year-old David Correia.

Correia has a total of 77 criminal convictions on his record, including several for break and enter.

## Other matters surface

When detectives delved deep into their investigation a number of other matters came to the surface.

Detectives learned of another break and enter which occurred May 27<sup>th</sup> at a 473 Palmerston Avenue.

In that case an unknown suspect pried open the front door and ransacked the premises, stealing \$35 in loose change and cash.

The course of the investigation led Major Crime detectives to believe Correia was connected with the Palmerston occurrence.

Another break and enter at 121 Walmer Ave also became the focus of attention for the MCU. It is believed the suspect had a role there as well.

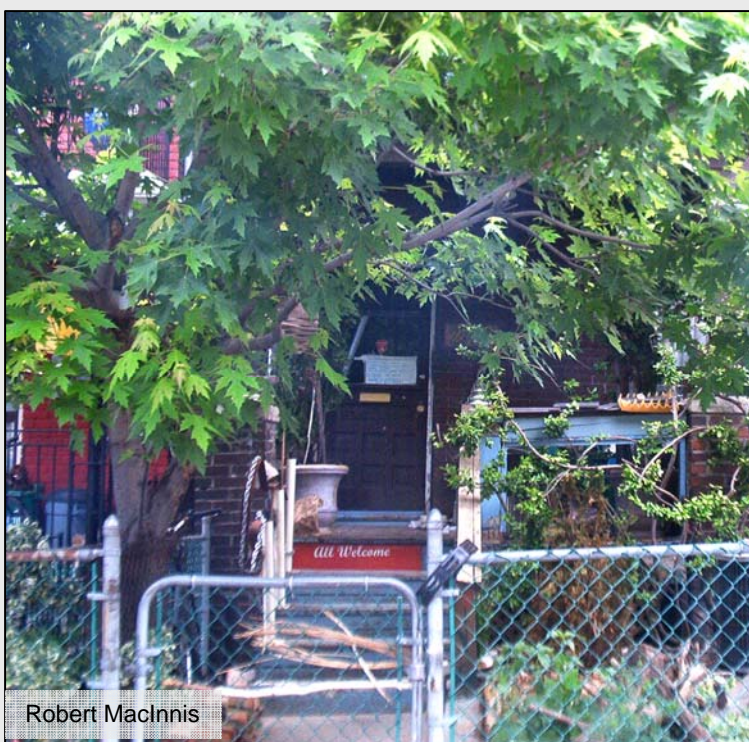
The suspect was also on probation at the time of his arrest on Dupont. This probation was imposed by the courts in relation to two previous break and enter convictions.

In all, the suspect is facing eight new charges. In addition to break and enter, detectives also charged him with two assault related offences and three counts of failing to comply with his probation.



Gordon Leece

**Ahmad Tavakouli shows police one of the injuries he suffered at the hands of the suspect who struck him with a metal pipe.**



Robert MacInnis

### Come one, come all...?

**MAJOR CRIME** -- The "All Welcome" sign on the steps of 226 Gladstone Ave. was all too ironic as officers from 14 Major Crime executed a search warrant and located a large amount of narcotics.

The officers surrounded the house before entering. When the occupants became aware of police presence, they threw a bag of cocaine out a second floor window. A quantity of cash was also found inside.

The suspects were charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of proceeds of crime.

# Taking it to the STREETS

**VICE SECTION** – Officers from 14 Major Crime Vice again showed the need for continual enforcement in the area of prostitution.

The Squad completed a four-day initiative called project STREETS, aimed at discouraging the clients of prostitutes.

Detective Howard Page, a 28 year veteran of the Toronto Police Service, managed the project. Page is a leading expert on liquor, drug, and prostitution enforcement.

Several officers from various sections of 14 Division were taken from their normal duties to participate in this plain clothes project.

Areas of concern included Parkdale, Lansdowne south of Dupont, parts of Queen Street, and King Street.

The plan often includes using undercover female officers posing as prostitutes. They are supported by other officers who observe covertly from a safe distance.

A uniform component also exists so that there is no confusion created when suspects are arrested. Most are released at the scene, and given a notice to attend court on a later date.

Project STREETS wrapped up on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with impressive totals. 115 persons were arrested -- 111 "johns", and 24 prostitutes. Officers laid 155 charges.

## 17 Break & Enters linked to suspect

**MAJOR CRIME** – A 46-year-old Toronto man has been charged with 17 break and enters as a result of DNA evidence.

Blood smears located on the walls inside 666 Queen St. W. were identified by experts at the Centre of Forensic Sciences.

The samples were taken by Constable Eric Andree, a uniform officer trained in crime scene forensics.

The entry occurred on February 19<sup>th</sup> when the suspect smashed the front glass of *Terris Restaurant* and cut his hand.

The suspect used a rock to break the glass, and stole cash from the till.

When the CFS returned the results of the DNA, Major Crime Officers moved quickly and arrested the suspect at home.

All 17 entries were part of a rash of occurrences where the glass was smashed and cash stolen. Some premises were attacked more than once.

Investigators interviewed the suspect, uncovering more information.

Computer checks also showed he was wanted for six counts of theft in Alberta.

In most cases petty cash was stolen from the Queen and King St. businesses.

However, the total of these monies was nearly \$3,300.

Officers also estimate that the total amount of damage caused was more than \$9,200.

The suspect has three previous convictions for break and enter, and four convictions for failing to attend court.

He has a total of 20 criminal convictions on his record. Charged is Moussa Nehme of Mitchell Avenue.



666 Queen St W., where constable Eric Andree located blood on the walls.



Tim Shore

## An Italian Flavour

**College Street June 17** -- Little Italy in 14 Division runs along College street near Bathurst. Every year the popular street festival “A Taste of Little Italy” is held on College between Palmerston and Crawford.

The festival consists of food, music, and other activities. This year’s gathering had an added flavour as Italy happened to be playing the United States in the World Cup of Soccer. The cafes and restaurants were spilling over with spectators who were glued to the many televisions set up throughout the sidewalk patios. The Cafe Diplomatico tends to be the most popular venue.



Scott Mills

## Holy mackerel, that’s a lot of trout

**SCADDING COURT June 9** – The Scadding Court Community Centre at Dundas and Bathurst was the scene of a unique event.

More than 1500 kids attended the community centre over the course of the day to try their hand at fishing.

That’s right. Fishing from a swimming pool. The Scadding Court Pool was a temporary home to more than 1000 trout. Chemical additives were introduced to the water, enabling the fish to survive.

Neighbourhood kids over four days took part in the experience. Most had never fished, and some had never seen a fishing rod.

Constables Scott Mills, Mathew Crisp, Jim McFedries, and Dave Hammill attended on 14 Division’s behalf.



Dave Hammill

## Dominion Donating Dollars

**Liberty Village June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Superintendent Ruth White was on hand at Liberty Village as Dominion Stores presented a \$500 cheque to Kim Morrison.

Morrison was representing the Harbourfront Community Centre Youth Leadership Programme.

Assistant store manager Dan Wright presented the cheque.

The Harbourfront Centre’s programme focuses on the development and implementation of summer programming for youths.

Aside from various activities, the programme also offers youths conflict resolution lectures.

# St. Mary's High School says *thanks*, 14 Division

**COVER STORY** – Students, parents, and staff of St. Mary's High School said a big thank you to 14 Division June 6<sup>th</sup>.

The gathering was held at 14 Division's Sub Station at Exhibition Place.

In attendance were Superintendent Ruth White, Inspector Bryce Evans, Inspector Paul Vorvis, Constable Scott Mills and Constable Mathew Crisp.

The students treated members of 14 Division with a buffet and cake, expressing their gratitude for a successful partnership over the past school year.

The youths are members of St. Mary's Empowered Student Partnership (ESP).

### A sense of pride and ownership

ESP is a youth guided initiative in partnership with the Toronto Police Service, the four district school boards of Toronto, Pro-Action, Cops & Kids, the Canadian Safe School Network and the City of Toronto.

The main goal of ESP is to reduce violence in schools, to help students solve problems specific to their school, develop leadership skills, encourage respect for one another, and expand a sense of pride and ownership of their school community.

The Toronto Police Service is a vibrant supporter of the programme and PC Mills and Crisp of Secondary School Watch have been working tirelessly to drive 14 Division's participation in ESP.

For more information on ESP visit [www.esponline.ca](http://www.esponline.ca) , [www.copsandkids.ca](http://www.copsandkids.ca) or the Toronto Police Service Website [torontopolice.on.ca](http://torontopolice.on.ca) .



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# School's out for summer



**Project Internet-Truancy receives its Team Award at Police Headquarters on May 30<sup>th</sup>. From left to right PC Mark Skotak, Scott Mills, Margaret Duarte, Dan Zamparo, Det. Roy Sorgo, PC Scott Tait, Brian Sutherland, Shawn McKenzie, Mathew Crisp, Shinoo Tanabe, and Richard Rhone.**

**SCHOOL WATCH** – After 10 months Project Internet-Truancy has closed the books.

It was the first initiative of its kind, aimed at penetrating the Internet culture within High schools as a means of gathering intelligence.

Internet-Truancy was an extension of School Watch. It put an increased uniform presence in 14 division's nine high schools.

The officers not only visited the schools and addressed issues as they arose, but they also attended popular student "hang-outs".

These hang-outs were often the point of attention. They included parks, laneways, restaurants, shopping malls, and internet cafes.

Perhaps the most significant of these were the internet cafes.

The internet itself was a major focus of the project operational plan.

With the expansion of the World Wide Web, computers and other computer assisted media have become more and more common in the home, at work and school.

The Internet can be a wonderful tool for personal and business use.

This truth has not only been exploited by the average person or company, but the criminal element as well.

High school students are not excluded from that mix. Many if not most have email addresses, chat room access, and personal web pages.

### Investigative tool

Project Internet-Truancy took a unique approach to adding a uniform presence in high schools.

An Internet culture had been growing in the schools, and learning more about that culture meant Police could get a head start on would-be crimes.

The idea was turning the Internet into an investigative tool simply by asking students at hang-outs for their email address, or web log ("Blog").

These blogs often contain chatter, rumours, and other postings about what goes on in student circles.

At times things such as fights, retribution, and even homicides are discussed on these blogs and in popular chat rooms such as *MSN*.

Such information can be acted on and occurrences prevented.

Indeed, the officers often attended schools after class on information that a fight would occur. Their presence prevented the fights peacefully.

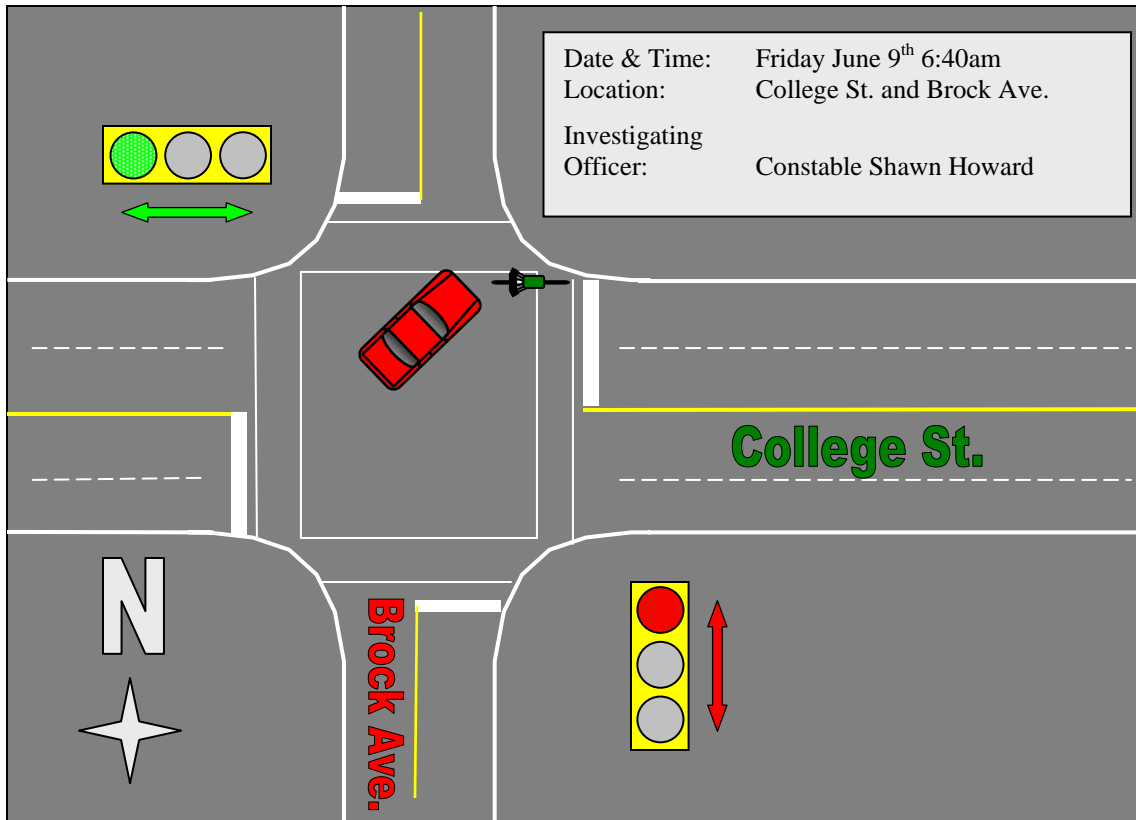
The flow of information from students to officers was vital, and in fact improved their relationship.

Also enhanced was the cooperation between police and school administration. Principals and teachers could rely on the officers' quick response, and did not call for a police car unless it was an emergency.

The officers also worked closely with Street Crime and two have moved into that unit in permanent positions.

The team made a key arrest in a rash of swarmings, and also gleaned information related to a shooting in Scarborough. The project may return this fall under the Street Crime umbrella.

# CRASH COURSE



This month's crash course on driving touches on your powers of observation.

This collision took place at College and Brock. The driver of the red car approached the intersection with a green light. The driver wanted to turn left on to Brock Ave.

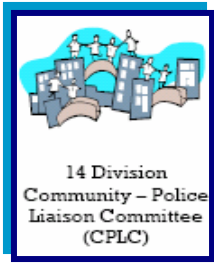
As is the case more often than not, they stopped and waited for a safe opportunity to make the left turn. All looked fine as the driver found what looked like a safe gap in traffic – except for the oncoming cyclist.

The driver started the turn and did not take into account other users of the roadway. The red car struck the cyclist in mid-turn. The cyclist suffered minor injuries only because they reacted quickly and the car was travelling at a low speed. He was treated in hospital and later released.

Constable Howard charged the driver of the red car with turning not in safety.

This example underscores how easy it is to forget about cyclists and pedestrians who may be on the roadway. Cars and trucks are not the only things to consider when we make those critical left turns.

Be alert, and aware of your surroundings. Drive defensively.



# The CPLC Page

## The Olive Branch

*Message from Susan D'Oliveira  
Co-Chair of the 14 Division CPLC*

Special thanks to all the CPLC members for contributing such a cornucopia of fine fare at our annual BBQ. CPLC meetings will resume in September.

Two guests attended our last meeting. Louis Isaacs, Parking Enforcement Supervisor and Det. Const. Chris Dodds, Criminal Investigation Bureau, Halton Regional Police.

Louis addressed a number of parking concerns from members. He spoke about his role and some of the difficulties he faces daily as a parking enforcement supervisor.

DC Dodds, wearing a blue suit, proceeded to remove from his person approx 30 concealed knives and replica handguns. There were many types of knives including a machete, butterfly, switchblade, flick and exacto knives. These weapons were all seized from students in Grade 4 and up. Members were surprised by the number of weapons that were hidden within DC Dodds clothing.

Supt White gave us an informative update. She spoke about the new changes in Traffic Sgt. She said thank you to Sgt Reg Wright and welcome to Sgt Mary Price. She mentioned a new project in pairing a D14 officer with a D52 and D11 to patrol borders that we share. Supt White talked about the new 14 Division and the meeting she and I attended in the previous week.

Have a safe and happy summer, see you in the fall.

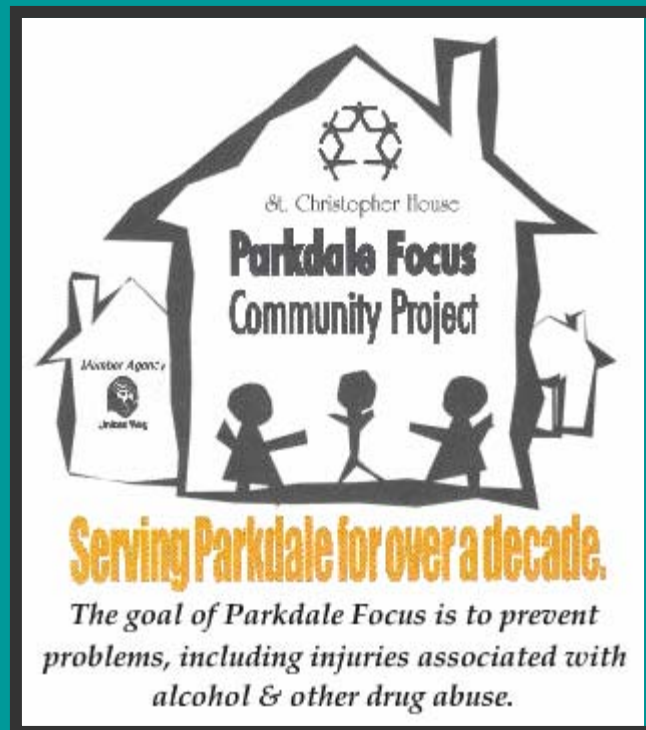


*Susan D'Oliveira*



Dave Hammill

**JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> --** Fernanda Almeida of the CPLC accepts a cheque for \$500 from Dominion Stores. Assistant store manager at Liberty Village Dan Wright presented the cheque with Superintendent Ruth White. The donation will help fund the Parkdale Focus Community Project. The programme includes leadership and facilitation skills, substance abuse, and harm reduction. For more information on the project visit their website at [www.stchristhouse.org/children-youth/alcohol-drug-prevent/](http://www.stchristhouse.org/children-youth/alcohol-drug-prevent/)



# Adventures in Babysitting

On the *Tip* of  
Prevention



**Babysitting is a job that carries a large responsibility. DO NOT treat babysitting as just a way to earn money.**

Approach the job with a mature and responsible attitude. Every babysitting assignment should be carefully planned to ensure the safety and well being of both child and babysitter.

## Helpful hints

- Enroll in a babysitting course which is available to young people over 11 years of age at most community centers
- Enroll in a First Aid/CPR course
- Be businesslike and clearly state the days you are available, hours you may work, experience you have had and pay you consider fair
- Get specific information such as the parent's name, address and phone number, number of children and their ages, escort and transportation that will be provided to and from the job etc.
- Write all information on paper to avoid confusion or misunderstandings
- DO NOT accept a job if you don't know the person calling - ask who recommended you...then check back. If in doubt, refuse
- DO NOT advertise on bulletin boards. It may solicit unwelcome responses

## While On The Job

- Leave a note with your parents as to the time you will be expected home and the address and phone number of where you will be working
- Ensure you have specific instructions for handling incoming calls or actions to be taken if the doorbell rings - NEVER tell anyone who calls that you are alone
- Know where the parents of the children you are caring for can be reached
- Know what to do in case of a fire, an accident, or other emergency

## **Remember - You Are A Guest!**

**DO NOT** eat any food unless you have permission **DO NOT** open closets or drawers or read personal letters open to view **DO NOT** allow friends to visit you while babysitting **DO NOT** make prolonged personal phone calls

## **Emergency Information**

Police, Fire, Ambulance

9-1-1

All other Police related calls

(416) 808-2222

The Poison Information Center - Hospital for Sick Children

(416) 813-5900

Kids Help Phone

1-800-668-6868





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