

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – May 28, 2018

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. You can also contact Cst. Dawn Neilly (west of O-Train) directly at neillyd@ottawapolice.ca or Cst. Stephanie Lemieux (east of O-Train) at lemieuxs@ottawapolice.ca.

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1. Still looking for Mary Papatsie

The Ottawa Police Service continues to seek help from the public to locate 39-year-old Mary Papatsie, who was reported missing in June of last year.

The missing person investigation was turned over to the Major Crimes Section in July, due to some red flags suggesting this isn't just a case of a missing person.

“Anytime there are no sightings or financial transactions being made by the person missing, it’s concerning,” said Major Crimes Unit Staff Sergeant, Bruce Pirt.

He isn't saying this is a case of foul play, but her disappearance is suspicious. “We need more information and someone in the community knows something that can help solve this case,” said S/Sgt Pirt.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Major Crime Section at 613-236-1222, ext. 5493, or anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or by downloading the Ottawa Police app.

2. On-line threats against Carleton University

The Ottawa Police Service is investigating a series of on-line threats made against Carleton University this week-end.

The initial investigation revealed that the threats are not credible and that there is no known risk to public safety. It is safe to attend the campus and it remains open. Many buildings are closed (today) due to the statutory holiday.

The Department of University Safety is aware of the current threats. They have been working with due diligence and are cooperating with the Ottawa Police Service investigative services.

Every member of the public is asked to be aware of their surroundings and to notify police if they hear or see anything suspicious.

The investigation is on-going and now involves Intelligence Agencies. Due to the borderless nature of social media, some international partners have been notified and are assisting.

3. Community safety initiatives

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is launching a series of community safety initiatives this summer to focus on reducing incidents of crime and public disorder in the ByWard Market and Downtown Rideau, beginning this long weekend.

“We will be conducting safety initiatives, throughout the warmer months with a zero tolerance approach to disorderly behaviour, such as *Liquor Licence Act* offences, criminal activity and aggressive panhandling that negatively impacts residents, visitors and businesses,” said OPS Frontline Superintendent Mark Ford.

Ottawa Police officers will be joined by partners such as Ottawa Bylaw, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and OC Transpo as part of these enforcement initiatives.

As in summers past, there will be an increased presence of officers on bikes and foot in the ByWard Market and other high-density neighbourhoods throughout the City. In addition to these resources, the Bikes and Beat Unit, the Traffic Unit, RIDE programs, the Drug Unit, the Guns and Gangs Unit and the Direct Action Response Team (DART) will be active in these areas as well.

“We have heard the concerns of both businesses and residents in the downtown core,” added Supt. Ford. “We are actively working to alleviate some of these issues to ensure everyone can enjoy this great area of the city.”

This community safety initiative is just one of the ways OPS is working with community partners to address this and other issues.

In order to be effective, the Ottawa Police is asking for your support. If you see a crime, report it. You can do so online www.ottawapolice.ca/onlinereporting, by calling the non-emergency number 613-236-1222, extension 7300, or by dialling 911 in the case of an emergency.

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[Crime Stoppers](#) has been in Ottawa for 33 years, but many people don't know much about how it works.

The first Crime Stoppers program was started in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976 following a fatal gas station robbery. Despite an intensive investigation, police had few

leads to make an arrest. Investigators believed a re-enactment of the crime on television might lead to new information from the public.

They were right. Less than 72 hours after the re-enactment aired, the murder was solved.

Since coming to the National Capital Region in 1985, Crime Stoppers has been a valuable tool for solving crime in our community. Here are some of last year's numbers:

Number of tips	5359
Criminal charges	160
Criminal cases cleared	40
Value of recovered stolen property	\$70,000

How does it work?

Crime Stoppers is a community-based tips program that allows members of the public to anonymously help police solve crimes, identify suspects and get guns off our streets. The Crime Stoppers program guarantees the anonymity of the tipster. We do not subscribe to call display, we will not record your call and you are not required to testify in court. If your information leads to an arrest or a charge, you could qualify for a cash reward of up to \$2000.

In the National Capital area, the program is run by 27 dedicated volunteers and the rewards as well as the operations and promotional items are paid through fundraising and donations from the public. The longest serving volunteer is Jim Tugwell who has been volunteering with the program since 1995.

What happens when a tip is provided?

The tipster receives a unique tip number and password. This is kept confidential and not shared with anyone else.

The Crime Stoppers coordinator logs into a special program and sees the tip information that was provided.

The tip information is then forwarded to the appropriate police agency for investigation. That agency determines what happens with the tip information. For example, if there is enough to begin an investigation, successful ID of a suspect, make an arrest etc.

The agency, once done with their investigation, sends back a report to Crime Stoppers indicating the outcome.

If the tip information was used and leads to an arrest or charges, a reward is calculated by a pre-determined point value system. Reward amounts vary and depend on specifics to each case.

The tipster can either log on using their unique tip number and password to review and/or update their tip or they can call the 1-800 number to enquire of the status of their tip.

If they qualify for a reward, they are given specific information on how to collect the reward using a separate unique reward ID number. They are given a predetermined address where they can collect their reward using their unique reward ID number.

Interesting fact: Many tipsters never even collect their reward. It's often not the money that motivates people to report, it's the anonymity and helping police that motivates them.

And there you have it, an effective partnership between community and police in solving crime in our city.

If you have information about a crime, consider using the Crime Stoppers program today.

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1. Menaces proférées en ligne contre l'Université Carleton

Le Service de police d'Ottawa fait actuellement enquête sur une série de menaces proférées en ligne contre l'Université Carleton au cours de la fin de semaine.

L'enquête préliminaire a dévoilé que les menaces en question ne sont pas plausibles et ne posent aucun risque connu en matière de sûreté publique. Il est sans danger de se rendre sur le campus, qui demeure ouvert. Cependant, de nombreux immeubles sont fermés aujourd'hui en raison du jour férié.

Les services de sécurité de l'université sont au fait des présentes menaces. Ils surveillent assidûment l'affaire et collaborent avec les enquêteurs du Service de police d'Ottawa.

Chaque membre du public est prié de prêter attention à son environnement et d'aviser les policiers s'il aperçoit ou entend quoi que ce soit de suspect.

L'enquête se poursuit et des agences de renseignements y participent désormais. Étant donné le caractère sans frontière des médias sociaux, certains partenaires internationaux ont été avisés et prêtent main-forte à l'enquête.

2. Initiatives estivales de sécurité communautaire

À compter de la longue fin de semaine prochaine, le Service de police d'Ottawa (SPO) mettra en branle une série d'initiatives estivales de sécurité communautaire en vue de réduire l'incidence de la criminalité et du désordre public au marché By et la rue Rideau au centre-ville.

« Au fil des mois plus chauds, nous allons mener des campagnes de sécurité avec une politique de tolérance zéro face aux inconduites qui dérangent les résidents, les visiteurs et les commerces, notamment les infractions à la *Loi sur les permis d'alcool*, diverses activités criminelles et la mendicité agressive, » déclare Mark Ford, surintendant de première ligne du SPO.

Dans le cadre de ces campagnes d'application des règlements, les agents de la Police d'Ottawa seront épaulés par des collègues des Services de règlements municipaux, de la Commission des alcools et des jeux de l'Ontario et de la sécurité d'OC Transpo.

Comme par les étés passés, il y aura présence accrue d'agents, à vélo et à pied, au marché By et autres quartiers densément peuplés à travers la ville. En plus de ces ressources, l'Unité cycliste et des rondes, l'Unité de la circulation, des opérations RIDE, l'Unité des drogues, l'Unité des armes à feu et des bandes de rue et l'équipe DART (soit l'Équipe d'intervention directe) seront également à l'œuvre dans les environs.

« Nous avons entendu les préoccupations des gens d'affaires et des résidents du centre-ville, » ajoute le surintendant Ford. « Nous nous affairons à atténuer certains de ces problèmes afin de permettre à tous et chacun de profiter de cette belle partie de la ville. »

Cette initiative de sécurité communautaire n'est qu'une des façons dont le SPO collabore avec ses partenaires dans la communauté pour aborder de telles questions.

Pour accroître leur efficacité, la Police d'Ottawa vous demande d'appuyer ses efforts. Si vous êtes témoin d'un crime, signalez-le. Vous pouvez le faire en ligne au www.ottawapolice.ca/onlinereporting, en composant le numéro pour les situations non-urgentes le 613-236-1222, poste 7300, ou en faisant le 9-1-1 en cas d'urgence.

Key Ottawa Police Service numbers:

- * Life threatening emergency assistance or to report a crime in progress .. **911**
- * Non-emergencies and general inquiries **613-236-1222**
- * To make a police report online www.ottawapolice.ca

OPS and By-Law services base their work on call statistics. The more calls that you make, the more neighbourhood services we receive.

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.