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**Impaired Driving**

People often associate the term “impaired driving” with alcohol related driving offences. Impaired driving charges are often laid to drivers whose ability to operate a motor vehicle is jeopardized by the use of alcohol. However, it is important to recognize that the definition of impaired driving is not limited to drinking and driving and must be extended to include other forms of impairment, including the use of drugs. Alcohol is the most widely used drug and the one that is most often connected to many motor vehicle accidents, but other drugs can also impact your ability to drive, especially when combined with alcohol. Driving requires many skills, and more importantly the ability to coordinate these skills; drivers under the influence of any drug that alters your behaviour, or mood, affects the skills and coordination needed to operate a motor vehicle. Only time can lessen impairment with both alcohol and drugs. It is important that people begin to recognize and reinforce that the definition of “impaired driving” is inclusive of anything that can impair the drivers ability to operate a vehicle successfully. Please help keep our roads safe; if you see an impaired driver call 911 or \*OPP.

**Crime Prevention and Your Car**

As in most major cities, auto theft is a common problem around the GTA. Automobiles are taken by thieves as a method of transportation, to commit crimes and for cloning and resale of both the car in its entirety or its parts. Recently there has been a rise in thefts of airbags from vehicles in and around the GTA. Airbag theft is a big business as they are sold on the street and refitted illegally into cars being repaired. The demand is triggered by the high cost to replace a deployed bag.

Protect yourself by parking your vehicle in a well lit attended area. Ensure that you always shut the windows and lock all doors. Invest in anti theft devices that are auditable and include immobilizers that target fuel, ignition and the starter. Keep records of your vehicles year, make, model and colour. Also note vehicle identification numbers, license numbers, serial numbers on all special equipment and any particular markings, dents or scratches.

**A Warm Welcome to...**

We would like to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to Gemma Broderick who joined our organization in November 2006. Gemma is a graduate from the University of Guelph with a double major in Criminal Justice and Public Policy and Sociology. Gemma has experience in the field of Probation and Parole and worked as a Residential Counselor with the Elizabeth Fry Society.

Gemma is in charge of North York’s 31, 32, 33 Divisions and 53 Police Division areas. She will continue to develop and maintain the Safe and Secure, Neighbourhood Watch and Keeping Every Youth Safe programs in these areas of the city. Please help me welcome Gemma to our team.

## Tips for Parents and Guardians



It is your child's first job and they are going to be going to someone else's home to baby sit. How could you help your child prepare for this responsibility?

Parents if your son/daughter is interested in becoming a babysitter you might want to suggest the following to them:

- x Take a babysitting course at a local community centre
- x Take a First Aid and CPR Course
- x Meet with the family ahead of time
- x Refuse a position if they feel uncomfortable for any reason

If your son/daughter does accept the job make it mandatory that they familiarize themselves with the following:

- x The family's dynamic and routine (i.e. bedtime procedures, eating habits, special needs etc.)

- x The parents cell phone number and other emergency contacts

Parents, before your child leaves for their first sitting job ensure they inform you of the address and phone number and an estimated time of arrival home. Once they arrive at their job they should ensure that they:

- x Have the parent's full names, where the parents are and when they are expected to be home
- x Check and lock all the doors and windows
- x Never let anyone that phones or stops by the house know that you are alone with children
- x Have the emergency numbers accessible
- x Never leave the children unattended
- x Never administer any medications if you do not feel comfortable doing so, talk to the parents about this
- x Never leave the house with the child/children without the permission of the parents

These safety tips will help ensure that your child has a safe and successful night of babysitting.

## On Line Auction

Our First Annual On-Line Auction concluded on December 20th, 2006 with a total of 47 items up for bids. All of the donated items listed sold with a total net profit of \$1,379.00.

We feel that the auction was a great success and will be using the money raised to purchase a new laptop for the office to support our Crime Prevention presentations delivered throughout the city.

We would like to take a moment to thank all of those who made a donation to the auction and congratulate all of you who were able to successfully bid on an item.



**Reminder that this year's  
Neighbours' Night Out event date is Tuesday June 19th 2007.  
Come and join us at Nathan Phillips Square for the NNO launch on  
Monday June 11th, 2007 from 10:30 –2:00**

*Call or e-mail us today to register your program.*

## The Last Word

In our job, we are often fortunate enough to meet people who have dedicated many years volunteering with in their own community or throughout the city of Toronto in helping to make our city a safer, friendlier place to be.

I would like to take a moment to thank Miss Dorothy Gray who has been a Board Member for CPAT for many years. Dorothy, while working full time, also volunteered with 14 and 11 Division and Police Headquarters. Dorothy retired from her volunteer work in November 2006.

Thank you Dorothy for everything you have contributed to our organization and throughout the city of Toronto.

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**  
Call 9-1-1

Homicide  
Serious injury  
Assaults  
Serious accident  
Robbery  
Officer needs help  
Shots fired  
Suspicious person  
Burglary  
Fire or explosion  
Weapons  
Drug Dealing  
Theft (In Progress)  
Crime in progress

**NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**  
Call (416) 808-2222

Noise Complaint  
Dog running loose  
Lost or recovered property  
Theft (after the fact)



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Call to give anonymous information about a crime.



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