



Halton Happenings - June/July 2020

Welcome to the condensed and combined June/July edition of Halton Happenings and the Community Safety and Well-Being Dashboard. Like many organizations across the country and world, Halton Regional Police Services Regional Community Mobilization Bureau has had to reassign, adapt and change normal service delivery. Weekly, changes have been made to address emerging needs and considerations. Regional Community Mobilization Bureau resources strive to follow the Framework for the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, and to follow the strategic priorities:

1. **Incident Response** – To ensure those in need get the right response, at the right time, by the right responders.
2. **Risk Intervention** – To address the criminal behaviour that most affects the safety of community members.
3. **Prevention** – Community collaboration is the catalyst for positive, working relationships with all community agencies, resources and partners.
4. **Social Development** – To assist in the continued development, education and support of all social groups in Halton Region.

4 Strategic Priorities of Community Safety and Well-Being

What does it mean?

The delivery of police services in Ontario has evolved to include working with partners to focus on reducing the risk factors that affect community safety. This reduces the demand for incident response by providing a coordinated response to risk, and leads to more positive outcomes. The Halton Regional Police has built on our policing philosophy by including proactive measures of intervention, constituting the four strategic priorities of community safety and well-being.





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Incident Response

June

High School Liaison and Elementary School Liaison Officers throughout the region have been reassigned to patrol in each District, actively participating in calls for service, or have been seconded to investigative units.

Community Mobilization Bureau Officers

- Burlington Community Mobilization Officers have conducted outreach for multiple, ongoing, neighbor disputes.
- Burlington Community Mobilization Officers assisted the Street Crime Unit in the execution of five search warrants based on confidential information cultivated by a member of Community Mobilization Bureau. A quantity of drugs and stolen property was recovered.

The Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Teams (MCRRT) continued to provide Mental Health support throughout the region in conjunction with our Mental Health partners from St Joseph's Healthcare. The teams responded to 154 calls during the month of June, 93 of which were mental health related. This includes 39 in Burlington, 34 in Oakville, 8 in Milton and 12 in Halton Hills. This accounts for 60.4 per cent of the team's activities. The team continues to experience an increase in telephone support to other officers throughout the Region dealing with mental health related occurrences.

***Occurrence of Note – June 29 – Oakville officers were dispatched to a residence in response to a suicidal male barricaded in a basement. Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team Officer was requested to assist as the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team had previous contact with the male for a similar occurrence in May 2020. Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team Officer entered the residence with members of the Tactical Response Unit and assisted with communications. The team had to force entry into a secured room, where they located the male with self-inflicted stab wounds. Male was apprehended and taken to Hamilton General Hospital. The male's wife was extremely emotional and expressed her gratitude to our Mobile Crisis Officer for his continued professional and caring involvement with her family.

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***The Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Teams have been called to assist with several high priority occurrences involving barricaded persons believed to be in crisis, suicide threats and suicide completions.



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Risk Intervention

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Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) continued to provide mental health risk intervention supports throughout the Region. Service delivery was adapted as our partner for the COAST program, Canadian Mental Health Association of Halton (CMHA), suspended their in-person supports due to the COVID-19 situation, while still providing telephone supports. Information sharing continued through alternate means, and in person risk interventions were conducted by officer alone. Of Note – the COAST position has not been staffed seven-days-a-week due to officer time off and requirement for the officer to cover Mobile Crisis Rapid Response shifts. The COAST Officers had three total occurrences, with two of them being mental health related accounting for 66.7 per cent of the officer's time. Discussions are under way with CMHA about the return of their Crisis Intervention Worker to the COAST team, with the anticipated return time the first week of August.

Traffic Services Unit

- Traffic Services Unit continued its' investigation into the previously reported concerns pertaining to volume and speed of dump trucks on local roadways in the 10 Sideroad and Second Line Nassagaweya area. Traffic Services Unit officers partnered with representatives of the Halton Region Conservation Authority via a web-based meeting to assess 'upstream intervention' options to review the granted site permit for 40,000 cubic meters of dirt and options to better manage dump truck traffic in the area while minimizing the impact on area residents. Efforts continue.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement

- June 2020 was a particularly busy month for our Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit, despite the current COVID-19 environment. Commercial Motor Vehicle officers attended and supported four separate significant Commercial Motor Vehicle involved motor vehicle collisions, including the pedestrian fatality at Fearman's in Burlington. The Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit also conducted four 'mini-blitz' style enforcement projects with District officers in all three Districts and supported GTA truck enforcement efforts by participating in blitzes initiated by both Niagara and Peel Police.
- On June 24, the Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit conducted a 'wheel-off' investigation, pertaining to the circumstances of why a commercial flatbed tow truck lost a pair of dual wheels while operating in Burlington. Investigation determined that despite a claimed truck inspection that morning – with no issues noted – all 8-wheel studs on the dual tire and rim had sheared off. Further evidence of wear indicated this was a long-term issue, creating a needless safety risk for all road users. Multiple appropriate charges were laid and the vehicle was placed out of service. On June 29, Commercial Motor Vehicle officers



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conducted a proactive stop of a large container truck hauling kitchen cabinets. On interaction with the truck operator, grounds were developed to believe the operator had previously consumed alcohol. A roadside test was administered and a 'Fail' was obtained. The truck operator later blew twice the limit for alcohol and had his licence suspended for 90-days. The 11,000kg truck and its' load were also impounded for seven days.

- For the month of June, Commercial Motor Vehicle officers conducted 61 inspections. 39 trucks or 64 per cent of these failed inspections and were removed from the road. 128 Provincial Offence Notices were laid.

Older Adult Support Officer

- continues to work with community partners such as Links2Care, Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO), Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST), Halton Housing and Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT).
- Older Adult Support Officer met with family in order to counsel older adult on the consequences of violating a Provincial driving prohibition (i.e. license placed on medical suspension)

District Youth Officers/Social Workers continue to provide support to youth and families in the community. Existing Diversion contracts continue to be monitored and checked on.

Community Mobilization Officers assigned to general patrol have continued to assist the service and community as they would have in the past.

- Due to increased retail thefts from LCBO stores in Burlington, Community Mobilization Bureau Officers proactively patrol in and around the areas of the various stores.

Community Safety and Well-Being Officer

- Community Safety and Well-Being Officer continues to work to provide support to internal and external partners. Continued communication to determine what community supports were going to be available throughout the Region.
- The Situation Table continues to meet on a weekly basis by utilizing video conferencing tools. Regularly, 30 plus community partners met to discuss cases of Acutely Elevated Risk.
- Community Safety and Well-Being highlight June - Discussions are ongoing with municipalities related to incorporating a regional response to Inclusion and diversity using the Community Safety and Well-Being framework. The Community Safety and Well-Being working group has been tasked to look at the following and responded to the Community Safety and Well-Being steering committee by months end;
 - Role of Community Safety and Well-Being in addressing broader issues surrounding systemic discrimination
 - Funding request by Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable



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Action Table on Coordinate Relief-COVID

- Using the framework of the Halton's Community Safety and Well-Being plan a need was established with many community partners in Halton Region to form a coordinated response to relief efforts. The key objectives of the action table are:
 - To support well-being among vulnerable residents by creating access to essential goods during self-isolation
 - To coordinate relief efforts, maximize system resources and avoid fragmentation. The Action Table sits weekly (virtually) and is working on numerous initiatives related to food insecurity, funding for programing and assisting Halton most vulnerable.
- **Participants:** Food for Life; Halton Region Social and Community Services Department; Halton Region Public Health Department; City of Burlington; Town of Halton Hills; Town of Milton; Town of Oakville; United Way of Halton and Hamilton; Oakville Community Foundation and the Halton Regional Police Service.

Crime Stoppers

- Crime Stoppers continues to receive tips and distribute them to the necessary investigative bureaus. Approximately 100 tips were received in June! Crime Stoppers of Halton member is still not attending in person to the Halton Regional Police Headquarters due to COVID-19 restrictions. Crime Stoppers Co-ordinator maintains continued contact with the Crime Stoppers of Halton. All community-based initiatives have been suspended until further notice.

***Of note – Crime Stoppers Coordinator has also been assisting with coverage for the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team.

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Traffic Services Unit

- Concluding its investigation pertaining to truck concerns in the 10 Sideroad and Second Line, Nassagaweya area, Traffic Services Unit continued its partnership with the Halton Region Conservation Authority, identified areas of concern in need of improvement pertaining to approved fill permits including advance community and police consultation, and debriefed Town of Milton officials and the initial complainant on police efforts to resolve the situation. Moving forward, Traffic Services Unit has offered to partner with Town and Regional level officials to review and provide recommendations on fill permit applications, with the objective being to mitigate potential complaints and quality of life issues for area residents before they occur. It's anticipated this sort of upstream intervention can ultimately pay dividends for Halton Regional Police Service in the form of reduced complaints and costs associated with Police response when these concerns arise.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement

- For the month of July, Commercial Motor Vehicle officers conducted an additional 64 inspections throughout the Region, resulting in a 74 per cent failure rate. Commercial Motor Vehicle officers also attended and assisted with two Commercial Motor Vehicle involved motor vehicle collisions on area roadways.

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- The 1 District Social Worker was instrumental in providing safe accommodation for an elderly adult male from Georgetown. The client's home was deemed to be uninhabitable due to extensive disrepair and a dangerous amount of hoarding. With the assistance of the Situation Table partners the client was treated at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for some physical health issues and later rehoused at a local Motel, until such a time as more permanent housing can be arranged.
- During the past eight weeks there have been a high number of police encounters with an individual who commutes to Milton from Toronto. The male has a cognitive brain injury and does not process the consequences of his actions. After several assaults on both the Milton OPP Detachment and Halton Police 12 Division, the client was brought before the court for criminal offences - Mischief. Collaboratively the Regional Community Mobilization Bureau team apprehended the client under the Mental Health Act and secured a remand to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for a psychiatric assessment and subsequent treatment.



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- 2 District the youth office had a total of 25 youth related meetings with or regarding youth and their families consisting of: 3 new diversion intakes, 5 diversion follow up meetings, 13 social work outreach meetings/consults, and 4 youth officer outreaches. There were also seven new social work referrals

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- 2 District Community Mobilization Bureau conducted two Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design audits
- 2 District Community Mobilization assisted in Project Police On Park Patrol (POPP) eight Provincial Offence Notices laid
- 2 District Community Mobilization Bar Project - Bar Checks
- 3 District Community Mobilization Officers have conducted outreach for multiple ongoing neighbor disputes and have been able to successfully resolve them.

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Prevention

June

Traffic Services Unit

- During May, Traffic Services received a complaint from a Milton constituent about volume and speed of dump trucks on local roadways in the 10 Sideroad and Second Line Nassagaweya area. Commercial Motor Vehicle officers attended the area and conducted enforcement however via a partnership with the Town of Milton, a property was identified on Second Line where a permit had been approved by Conservation Halton to permit the delivery of 40,000 cubic meters of dirt to level a field at a horse farm. Traffic Services Unit clarified that 40,000 cubic meters equated to 4,000 dump truck loads; thus, the constituent would see a total of 8000 trucks pass his home as a result of trucks both attending and later departing the area. Viewed through the lens of Community Safety and Well-Being, Traffic Services Unit continues to work with the Town of Milton on identifying potential avenues to mitigate the resulting issues that affect area homeowners in terms of increased traffic, noise and safety concerns. More information will be reported as it unfolds in the June Halton Happenings report.

District Youth Officer's and Social Worker's

- continue to work with youth and families pertaining to pre-charge Youth Diversion, and external partners for the Adult Diversion Programs. Video conferencing and telephone contact utilized for intakes on new cases, and for continued work/education/support for existing cases.

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Crime Prevention

- In a proactive step, Burlington Community Mobilization Officer has met with Animal Control representatives to determine a proper police response to calls regarding animals left in unoccupied vehicles during the summer months. The information will be relayed to front line officers so we have a consistent response.
- Oakville Community Mobilization Officer conducted six Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design audits for Oakville residents in June. This crime prevention initiative has been very well-received by the public and will continue throughout the year.



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July

Traffic Services Unit

- During July 2020, Traffic Services Unit partnered with Milton 'MY-FM 101.3' radio station to create a safe cycling news story, in light of recent collisions involving motorists and cyclists. While cyclist involved collisions are down 27 per cent year over year (2020 vs 2019, Jan-June CROMS collision reporting data), Traffic Services Unit approached this community outreach opportunity from the perspective that cyclists, like motorcyclists, are vulnerable road users. This included a discussion noting that while traffic laws provide certain rights to cyclists, the key to a safe ride is recognizing the need to ride defensively and mitigate risk given the tragic consequences that can occur even when a cyclist is compliant with all applicable traffic laws. The news story is scheduled to air end-July.

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- Officers of the 1-District Community Mobilization Bureau have been working cooperatively with the CIB Unit to deploy and monitor a bait bike along the Milton bike path network. There has been a double-digit increase in the number of bicycle thefts over the past two months. The bike is placed in a strategic location throughout the day and evening and is equipped with a GPS tracking device. If the bike is stolen the tracking device will allow officers to monitor and trace its location with desktop and phone app software
- Members of the 1 District Community Mobilization Bureau are working cooperatively with a citizen who collects and restores vintage automobiles. The Milton resident is planning to conduct a parade of 25 vintage cars in a drive-by parade to four senior's homes in Milton. This gesture is a safe alternative to the annual 'show and shine' car show that is held each summer and well attended by the Milton Community.

Crime Prevention

3 District Community Mobilization Bicycle Officer assisted on Project Police On Park Patrol (POPP) doing proactive enforcement to reduce illegal activities and liquor violations that have been identified as a community concern. He has laid four Provincial Liquor Licence Act offences and issued multiple warnings.



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Social Development

June

Traffic Services Unit

- During June 2020, Traffic Services Unit partnered with the Independent Free Press newspapers in Halton to educate area road users on the risks associated to unsafe speed and related collisions. This article was picked up region wide and resulted in significant exposure as we continue to focus on area citizen's number 1 concern: Traffic Safety. Traffic Services Unit also partnered with the Weather Network to complete an educational news article on the new Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, and particularly the community concern of pets left in hot vehicles during the summer. The article educated viewers on the role police play in these investigations, penalties for contraventions of the Act and a cautionary note for area citizens to not take matters into their own hands but rather to call 911 and assist in the Police response.

Community Mobilization Officer continue to conduct community outreach and support.

- Members of the 3 District Community Bureau worked with both internal and external partners to safely police an anti-racism march and rally that took place at Burlington City Hall
- June 19, 2020, members of the Community Mobilization Unit attended headquarters and participated in the "Run ON for NS." This was a 5km and 23 push-up challenge to honour Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cst. Heidi Stevenson. Halton Regional Police Service as well as other police services throughout Canada have raised money through t-shirt sales. Money raised will go to the Peace and Police Officer Memorial Ribbon Society. One of the objectives of the Memorial Ribbon Society includes a scholarship for children of fallen officers.

Regional Community Mobilization

- Regional Community Mobilization Officer's continue to have contact with our various Religious and Cultural partners in the Region to provide information of service delivery/supports during the COVID-19 situation.
- During the month of June, several Anti-Racism Marches were held across the region. All of the marches were well attended by members of the community and were peaceful ensuring minimal Police presence. Our primary role during these protests was to liaise with the separate organizers across the region to ensure ongoing dialogue to assist in our response. Through these conversations, many positive relationships were built with organizations and members of the public which will assist with ongoing programming and engagement opportunities in the future.



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Children's Safety Village

- Halton's Children Safety Village was closed for March break and continued to be closed following school closures due to COVID-19. Preparations underway for the pending retirement of the current Safety Village Co-ordinator and subsequent replacement. Coordinator announced her retirement for mid-July. Efforts underway to identify a new Coordinator.

Auxiliary Policing Unit

- All activities have been suspended until further notice. Online training continues for the Auxiliary Unit pertaining to COVID-19 and Personal Protection Equipment use. All online training resources being offered to front line officers for pertaining to the COVID-19 situation will be available to the Auxiliary Unit. Auxiliary Officers have been completing online training on various topics.
- Thirteen new Auxiliary members began training in January, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in March, their in-person training had to be postponed. In an effort to keep the new Auxiliary engaged, and to ensure in-person training can begin when directed, Regional Community Mobilization has worked with the Training Bureau to provide the new Auxiliary with a series of online (virtual) training experiences. Academic portions that would typically be taught in person, continue to be covered in a virtual format.

Halton Regional Police Volunteers (COPPS, SALT, Pipes and Drums, Chorus, Halton Seniors Helpline, Victim Services, Auxiliary)

- All volunteer activities have been suspended until further notice. Members of the Regional Community Bureau continue to have regular contact with service volunteers to provide them with ongoing information and to offer supports.

Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI)

- The 2020 Youth in Policing Initiative Program had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Eight candidates were identified who were going to be our Youth in Policing Initiative employees for the summer. Regional Community Mobilization is developing online learning initiatives to remain engaged with these youth.

Other

- Two, 1 District Community Mobilization Officers have been seconded to the Domestic Violence Unit until September.
- One, 2 District Community Officer has been seconded to the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Bureau until September.



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- Five, 3 District Community Mobilization Officers have been seconded to other units throughout the Halton Police until September 2020. Four to the Homicide Unit and one to the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit.

July

Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit

- July, 2020 was another busy month for our Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit, despite the current COVID-19 environment. Commercial Motor Vehicle officers hosted a three-day uniform officer 'commercial vehicle enforcement' course, designed to teach the basics of Commercial Motor Vehicle compliance and enforcement in order to create a higher level of awareness and ability at the frontline level in what is known as a complex area of vehicle enforcement. A total of ten district officers attended and passed the course. A component of the three-day Commercial Motor Vehicle course is a one-day 'hands on' truck inspection component, conducted during live traffic stops and inspections of area trucks. Thanks to support from the Ministry of Transportation and other District level officers, this one-day training exercise morphed into a 'mini truck blitz' within the region that saw 23 trucks inspected with 19 of those taken out of service for defects. This translates into an 82 per cent failure rate. A total of 130 Provincial Offence Notices were written and five sets of plates were seized, thus mandating these particular truck owners to fix critical defects and assume costs related to recertifying and re-plating these vehicles, or scrapping them.

Community Mobilization Officer continue to conduct community outreach and support.

- An officer from 3 District Community Mobilization has had success in working with a young man who was previously charged with hate-related offences however it's been learned that he suffers from mental health issues which were likely an aggravating factor in the offence in which he was charged with. The young man has secured employment, begun volunteering, is graduating University with an honors degree this year and is on a positive upwards trajectory.
- 3 District Community Mobilization Officer has been assisting a local resident in the resurrection of the Block Parent program in her neighborhood.
- 3 District Community Mobilization Officer has been working with a recent immigrant to Canada to assist them in preparing an application to get a job with the Halton Regional Police Service.

Youth

- On July 21, 2020, 2 District Youth Office Social Worker chaired the Oakville Child and Youth Networking Committee (OCYNC). This committee comprised of over 30 member agencies, comes together to share information about child and youth programming in Oakville and develop partnerships to better service our child, youth and families of our community.



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- On July 16, 2020 2 District Youth Office Social Worker attended the Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) committee meeting. This is where community partners come together to hear cases of transitional aged youth who need to be connected to services and have a well-developed plan in transitioning from child to adult services. There is also the opportunity to learn about the services provided by team members in order to better serve the youth we work with.

Regional Community Mobilization

- Regional Community Mobilization Officer's continue to have contact with our various Religious and Cultural partners in the Region to provide information of service delivery/supports during the COVID-19 situation.
- In partnership with the Halton Multicultural Council, we began the process of enhancing our current Emergency Services Introduction to New Canadians (ESINC) program to provide it in a virtual format. This is to ensure consistent programming within the current COVID-19 restrictions. The ESINC program was developed to provide new Canadians an inside looks at policing and other emergency services in Halton with the goal of breaking down barriers and providing an understanding of what our role is in enhancing public safety. The virtual ESINC program will be delivered through our external website and contain various documents and informative video segments.
- At the end of July, our Service launched the new, member driven, South Asian Internal Support Network. This Internal Support Network was designed to provide a supportive space for our South Asian members to make a difference both within the Service and our community. This group of individuals within the internal support network will assist our Police Service with building strong connections and partnerships within the community and serve as a resource towards developing a more inclusive workplace.
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Upcoming Dates

- Halton Hills Farmers Market – Resumes in downtown Georgetown from June 6 to October 16.
- Guinness Record 10km Run – Velodrome September 7