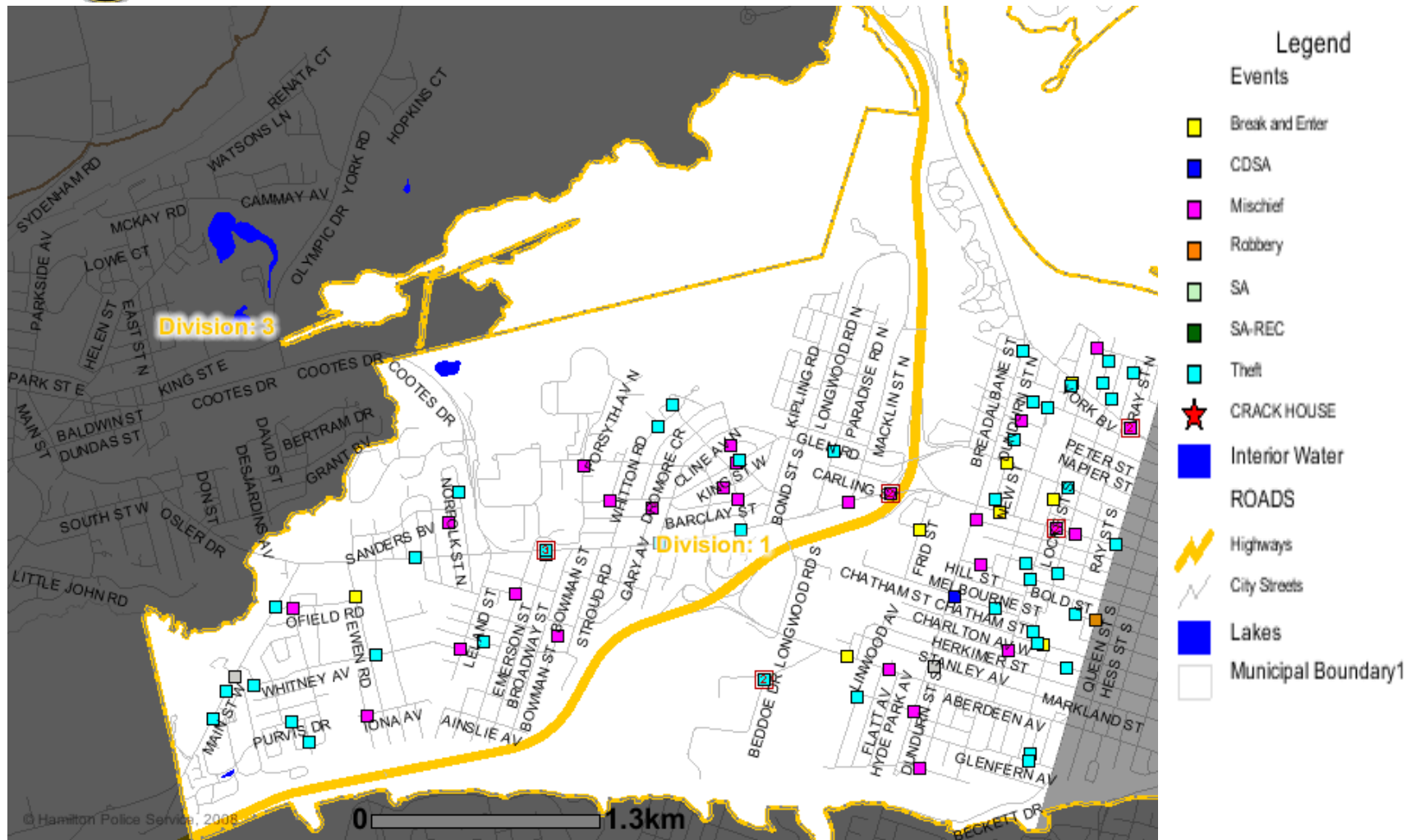




## WEST TOWN CRIME STATS - SEPTEMBER 2008



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## Statistics

Break and Enter:	11
Robbery:	3
Stolen Auto:	8
Theft from vehicle:	17

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### Break and Enters (B &E's)

For the month of September, there were **2** B&E's in **Westdale**, **6** in **Kirkendall** and **3** in **Strathcona's** neighbourhood. All entries have been evaluated and there appears to be no direct correlation that any of the entries are related. There were two B&E's similar in the sense that a rock was used in both occurrences, the sports complex out on FRID St. and Chedoke golf course club house. Please report all suspicious activities.

### Thefts From Autos

For the month of September, there were **4** thefts in **Westdale**, **5** in **Kirkendall** and **8** in **Strathcona**. Thefts from auto are still the #1 crime in Division 1.

### Robberies

For the month of September, there was **1** robbery in **Westdale**, **1** in **Kirkendall**, and **1** in **Strathcona**. All robberies were isolated and no apparent pattern.

### Stolen Auto

During the month of September, there were **4** stolen autos in **Westdale**, **3** in **Kirkendall**, and **1** in **Strathcona**.

### Mac 91 & 92 Paid Duties (McMaster)

September was a very busy month for Mac 91 & 92 special duty officers. Hours were modified from Fri/Sat night 11pm-4am to Thurs/Fri 10pm-03am. **86** Provincial Offences Notices (PON's) were issued. **66** Open Liquor tickets, **11** Noise, **9** intoxicated in public and **16** Noise violation warnings. Several squads assisted with homecoming week by donating patrol officers to patrol in a plain clothes capacity. Having the extra officers patrol assisted greatly to the overall success of the operational plan. Sgt. Zafirides and I attended 12 residents that were identified as past problem houses. We did this in a proactive manner to advise the residences that their homes and actions will be monitored with zero tolerance. Of those homes we attended, only 5 made the "hot list". As the cooler weather arrives, and midterms loom, I anticipate the calls in reference to disturbances will decrease in October.

# DSO LOG

Sept 08	Westdale	Kirkendall	Strathcona	Central	Beasley	Durand	Corktown	Stinson	Landsdale	Gibson	North End
<b>PION</b>	<b>Speeding x1</b>	<b>Speeding x6</b>	<b>Val tag x5</b>	<b>Val tag x2</b>	<b>Speeding x 1</b>		<b>Seat belt x1</b>	<b>Red light x 2</b>	<b>Speeding x1</b>	<b>Val tag x1</b>	<b>Speeding x 2</b>
	<b>Val tag x2</b>	<b>Val tag x2</b>	<b>Red light x1</b>	<b>No ins x1</b>	<b>Hvy truck x1</b>		<b>Signal x1</b>	<b>Speed x1</b>			<b>No ins x1</b>
	<b>Seat belt x 1</b>	<b>Seat belt x1</b>	<b>Seat belt x2</b>	<b>By-Law sign x 1</b>	<b>Val tag</b>		<b>Val tag x2</b>	<b>Val tag x1</b>			
		<b>Susp drv X1</b>	<b>Speeding x15</b>	<b>Hvy trk x1</b>			<b>Speed x 1</b>				
		<b>Plate not auth x1</b>	<b>No ins x1</b>				<b>Red light x1</b>				
			<b>Susp drv x1</b>								
<b>McKittrick</b>								<b>Red light x 3</b>			
<b>Champagne</b>	<b>Speeding x 3</b>		<b>Speeding x 10</b>		<b>Speeding x 5</b>					<b>Red light x 1</b>	<b>Speeding x 93</b>
	<b>No Ins x1</b>										<b>No Ins x 7</b>
	<b>Susp x 1</b>										<b>Susp x 1</b>
											<b>No Seat belt x 1</b>
<b>Chalmers</b>	<b>Seatbelt x 9</b>	<b>Hvy truck x 1</b>	<b>Fail to surrender permit x 1</b>	<b>Hvy truck x 3</b>	<b>Red light x2</b>	<b>Seatbelt x 1</b>	<b>Speed x 1</b>	<b>Plate not auth x 1</b>	<b>Val tag x1</b>	<b>Seat belt x 1</b>	<b>Improper plate x 1</b>
	<b>No insp report-comm. vehicle</b>	<b>Sign x 1</b>	<b>Val tag x3</b>	<b>Seatbelt x 2</b>	<b>Seat belt x 8</b>	<b>Fail to yield x 1</b>	<b>Seat belt x 2</b>	<b>Val tag x2</b>			<b>No Ins x 1</b>
		<b>Val tag x 1</b>	<b>Stop sign x 6</b>	<b>Sign x 1</b>	<b>Val tag x 3</b>	<b>No ins x1</b>	<b>Improper left turn x 1</b>	<b>Permit x 1</b>	<b>Val tag x 1</b>		<b>Fail to surrender x1</b>
Sept 08	Westdale	Kirkendall	Strathcona	Central	Beasley	Durand	Corktown	Stinson	Landsdale	Gibson	North End
		<b>Seatbelt x 2</b>	<b>Hvy trk x 3</b>	<b>Amber light x 1</b>	<b>Careless x2</b>	<b>No lic x1</b>	<b>Val tag x2</b>	<b>Left turn x 1</b>	<b>Amber light x 1</b>		<b>Emissions x 1</b>
		<b>Red light</b>	<b>Susp</b>	<b>Red light</b>	<b>Hvy truck</b>	<b>Val tag</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>Fail to</b>	<b>Helmet x</b>		

		x 1	notification x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	improperly displayed x2	surrender permit x 1	1		
			No Ins x 1	Val tag x 1	Helmet x 1	Red light x1	Fail to slow for emergency veh x1		M-1 x2		
			Improper tires x 1		Speed x 14	Wrong way x 1	No licence x1				
					G1 x 1		Susp. x 2				
					No Ins x 1						
					Improper plate x 1						
					Fail to surrender x 1						
					Plate x 1						
					CVOR x 1						

**Notes from the Crime Manager:**

The month of September saw a reduction in Break and Enters, Theft from Autos, and Stolen Autos. However, there was an increase in robberies from 1 to 3.

Theft from autos continues to be the number one crime in Division One. I cannot stress enough, the need to ensure no valuables are left in your vehicle while it is unattended.

Graffiti update: Tagger KEENUR still remains incarcerated and has a next court appearance of October 8. A well known adult tagger was recently arrested who tags GNAR. He was also breaching previous conditions and remains in custody. I cannot stress the excitement I receive when I see how active members of West Town are in identifying locations. We have one significant arrest under our belts; I would like to try another famous tagger known to me as NONE.



I actually call him No Money as he usually has a money symbol in his tags. Although both tags look nothing alike, they are done by the same person. In the graffiti sub-culture most taggers have various versions of the same message.

The tag on the left in big bubble letters would be known as a blocker. A blocker does not allow anyone else to use the wall space. Balloon graffiti usually takes more time than just a tag (on the left). Both spell NONE. The one on the left also makes several references to GOD. NONE has evolved over the summer and is responsible for other graffiti such as \$lave, kills cops, and a teardrop with a money symbol in it. You may remember the big pink pig with a police hat on by the vacant Tim Horton's on Aberdeen and Dundurn. The GPS were kind enough to have that removed before they were disbanded. Please report all sightings of any graffiti that looks like either of these or similar with a forward or backward money sign. I believe him to be a male while, 19 years of age. Any assistance in identifying him would be greatly appreciated.

## **Graffiti Lingo**

**TAG** - a stylized signature usually simple and one color

**THROW UP** - a more elaborate tag normally using more than one color, but it takes much less time than a piece

**PIECES** - short for masterpieces, these are large, detailed drawings, sometimes in 3-D or other special effects

**BOMBING** - to hit many different surfaces with graffiti vandalism

**CREW** - a group of graffiti vandals

**SLASH** - to put a line through or graffiti over someone else's graffiti

**BURNER** - a very large, elaborate, detailed piece of graffiti

**TOY** - a junior tagger, or someone new, or not very good. KEENUR was referred to as a toy by many taggers.

### **Tips to help prevent graffiti vandalism**

- Keep your property well maintained
- Keep your property well-lit; vandals fear light
- Eliminate reasons for loitering such as benches, pay phones, etc.
- Plant bushes or fences in areas to impede access to buildings
- Install security cameras and motion sensor lighting
- Limit access to roofs
- Report suspicious activity and encourage neighbours to do the same
- Take pictures or video of all graffiti attacks

Don't discount graffiti vandalism as a harmless prank. It is a crime, so treat it as one and report it to the police. If someone is caught, we will follow through with an arrest and prosecute!

Be proactive! You are responsible for your property and its upkeep

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