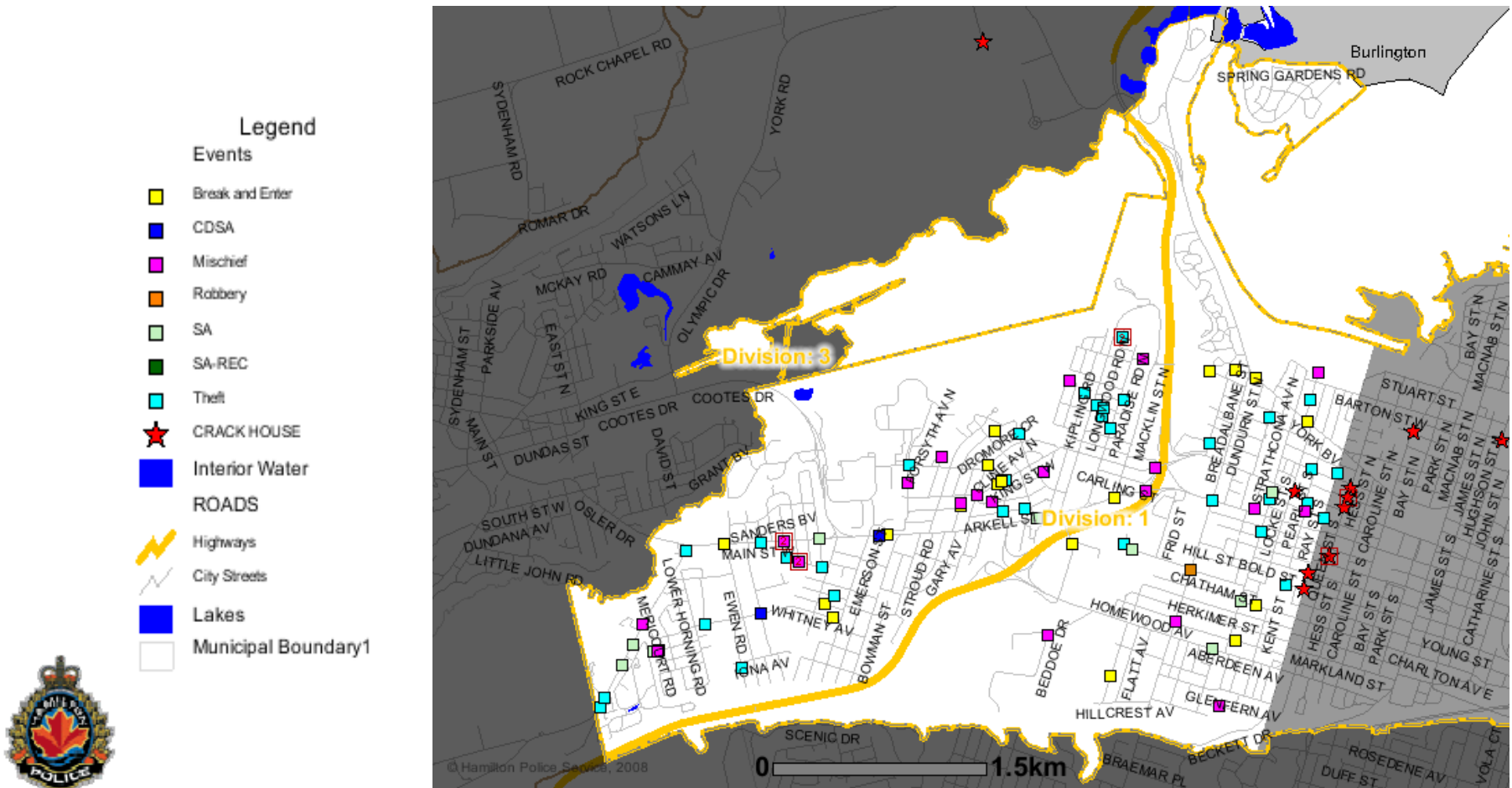


## WEST TOWN CRIME STATS November 2008



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Break and Enter:  
Robbery:  
Stolen Auto:  
Theft from vehicle:

18  
6  
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## **Break and Enters (B & E's)**

For the month of October, there were **5** B&E's in **Westdale**, **2** in **Kirkendall** and **0** in **Strathcona** neighbourhoods. For the month of November, there were **10** B&E's in **Westdale**, **4** in **Kirkendall** and **4** in **Strathcona**. All entries have been evaluated and there appears to be a link in several incidents. An arrest has been made of four suspects, three of which belong to an organized ring. More information as to how many entries they confess to will be coming in next month's stat report. *The suspects' MO (Modus Operandi) were to smash the basement window using a rock or an item found in the back yard and slide open the window. If this sounds like an entry you have had please send me a quick e-mail.* The officer in charge is Detective Constable Joanne Cain who works out of the Central investigation Division in area 3 (Mountain).

## **Thefts From Autos**

For the month of October, there were **7** thefts in **Westdale**, **8** in **Kirkendall** and **3** in **Strathcona**. Thefts from auto are still the #1 crime in Division One. During the month of November, there were **12** thefts in **Westdale**, **2** in **Kirkendall** and **2** in **Strathcona**. Several persons KTA (Known To Authorities) have been arrested and should result in decrease of occurrences for December.

## **Robberies**

For the month of October, there were **0** robberies in **Westdale**, **0** in **Kirkendall**, and **0** in **Strathcona**. For the month of November, there were **2** in **Westdale**, **2** in **Kirkendall**, and **2** in **Strathcona**. One person has been arrested and is KTA. All robberies were reviewed and there appears to be no similar MO.

## **Stolen Auto**

During the month of October, there were **2** stolen autos in **Westdale**, **9** in **Kirkendall**, and **3** in **Strathcona**. This number has almost doubled from September. A project was conducted on the mountain that has resulted in several arrests. The number of stolen autos during the month of November saw a dramatic decrease. There were **4** in **Westdale**, **2** in **Kirkendall**, and **1** in **Strathcona**.



	Westdale	Kirkendall	Strathcona	Central	Beasley	Durand	Corktown	Stinson	Landsdale	Gibson	North End
		Stop x4	Val tag	Fail to Surrend	Val tag x2		Red light	Plates		Val tag	
		Hvy truck	Red light	Val tag	Solicit at collision centre		Stop x3				
		Sign	Stop x9	Hvy truck	No Insurance						
		Val tag	Plates	Seat belt	Sign		Drive wrong way				
		No Insurance	Fail to fill log x2		Change lane not in safety		G1				
			Hvy truck x4		Fail to complete log						
			Careless		Hvy truck						
			Seatbelt								
			Drv condition								
			Seat belt								

248 Provincial Offences Notices (PON's) were issued in the last two months. During this time DSO's were also on courses, vacation, block training and use of force. Outstanding job!

**Notes from the Crime Manager:**

During the month of October there were no robberies reported in West Town! This is a decrease from September. However, November saw a significant increase. Theft from Autos continues to be consistent. There were 17 in September, 18 in October and again 17 in November. Three main persons responsible for the majority of thefts from auto are currently in custody. It is expected that we will see a decrease in December. Stolen Autos had peaked in October with 14 but drastically reduced to 7 in November.

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. It is also requested that all thefts from auto be reported. The only way HPS is able to track trends is to be notified of the offence. Please call the non emergent number at 905 546 4925 so a police report can be generated. This information is not shared with the insurance unless you disclose the information yourself.

**Graffiti update:** Keenur was arrested and released after serving 61 days in custody. He was arrested on Nov 27<sup>th</sup> along with two other persons. He has since pled guilty. He received time served plus 71 days and one year probation. One person received time served plus 12 days and one year probation. The other person was placed on a release with very strict street enforceable conditions.

There have been 40 arrests since we began targeting graffiti in July of 08. This is very significant. As you can imagine, catching persons in the act which can take as little as 4 seconds is not an easy task. In 2009, the Chief has made the identification and arrest of individuals responsible for graffiti a Strategic Objective. Deputy Leendertse has now secured a crown dedicated to overseeing all graffiti arrests.

### **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 if you see the act in progress call 911. 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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