

Halton police make 185 arrests during anti-violence campaign

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to calls involving known offenders.

Numerous offenders were arrested prior to or during the commission of a criminal offence.

The force also made arrests with the help of police in other jurisdictions including New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and Montreal, with all accused being returned to Ontario to face the charges in court.

With a big focus on prevention, HRPS said some initiatives involved collaboration with probation and parole officials, as well as the Crown Attorney's Office to develop strategies to address recidivism after offenders are released back into the community.

A community services guide was provided to every prisoner in HRPS custody prior to their release, said police. Proactive checks were conducted to ensure compliance with release conditions. A Post-Conviction Sentencing Committee was formed between HRPS, Probation and the Crown to improve communication in regards to conditions placed on offenders during sentencing.

The program also included the creation of a database to identify wanted individuals and those facing conditions of release, as well as a resource guide for parents or guardians of young offenders.

The Halton Regional Police Service took a bite out of violent crime across the region during a three-month anti-violence campaign.

Part of a multi-agency initiative called the Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (PAVIS), officers made 185 arrests and laid 243 criminal charges between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31.

The initiative was funded through a grant from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Repeat offenders, high risk individuals and those bound by court orders have an opportunity to change their behaviour and lives. Unfortunately, in some instances these individuals pose a continued risk to community safety, said deputy chief Nishan Duraiappah in the release.

HRPS said it partnered with community stakeholders with a heavy focus on combatting recidivism.

PAVIS patrols were strategically deployed across the region throughout the campaign and were able to quickly respond



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