

OVER 1,400 CHARGES LAID DURING PROJECT #NOISEMAKER

Halton police laid more than 1,420 charges through Project #Noisemaker in 2020 and say they will continue to target loud, unsafe vehicles and aggressive driving in the months to come.

Const. Marc Taraso announced the launch of Project #Noisemaker on June 10, 2020, in response to complaints from residents across the region about loud and unnecessary noise from motor vehicles, which had been modified by removing the mufflers or altering the exhaust system.

During the course of the 2020 Project #Noisemaker campaign in Halton, police laid 1,420 charges across the region including:

- 574 charges for having no muffler or an improper muffler
- 396 charges for unnecessary noise
- 12 racing/stunt driving charges.

Police said the remaining



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Const. Marc Taraso pulls a Ford Focus over for excessive noise. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found to have no muffler and several safety violations.

charges related primarily to vehicle defects, moving violations, licence violations, licence plate violations, violations of the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act, and violations of the Environmental Protection Act (removal of vehicle emissions components).

During the project, police said,

more than 40 vehicles were removed from the roadway for various reasons, including defects, improper licences, and stunt driving legislation.

The project was also successfully implemented by various other police agencies across the province.

As a result, Halton police say Project #Noisemaker will run regionwide from April 1 to Oct. 31.

As part of Project #Noisemaker, officers from the Halton police District Response Teams and Regional Traffic Services will collaborate with partner agencies to conduct inspections through an Operation Wreck Check; will target illegal street racing activity through Project ERASE (eliminate racing activity on streets everywhere) enforcement dates; and will partner with Municipal Enforcement Officers to conduct enforcement of the Town of Oakville's motorcycle noise bylaw.

Anyone with enforcement concerns is asked to fill out an online form available on the Halton Regional Police Service website at <https://www.haltonpolice.ca/services/reporting/trafficcomplaints.php>.

FOUR CHARGED WITH COVID-19 VIOLATIONS

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Four Georgetown residents have been charged with failing to comply with an order made during a declared emergency.

On April 14, Saugeen Shore Police responded to a report of shoplifting at a convenience store in Southampton, Ontario. Police were able to locate and identify three suspects matching the description provided by witnesses.

During the course of the investigation, officers discovered that the three suspects and one additional party were not current residents of Saugeen Shore and were in breach of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

The stay-at-home order is in place until May 5, though resi-

dents are permitted to go out only for necessities, including:

- grocery or pharmacy;
- health care services;
- outdoor exercise or walking pets;
- work that cannot be done remotely;
- child care or school.

Individuals who fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency may face a fine of up to \$750.

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