

OPP's Street Crime Unit has 37.2% success rate

Wellington OPP's Street Crime Unit's record for solving break and enter crimes in the second quarter of this year was 37.2%, well over clearance rates of 25.9% in 2005 and 24.9% in 2004. It is also well above the national average of 17%.

Property crime investigations are often complex, time consuming and can also be shared with other jurisdictions. The Street

Crime Unit was created to enhance the uniformed officer's ability to respond and solve these crimes. The OPP maintains the solve rate demonstrates the unit's commitment to the task.

For example, street crime officers initiated an investigation into the theft of a stolen Caterpillar backhoe from a construction site in Hillsburgh. Information received from a confidential

source allowed officers to trace the missing backhoe to a property in West Luther Township.

The street crime unit worked to recover the \$50,000 machine and have it returned to the owners all within 24 hours of its theft. Subsequent follow-up from street crime members eventually located the suspect in the Oakville area where he was arrested and transported

back to Wellington County. The suspect was interviewed and eventually admitted his involvement in the planning and execution of the theft.

New technology

With the ever-growing National DNA databank and increasing capabilities of new technology this is becoming a vital tool in convicting suspects of property crime offences. The street crime unit has two such recent examples where evidence from the scene was matched to a DNA profile on the National Offender database.

One match in April 2006 led to charges in a commercial B&E from Mount Forest and an arrest warrant for the suspect, which remains outstanding.

The other match in May, 2006, was from the rim of a drink cup discarded in the driveway of a Minto township B&E where over \$40,000 in jewellery, electronics, and firearms was taken. The street crime unit worked on this information to eventually obtain enough evidence to arrest and charge all three of the suspects responsible for this occurrence and recover some of the stolen articles.

In April 2006, the street crime unit acted on information about stolen property at a property in West Luther Township and subsequently wrote a lengthy search warrant for the premises. Upon execution of the warrant, a large quantity of marijuana, an illegal weapon, numerous stolen tools, and two stolen snowmobiles were recovered.

Charges were laid with one suspect choosing to go on the run. Numerous arrest warrants were then obtained for this individual and the street crime unit worked aggressively to eventually

locate, interview, and charge this individual. In the interviews, the suspect fully admitted to all of the charges and two stolen weapons were also recovered. Efforts are ongoing to locate much more.

Liaison with Guelph

In June, 2006, the street crime unit liased with Guelph Police in response to a break & enter and theft of handguns from the Ferguson area. Investigation by both agencies led to the arrest of the male perpetrator and appropriate charges. Interviewed by both street

crime and Guelph police, the suspect admitted his role in the break-in and admitted to selling the guns on the street in Guelph.

In June, 2006, street crime unit members worked with members of the Waterloo Regional Police in a multi-jurisdictional investigation where a break in was committed to a church in Mount Forest and the property pawned in the Cambridge area. Interviews by both agencies led to three parties admitting their role in the offence and appropriate charges being laid.

The Rockwood MILLER



FLOWERS GALORE: Rockwood Garden Club president Doreen Forrester enjoyed a break in her garden last weekend. The club's first garden tour garnered plenty of interest and inquiries about a repeat of the fundraising event for next year, she says. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

EWAG NEWS

Many Thanks to Supporters of EWAG Golf Tournament!

EWAG would like to extend their thanks to all the local businesses and golfers who supported this year's golf tournament held on July 20th at Guelph Lakes Golf and Country Club. Despite the late-day rain, a great deal of fun was had by all! Our tournament is growing year by year and we look forward to next year's event. Thanks to all!

Seniors Trip to Botanical Gardens and Dundurn Castle

On Friday, August 18 the EWAG wheelchair accessible van will be passing through Rockwood to pick up all seniors interested in heading for a tour of Dundurn Castle and a walk through the Royal Botanical Gardens. The cost is \$40 for an all inclusive tour of Dundurn Castle, a tour of the Royal Botanical Gardens and a midday dinner of chicken or ham in the Garden Restaurant as well as transportation in our air conditioned EWAG van. Spaces are limited so please call Mary Ellen at 519-833-9696 to reserve your spot.

Early Years Tea Party! - Hey Kids how about a Tea Party at the Rockwood Library? On Wednesday, August 23 at 10 a.m. come dressed up and have a spot of tea with your friends at the library. To sign up, please call Cara or Jane at 519-856-2113 today!

EWAG Shops and Offices CLOSED for Civic Holiday

Please note that all EWAG shops, offices and programs will be closed for the Civic Holiday long weekend on both Saturday, August 5 and Monday, August 7. Please have a safe and happy long weekend!



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Two of the top seeds and nuts that can be good for your heart are sunflower and sesame seeds and pistachio nuts. They all contain a healthy amount of phytosterols, which appear to lower cholesterol naturally. They do contain around 200 calories per ounce so don't overdose.

There are two types of sun's rays that damage skin, UVB rays, which have a shorter wavelength, don't penetrate the skin deeply but can cause significant damage to DNA, which can lead to skin cancer. The other type of ray is UVA, which penetrate more deeply into the skin and is one of the causes of premature aging of the skin (that weathered leather look).

Your doctor and pharmacists should always be part of you health care team. Discuss your medications with them often. Don't stop medications with informing your doctor. Some drugs (like anti-seizure and anti-depressants drugs) need to be slowly reduced. Before you change anything, talk about it first.

Our pharmacists Mary & Maija invite all questions about your medications. We are very happy to be on your healthcare team.

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