

On behalf of the Upper Avenue Community Association and the South Armour Heights Residents' Association, I would like to thank you for attending our first Community Safety Night.

Each of our Resident's Associations have received feedback from our membership expressing concern about safety in our community. As a result of those concerns, about 4 months ago we began partnering with 32 Division of TPS to put this evening together.

Our objectives tonight:

- 1. That you leave with an understanding of the crime data for our community
- 2. That you are able to develop a list of actionable items that you can implement to improve the safety of your home
- 3. And Determine what we can do jointly to improve the overall safety of our community.



I would like to introduce our distinguished guests and our Committee for this event.

MPP Robin Martin, MPP for Eglinton – Lawrence Caroline Duffy, Outreach and Policy Assistant for Councillor Mike Colle (Mike unfortunately was not able to attend this evening).

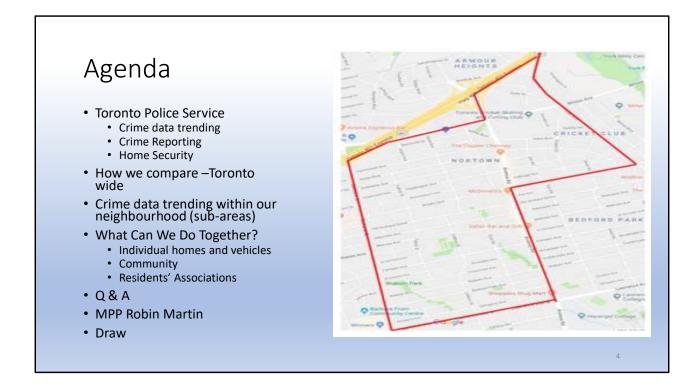
From TPS:

Sgt. Jon Collin – Jon also leads the Community Police Liaison

Would also like to acknowledge Constable Susan Stam, Crime Prevention Officer. Susan has also been working with us on this event since December.



To our very generous Avenue Road sponsors who contributed to the finances for this evening.



The map shown here illustrates each of our RA catchment areas. For UACA, bounded on the north by Wilson south to Lawrence, and Avenue Road west to Bathurst. For SAHRA — East of Avenue Road — from 401 south to Brook and east to Yonge Boulevard.

Our two areas together make up the 'BEDFORD PARK NORTOWN" CITY OF TORONTO NEIGHBOURHOOD

32 Division • Crime data trending • Crime reporting • Home security

Break and Enter

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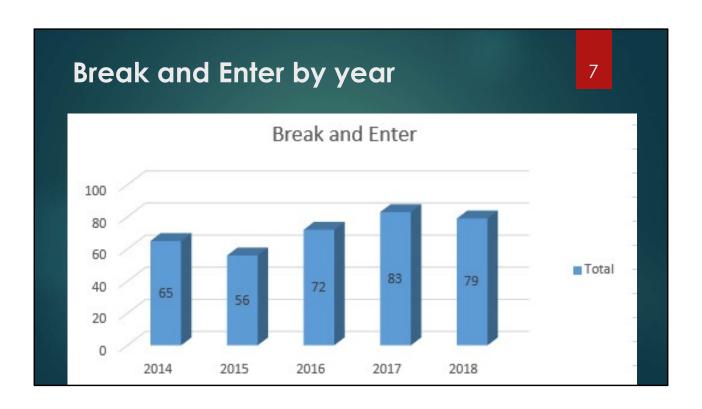
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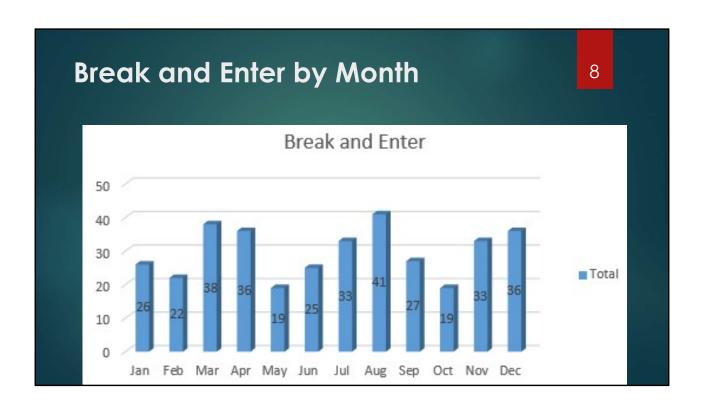
2017 and 2018 was higher than the pervious years. With 83 and 79

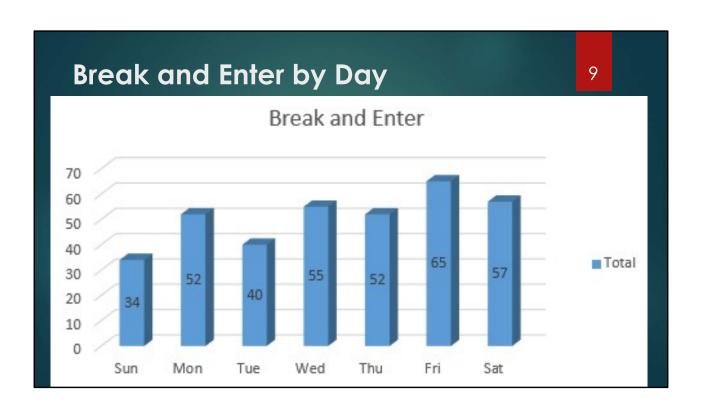
▶ The monthly Average is 29.

March, April, August and December were higher ranging from 36 to 41. May and October were considerably lower with 19 each.

► The average per day of the week is 50 Friday was high with 65 and Sunday was the lowest with 34.







Theft of Vehicle

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▶ The yearly average is 34.

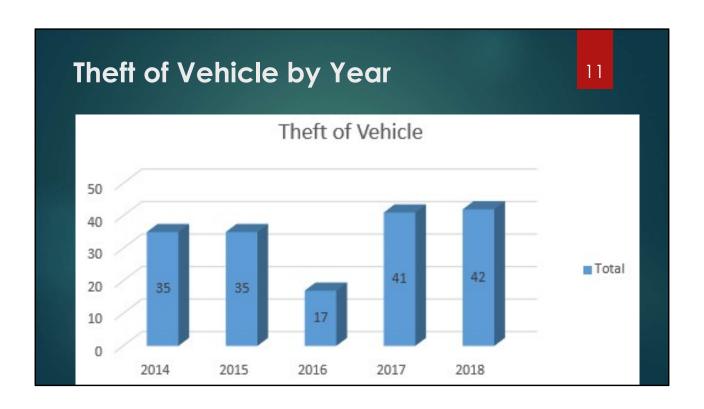
2017 with 41 and 2018 with 42 were higher than the pervious years. 2016 was the lowest with 17.

► The monthly Average is 14.

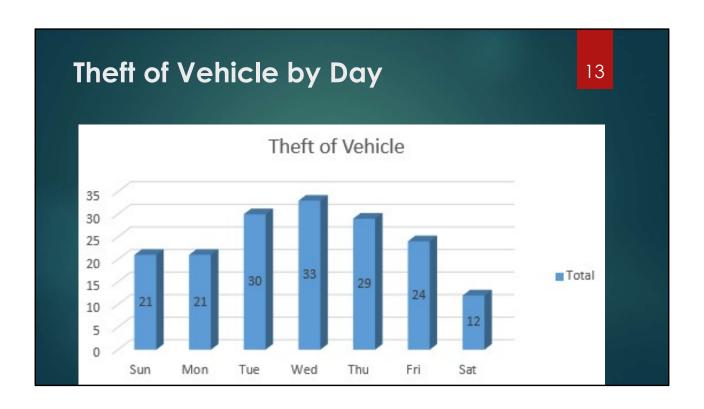
July and September were higher with 4 each. January with 4 and February with 7 were considerably lower than the average.

▶ The average per day of the week is 24.

Sunday with 2 and Friday with 3 were low days of the week. Tuesday with 30 Wednesday with 33 and Thursday with 29 were above average.







Theft from Vehicle

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▶ The yearly average is 56.

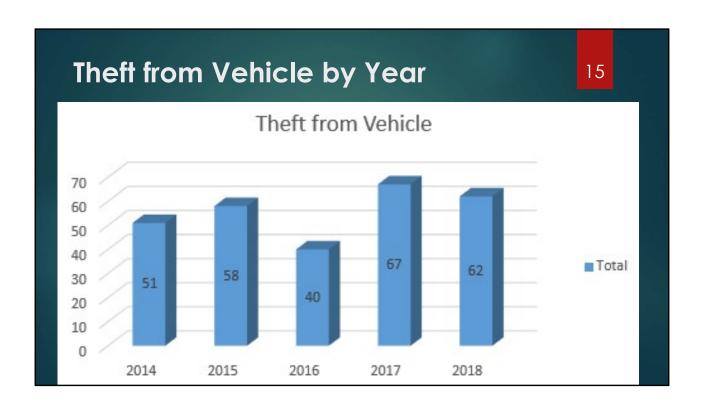
2017 with 67 and 2018 with 62 were higher than the pervious years. 2016 was considerably lower with 40.

▶ The monthly Average is 23.

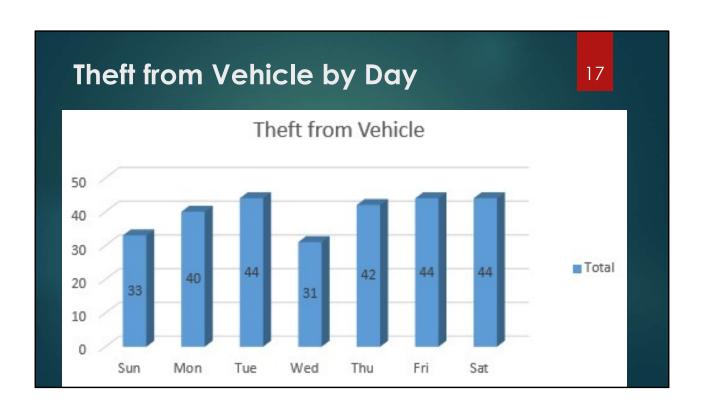
January and August with 35 were higher with 65 each. June and <u>September with 14 were</u> considerably lower than the average.

▶ The average per day of the week is 39.

Sunday with 33 and Wednesday with 31 were low days of the week. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday with 44 each were above average.

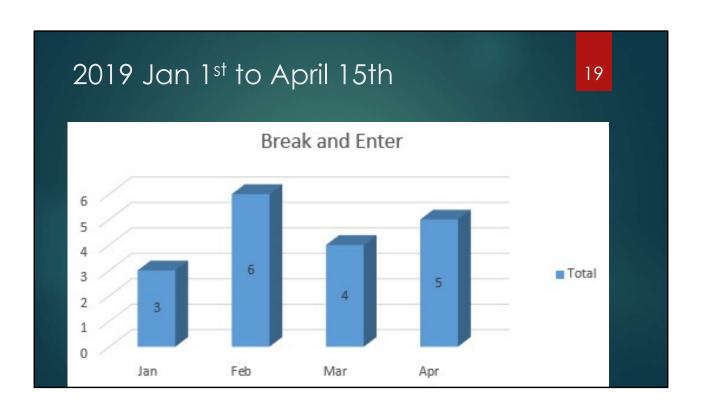






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2019 Crime Stats From Jan 1st to April 15th











Home Security

How to protect your home

Crime Prevention Definition

"The anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk, and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it."



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

- Never look at a property the same way again.
- Question everything
- Look at your house from a criminal's perspective.
- Increase criminals' risk and /or effort through:
 - Natural surveillance
 - Access control
 - Territorial reinforcement



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CPTED- influences how people behave.

Marked pathways, fences, and signs. They all give people direction as to what to do when they approach your property.

Natural Surveillance

- A design strategy directed at keeping intruders under observation.
- Natural surveillance provides for witness potential.
- Many factors can influence natural surveillance.





Factors Affecting Natural Surveillance

Design

 Shrinking lot sizes and larger homes has resulted in front doors disappearing behind the garage.

Landscaping

 Often attracts criminals who recognize a good opportunity and inhibits the ability to keep intruders under observation.
 i.e. large trees/shrub

Fencing

 Privacy fences compromise ground level surveillancecriminals love privacy!



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Criminals love hidden doorways. They can operate without being seen. Landscaping-trim back shrubs-trim up trees. Again criminals want to operate out of sight. Neighbours can't see what's going on.

Fencing- wrought iron or spaced fencing is ideal.

Natural Surveillance cont'd

Privacy vs. security

- Introduction of 1 inch air space provides for privacy without compromising natural surveillance.
- Wrought iron fence provides a person to see through it.

Lighting

- A lack of lighting may send a message to criminals that no one is home.
- Lighting provides the ability to see
- Motion lighting-can deter criminals



Access Control

 A design strategy directed at decreasing crime opportunity and increasing the perception of risk in offenders.

Fences

- Capable of guiding and influencing movement
- Marks property
- Proper fence can create proper protection



Target Hardening

- Front doors
 - Door kicks are common
- Solution: Longer screw and/or strike plate
- Garage doors
 - Entry through unlocked or opened garage doors
 - Availability of weapons of opportunity
- Solution: Keep doors locked
- Sliding doors
 - Pry door-break lock, Smash window
- Solution: Visible deterrent, Bar across the door, Unseen deterrent=pins (through frames in the door)



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Easy crime prevention tools. Look at your front door. A good lock(dead bolt) with a longer strike plate and long screws will make your front door a harder target to break.

Target Hardening

- Windows
 - Most common entry point:
 - Easily accessed
 - Not always locked
 - Abundance of cover
- **Solution:** Limit adult sized hiding spots, Pin in window, Replace with polycarbonate bars with exit handle



Prevention

- Keep the garage closed and locked except when working in the front yard.
- Keep the front door locked while in the home or backyard.
- Keep gates around the home locked except when actively being used.
- Avoid storing ladders outdoors or positioning air conditioning condensers near windows.
- Never "hide" keys outside.



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We are creatures of habit and criminals know this. They will check under the matt for a hidden key or in a mailbox.

Avoid having anything around the outside that will assist a criminal in breaking into your home.

What to do in the event you discover a break-in

- Do NOT enter the house.
- Go to a neighbours and call the Police- 911.
- Provide suspect information and direction of travel if known.
- Watch you property as best as you can.
- Provide updates to police.





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Don't attempt to clean up or fingerprint yourself.

A lot of evidence could be lost.

Give as much detail as possible. Talk to your neighbours. They may have seen someone in the area and can provide invaluable information.

Agenda

- Toronto Police Service
 - Crime data trending
 - Crime reporting
 - Home security
- How we compare Toronto wide
- Crime data trending within our neighbourhood (sub-areas)
- What Can We Do Together?
 - Individual homes and vehicles
 - Community
 - Residents' Associations
- Q & A

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Thanks to the Toronto Police Service's Sgt. Jon Collin.

I am Jim Sadler, President of SAHRA. We have a lot to cover still, so let's get going! We'll cover some more data and then get into some actionable things that you can do, and we can do together.

Toronto Life "Ultimate Neighbourhood Rankings" 2018

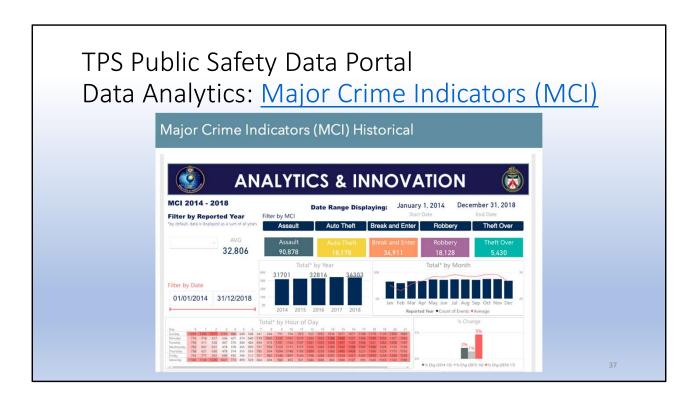
PARAMETER WEIGHTINGS			
SAFETY (Number of crimes)	13%	Entertainment	10%
Housing	15%	Community	8%
Transit	11%	Diversity	8%
Shopping	11%	Education	7%
Health	10%	Employment	7%
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Toronto Life publishes its "Ultimate Neighbourhood Rankings" and you can pull them up on the internet. They use the 140 neighbourhoods as they are defined by the city. Toronto Life looks at these parameters, based on data from Stats Can, the city, the Toronto Real Estate Board and a few other sources. A score is established for each parameter in each neighbourhood. It looks like they are rated out of 100. These scores are then weighted as shown on this slide to create an overall score for each neighbourhood. Then the neighbourhoods are ranked based on the overall scores.



Here's what the Toronto Life website looks like with the Top. 13 neighbourhoods visible. You can scroll down to see all the 140 neighbourhoods. As you can see, Bedford Park – Nortown (our neighbourhood) is Number 13, not too bad on the surface.

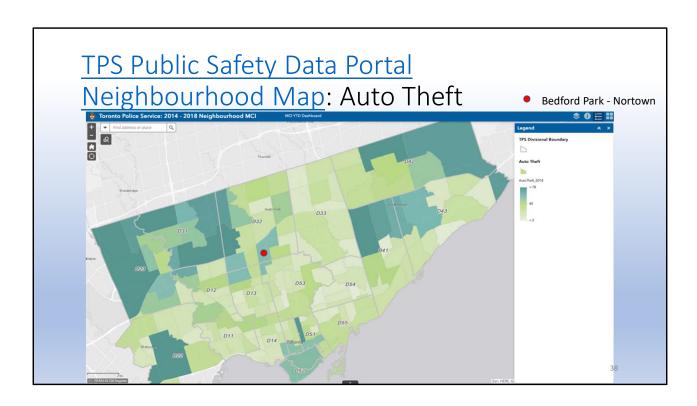
Now, if we show a table which shows the safety score, you can see that we're pretty low. In fact, we are 79th out of 140 based only on the safety score. What we've shown in the table is the neighbourhood with the top overall score and several neighbourhoods which are fairly close to us.



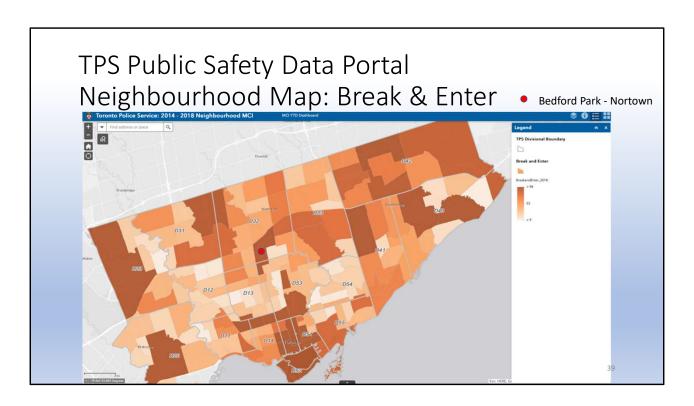
I'm going to spend a few minutes on "open data", which means that it is freely available, in this case from the Toronto Police Service. This website has a wealth of information. The Major Crimes are defined as Assault, Auto Theft, Break and Enter, Robbery and Theft Over, which is theft over \$5000.

This evening, we are concentrating on Auto Theft and B&E since these are the ones which we can affect the most at our homes.

The table of days of the week and hours of the day is interesting. The one shown is for all MCI's. Midweek at 5AM seems to be the safest – but this is probably because the crime isn't discovered until people get up in the morning.



The next couple of slides come from the Toronto Police Service's Public Safety Data Portal. This is the city map of Auto Theft. The darker colours show neighbourhoods with higher Auto Theft rates. The red dot is Bedford Park – Nortown. So we are higher than most of the surrounding neighbourhoods, but better off than some distant areas.



Similar to the previous map, darker colours show higher rates, but this time for Break and Enter. The red dot is still us. Here, we have a high rate, one of the worst in the city, and higher than the area around us.

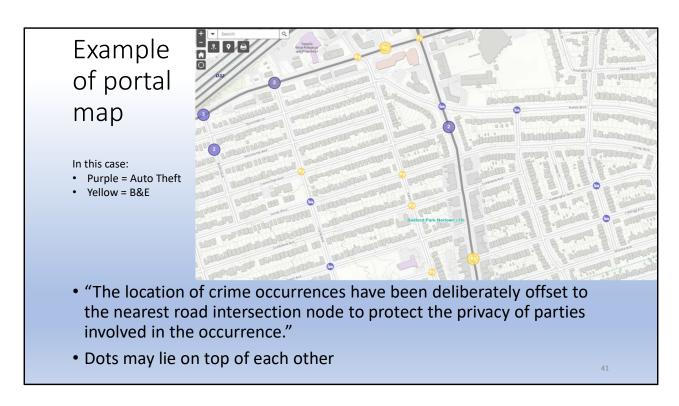
Sub-area Crime Data

• Data presented in the following slides were sourced from the Toronto Police Service's <u>Public Safety Data Portal</u>.

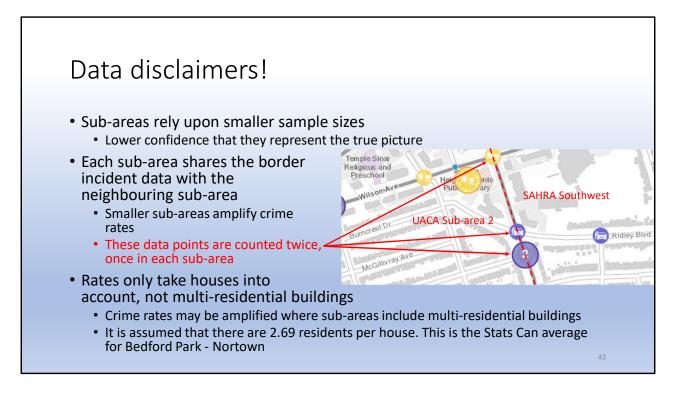
• License to use the data can be found here.



In a couple of slides, I'll show some graphs of Major Crime rates in smaller areas than all of Bedford Park – Nortown. The data come from this website.



Here's an example of one way that the data can be displayed, on a map. All of the Major Crimes can be displayed, but I've shown it with only Auto Theft, in purple, and Break and Enter, in yellow. To protect privacy, the crimes are shown at the intersection closest to their actual locations. If multiple occurrences of a Major Crime are mapped at the same intersection, Auto Theft will show the number, but B&E just shows a larger icon. If you are interested, you can go to the website and play with it. Data geeks will love it!



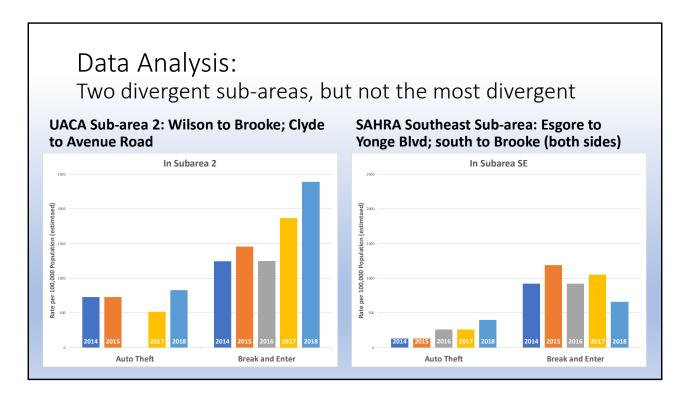
Here are a few disclaimers for the graphs on the two following slides. We'll be looking at two, what we call sub-areas, of UACA and SAHRA.

- Because these sub-areas are smaller than all of Bedford Park Nortown, the associated smaller sample sizes reduce the confidence that we are seeing the true picture.
- Data points on the sub-area borders will be counted in each adjoining sub-area, so they will be counted twice.
- We haven't taken multi-residential buildings into account.
- We are using the Stats Can average for Bedford Park Nortown of 2.69 residents per household.

So, numbers are important but take them with a grain of salt. It is more important to look at trends.



UACA and SAHRA have broken down their respective neighbourhoods into sub-areas. These are the sub-areas, six for UACA and three for SAHRA. We'll look at the data for UACA Sub-area 2 and SAHRA Sub-area Southeast as examples of the data. The data for all sub-areas will be posted on both of our websites. The data is available both in tabular for and graph form.



Remember, tonight we are concentrating on Auto Theft and B&E. Note that the data is expressed in a rate per 100,000 population, by year from 2014 to 2018. This the standard in the industry and what the city adheres to.

I should mention a few data disclaimers: because the subareas are smaller, the smaller sample size reduces the confidence that what we are seeing is truly representative; data points on the borders of sub-areas are counted in each one of them; and we don't take the increased population density of multi-residential buildings into account. So the numbers themselves may not be as accurate as those for larger areas, but it is best to look at trends and large differences.

In UACA Sub-area 2, which covers Wilson south to Brooke and Clyde east to Avenue Road, Auto Theft has increased from 2016 to 2018, although you can see that we aren't much worse off than in 2014. Break and Enters are definitely increasing.

SAHRA Sub-area Southeast is triangular and runs from Esgore on the west to Yonge Boulevard on the east, and south to include both sides of Brooke. While the crime rate is much less than in the chart to the left, Auto Theft is increasing while B&E dropped in 2018. The lowest bars in each chart are related to one incident.

Data presented in numerical form | Bedford Park: | Bedderd | Estimated No. | Number of Broak infolliate per | Number of Stocklins/Rate per | Number of Broak infolliate per | Number of Broak infolli

This is the same data for Break and Enter but in numerical form. It gives both the numbers of B&E and the rates, for all of the sub-areas.

Crime data for all sub-areas

- Compare your sub-area to the others
 - There are differences!
- Available on our websites within a few days
 - UACA (upperavenuecommunity.com)
 - SAHRA (sahratoronto.com)
- Will include all five Major Crime Indicators (MCI's) the police track
 - Assault, Auto Theft, Break and Enter, Robbery, Theft Over (\$5000)
- Will be emailed to our members
- Limited paper copies available in lobby after Q&A, for those who do not have internet access

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Some sub-areas have higher MCI rates and some are lower. It would be interesting to understand why there are such differences within our sub-areas as well as across the city. I encourage you to download the full report from our websites. It will be posted in the near future and a link emailed to our eBlast distribution lists.

After the Q&A session, we'll have a limited number of copies in black and white in the lobby for those without internet access. If this is you, please see us at one of the residents' association's tables.

What Can We Do Together?

- Individual homes and vehicles
- Community
- Residents' Associations

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We'll cover each of these points in order.

Think it Can't Happen to You?

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	BEFORE BREAK-IN	AFTER BREAK-IN
It won't happen to me syndrome!	No alarm system or cameras	 Installed alarm system/cameras Looking at Ring.com /solar motion lights
Communication	No communication to neighbours who away	 Mail picked up daily by neighbor Started 15 house "neighbourhood watch" type system - advise when away, exchanged contact info
Valuables	Hid expensive jewellery (was not found when broken into)	 Continue to hide but more strategically (not in master bedroom) When away for extended time, walk through house and ask myself - what cannot be replaced? - then I hide it

This is a story of one of our residents and I think it is pretty typical. The person had a "It won't happen to me syndrome." But then it did. The house was broken into. Afterwards, the individual took proactive steps.

Does this sound like you? If so, expect that you'll be broken into. The key is being proactive. By the time the police arrive, it's too late.

What Can We Do Together: Individual homes

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) see earlier slides
- Ask TPS for a home audit: provided free, takes about an hour
- No valuables in the master bedroom
 - Secure them in a safe or a safety deposit box
- Consider an alarm system
 - Cover the back of the house and upstairs as well
- · Install a doorbell with a camera
 - Always answer the doorbell don't need to open the door
- Have good lighting outside your home
 - Install motion activated exterior lights

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Let's have a look at what we can do together. To start, what can each person do to prevent or mitigate break and enters?

Individual homes (cont'd)

- Make your home look lived in when away
 - Stop deliveries, newspaper, etc.
 - Arrange for pick up of mail, packages, free newspapers, junk mail
 - Arrange for snow clearing, lawn mowing, etc.
 - Use timers on interior and exterior lights
- Report every crime and suspicious behaviour
 - · Report suspicious vehicles and people
 - Do not confront suspects
 - Record licence plates and vehicle descriptions (licence plates may be stolen)
 - Record descriptions of suspicious people
 - Stats drive information upon which TPS staffing levels are based

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What Can We Do Together: Vehicles

- Keep only black and white copies of ownership (both sides) and insurance in vehicle
 - Keep originals elsewhere
 - Need hard copies if stopped by police (copy on smartphone doesn't cut it)
- Vehicles with pushbutton start: keep key fob in Faraday pouch when not in use
- Install GPS locator
- Steering wheel lock-
- Wheel clamp -
- Park in a locked garage





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Now, what can each of us do to prevent or mitigate auto theft? Colour copies could be accepted for vehicle ownership transfer. Faraday pouch stops key fob's signal

Toronto Police Service pamphlets

(Many available in the lobby – all available online)

- Apartment security
- Are You in an Abusive Relationship?
- Auto theft
- · Babysitting
- · Bicycle registration
- Bicycle safety
- · Bullying
- Caribbean Carnival Grand Parade 2014
- Elder abuse
- Graffiti
- Guide to Keeping Our Children Safe
- · Hate motivated crime

Red items relate more to tonight's focus

- · Holiday safety
- · Home security
- Identity theft
- Internet safety
- · Personal safety
- · Protect your child
- · Protect yourself
- · Purse snatching
- Robbery prevention and safety
- Street Robbery
- Taxi driver safety
- Travelling tips

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CMHC brochures

(Example available in the lobby – all available online)

How to Lock Out Crime:

- Home Security 101
- Home Security–Exterior
- Home Security-Alarms
- Home Security-Doors
- <u>Home Security–Windows</u>
- <u>Home Security–Patio Doors</u>
- Home Security–Common Sense

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Take One Minute...audience participation time!

- Introduce yourself to the person located closest to you who you do NOT know
- Did anyone think this exercise was a bit crazy?
- Does anyone know why we asked you to do this?
 - Community: Knowing your neighbours important to crime prevention

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Repeat at home what you did here – introduce yourself to your neighbours.

What Can We Do Together: Community Toronto Police Service "Know Your Neighbours" Card						
	KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS SECURE YOUR HOME • BE ALERT • BE AWARE Use this card to introduce yourself to your neighbours by giving them a copy with your information on it in exchange for theirs.					
	HOUSE # NAME: PHONE:	HOUSE # NAME: PHONE:	HOUSE # NAME: PHONE:			
	EMAIL: HOUSE # NAME: PHONE:	IF YOU SEE A CRIME IN PROGRESS DIAL	EMAIL: HOUSE # NAME: PHONE:			
	EMAIL:	9-1-1 TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY DIAL 416-808-2222	EMAIL:	55		

Know neighbours beside you, opposite you and behind (over the back fence) you. Document their names, addresses and contact information so you can quickly tell 9-1-1 where the crime is being committed. Call 9-1-1 if there is a crime in progress or if there is an emergency. Call 416-808-2222 for suspicious activity or non-emergency issues.`

What Can We Do Together: Community Know Your Neighbours

- Meet your neighbours
 - Street party, BBQ, etc.
- Look out for each other
- Advise your neighbours when you are going to be away
- Pick up mail, packages, stuff left outside homes when your neighbours are away
- Report suspicious behaviour to police at 416-808-2222

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Example of Neighbourhood Watch program in Lawrence Park.

What Can We Do Together: Community Digital Neighbourhood Watch Concept

Together, UACA and SAHRA are looking for volunteers. We do not have the volunteers to completely run it.

- "Neighbourhood Watch" type programme in each sub-area
- A few models to choose from: cover larger or smaller areas
 - · Make it manageable
 - · Local decision
- Digital solutions may ease implementation
- Network these Neighbourhood Watch groups together
 - Supported by UACA and SAHRA
 - Communications both ways with the police
- Meet on JUNE 13th to begin process
- · Please raise you hand if you are interested
- Meet us in the lobby after Q&A or email us later



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We are looking for volunteers to set up and run Digital Neighbourhood Watch groups. UACA and SAHRA will help set up and support the groups and provide a network for the groups to collaborate and leverage best practices. We feel that there are a few different models, some for a larger group and some for a smaller group, and we want to support our future volunteers to ensure the model chosen works best for the community. A meeting will take place on XXXXX where we will can have more discussion about the concept. But let me make it clear to you: neither UACA nor SAHRA currently have the volunteers to establish Neighbourhood Watch. If we don't have volunteers, we will not be able to bring Neighbourhood Watch to our neighbourhoods. So, with that in mind, would you please raise you hand if you are interested in volunteering – we're not asking for a commitment, but and interest.

Thank you – anyone interested can approach us in the lobby after the Q&A session, or email us at any time.

What Can We Do Together: Residents' Associations

- Representatives of both UACA and SAHRA have joined the Community Police Liaison Committee
 - Two-way communication between police, other community groups and us
- Supporting Digital Neighbourhood Watch
- Stay informed by being on your residents' association's eBlast list

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We talked about what we can do for individual homes and automobiles and as a community. Finally, what can the residents' associations do to help? Representatives of both of your residents' associations have joined the Community Police Liaison Committee at 32 Division. This committee meets monthly and is co-chaired by Sgt. Jon Collin who is here tonight. The committee consists of the superintendent and inspector for 32 Division, along with Jon, a parking enforcement supervisor and liaison officer, along with a number of community members. We receive updates on what has happened in the last month in terms police resources, significant crime, traffic and parking issues. There is also an opportunity to ask questions and finally there is a round table where each person can give an update on what's going on. This Community Safety Night has been a subject of discussion for a few months now. So I see this as a formal communication path to informally update each other on what's going on. Then, the info picked up at the meeting can be included in an eBlast to our members.

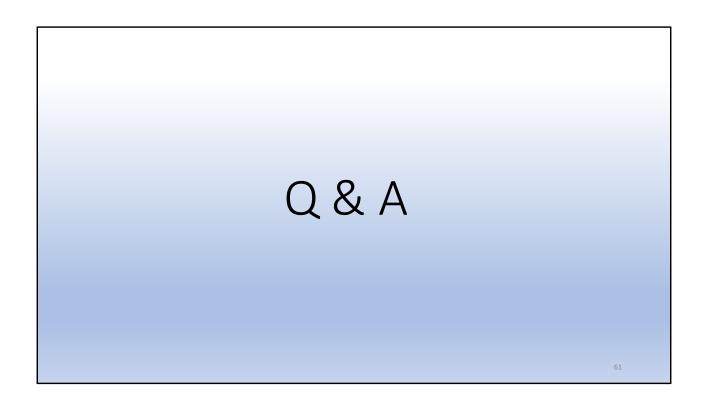
Of course, we will be supporting the Digital Neighbourhood Watch initiative which we will be launching soon.

Minimum takeaways

- Know your neighbours
- When out of town, have a strategy to make your house looked lived in
- Be proactive in fighting crime have a strategy
 - Implement it!
- Consider volunteering for a Digital Neighbourhood Watch system
- Stay informed
 - Legitimate media
 - Stay up to date with new technology cameras, alarms, etc.
 - Ensure you are on your residents' association eBlast list

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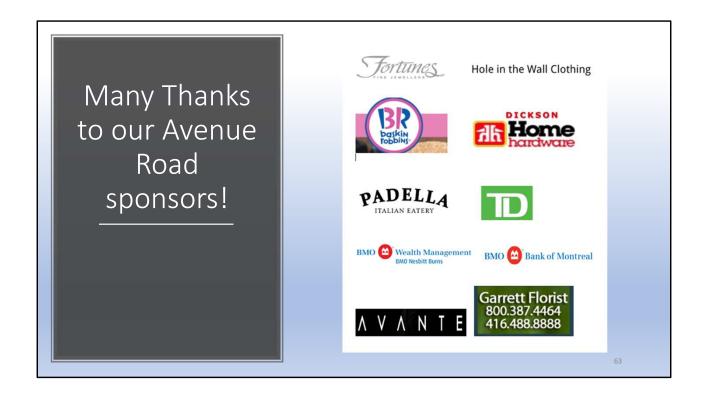
As a quick wrap up, here are some takeaways I'd like to leave you with.



TOP VEHICLES STOLEN: RECENT MODELS

- Toyota Highlander
- Honda Civic
- Toyota Corolla
- Honda CR-V
- Lexus
- Honda Accord

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On behalf of the Upper Avenue Community Association and the South Armour Heights Residents' Association, we would like to thank you for coming out tonight.

Hopefully we have achieved our objectives:

You have a greater understanding of crime in our community

You are leaving with a list of actionable items that you can do to improve your home safety You support a community wide initiative to combat crime in our area.

Please follow up on our websites and we will be emailing updates as we move forward.