

## **OPS SAMPLE Community Safety Letter**

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Dear,

**RE: HINTONBURG NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERN**

**Your Vehicle:**

**Location Stopped:**

**Date & Time Stopped:**

The Hintonburg community in conjunction with the Ottawa Police Service is committed to improving the safety and security of the communities and streets within the City of Ottawa. Numerous residents and business people have expressed their concerns regarding street prostitution in their neighbourhoods. This Community Safety Letter is our way of informing you of the important initiative underway within this neighbourhood and to seek your support.

There is a clear correlation between street prostitution and drug use, including crack cocaine, as well as a variety of health concerns including H.I.V. and Hepatitis. Community members including their children are frequently finding used needles and condoms in playgrounds and public areas. The increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic has a direct effect on the quality of life for the community and we need your help to improve this community.

In order to maximize the efforts of community leaders in securing safe streets for their families, the Ottawa Police Service kindly asks that you help the members of these communities. You can do your part by refraining from bringing your vehicle into this area unnecessarily.

The Ottawa Police Service applauds the efforts of this neighbourhood in attempting to make it a safe community for its families and children. On their behalf, we welcome your support for this important community safety initiative.

If you have any questions, you may consult the Ottawa Police website ([ottawapolice.ca](http://ottawapolice.ca), see Community Safety Letters under Crime Prevention) or you can call me directly at (613) 236-1222 extension 5234. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Gilles Larochelle,  
Superintendent (Central Division)