

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I-21-07: STUNT DRIVING ON WOODROFFE AVENUE

**OBJET: RÉPONSE À LA DEMANDE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS I-21-07:
MANŒUVRES PÉRILLEUSES AU VOLANT SUR L'AVENUE
WOODROFFE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du présent rapport à titre d'information.

INQUIRY

Can the OPS please advise the Board as to whether there will be a traffic study conducted or traffic calming measures implemented on a primarily residential stretch of Woodroffe Avenue between Fallowfield Road and Strandherd Drive? Incidents of street racing have been noted by residents. Please respond with a specific timeline, detailing the action to be taken.

RESPONSE

One of the top priorities for the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is road safety. We are committed to ensuring that all motorists, cyclists and pedestrians share the road safely. Ongoing initiatives like Project Noisemaker to curb issues like speeding and stunt

driving city-wide have resulted in stopping an average of 10 stunt drivers per week last year and issuing 2,300 tickets, including approximately 1,400 for speeding.

We relaunched this initiative on May 1 and will continue to deploy our officers city-wide throughout the summer. In 2020, the OPS charged two stunt drivers in the Woodroffe Avenue/Fallowfield Road/Strandherd Drive area. That number increased to 10 arrests so far in 2021. In 2020, the OPS issued 119 Provincial Offence Notices (PONs), which declined to 85 so far in 2021. Speeding offences from last year to this year have dropped by 33%.

Formal traffic studies fall within the purview of the city of Ottawa.

Last month our Traffic Services Team liaised with Safer Roads Ottawa (SRO) to request that a traffic study be conducted in the area. SRO confirmed that a speed board is scheduled to be installed in that location with data that will be collected and analyzed by both SRO and our own traffic analyst.

Education is key to reducing the number of dangerous drivers on our roads. We rely on reports from residents about the dangerous driving they are seeing in their neighbourhoods. Information from those reports are used to identify problem areas of the city and make the best use of our resources for targeted proactive campaigns like Project Noisemaker.