

## Windsor Police Service Anti-Noise Campaign

The Windsor Police Service (WPS) announces an Anti-Noise Campaign that will run from May 2nd to September 5th 2022. WPS is also pleased to announce a new on-line option for noise complaints.

The Windsor Police Service has noticed increased public concerns surrounding noise pollution in our communities over the years, especially related to unnecessary vehicle noise. The focus of the campaign will be on noise created from vehicles, however is not limited to vehicle noise and all unnecessary noise may be subject to investigation. We will be out in our communities enforcing legislation available to target noise in an effort to increase the quality of living for the residents of Windsor and Amherstburg. Both communities have By-Laws in respect to emission of sounds. Officers also have the ability to lay charges under the Highway Traffic Act in respect to noise and may use discretion as to which legislation to use when laying charges.

Unnecessary motor vehicle noise is not allowed nor acceptable with the City of Windsor or the Town of Amherstburg. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Revving engine
- Squealing tires
- Loud stereo
- Repair, build, modify or test vehicle during prohibited hours
- General loud noise caused by vehicle (ex. no muffler)

Windsor By-Law No. 6716: <https://www.citywindsor.ca/cityhall/By-laws-Online/Documents/6716-NOISE%20BY-LAW.pdf>

As per the Windsor By-Law, Noise is defined as, "unwanted sound and is prohibited in residential areas at all times."

WPS has also implemented a new on-line reporting system, which is simple and provides complainants with a case number and a copy of the report immediately via e-mail. The report will then be routed to the City of Windsor By-Laws department. Not only is the system user-friendly, it also allows our call-takers in our Emergency 9-1-1 Centre to remain available for emergency calls. Those who do require speaking with a call-taker can phone our non-emergency at [519-258-6111](tel:519-258-6111). Always call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

For more information on the new Noise Complaint Online Reporting System, please visit: <https://windsorpolice.ca/services/reporting/Pages/Noise.aspx>

Acting Chief Jason Bellaire stated, "With the arrival of nicer weather, the Windsor Police Service expects to receive an increase in complaints related to noise. We ask that everyone consider others and be respectful to everyone in our communities by complying with all legislation pertaining to unnecessary noise."