



THUNDER BAY OPP – NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

OPP COMMISSIONER HAWKES HONOUR AWARD RECIPIENTS AT CEREMONY

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) hosted an annual award ceremony in Thunder Bay on Wednesday October 17, 2018 for North West Region OPP employees and community members who were recognized for various acts and achievements.

The North West Region Awards are part of a series of award ceremonies held by the OPP every year to recognize various people in each of its regions. Among those recognized are OPP uniformed and civilian members, as well as community members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, dedication, perseverance, innovation and an overall commitment to the OPP and the communities they serve. Employees who have reached service milestones are also recognized.

Among the recipients to whom Commissioner Vince Hawkes presented awards, were members of the Pellatt Fire Department who rescued a husband and wife who had gone through the ice on Sandy Lake in Kenora. Their quick thinking and teamwork saved two lives that day. Also an off duty Nipigon OPP officer who while out fishing on Lake Superior came across two intoxicated subjects in a sailboat. One of the men fell into the lake and was in distress, the officer pulled the subject from the icy waters and placed both men under arrest for impaired operation of a vessel. A First Nations Constable received a Commissioners Letter and St. John Ambulance award for performing CPR on a suicide victim. He was able to revive the subject which allowed them to be transported to a Winnipeg hospital. Two civilians received a Commissioner's Citation for Lifesaving for coming to the rescue of an overdue motorist who rolled his vehicle in a snowstorm and was trapped inside with no heat for over 16 hours. Their actions that night saved a life.

TWO TRIPLE FATALITY ROAD COLLISIONS, NUMEROUS TRAFFIC CHARGES LAID OVER THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

In one of the deadliest Thanksgiving weekends in recent history, two triple fatality collisions were among the four fatal road incidents that claimed a total of eight (8) lives on OPP-patrolled roads.

All four incidents occurred on Saturday, October 6, 2018. The first crash occurred near Port Perry and involved two vehicles in which three people died and two others were injured. The second collision that also claimed three lives and involved two vehicles occurred near Guelph.



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The other two fatalities were the result of two separate road crashes, one in Elgin County and the other in Brant County.

On Friday, October 5, 2018, the OPP wrapped up its Fall Seat Belt Campaign (September 26 - October 5, 2018) just as they geared up for the national Operation Impact Campaign (October 5 - 8, 2018).

The OPP laid 2,475 seat belt charges during the ten-day Seat Belt Campaign.

During Operation Impact, which targeted aggressive, inattentive and alcohol/drug impaired drivers as well as unbuckled occupants, the OPP laid 6,934 charges. The majority of the charges (5,295) were issued to drivers who were speeding (see breakdown of charges below).

Breakdown of Operation Impact 2018 OPP charges:

CHARGES TOTAL

Speeding charges 5,295

Stunt, Racing charges 105

Seat Belt charges 406

Distracted Driving charges 149

Moving Violations 903

Impaired-Over 80 Charges 76

Warn Range Suspensions 33

TOTAL CHARGES 6,934

The OPP is reminding the motoring public that safe driving is the single most effective way to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on our roads.



OPP REPORTS 156 ROAD DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO BIG FOUR

As of October 1, 2018 the deaths of 156 people on Ontario Provincial Police-(OPP)-patrolled roads were linked to the "Big Four" leading contributing factors in road fatalities. These are aggressive driving, alcohol/drug impaired driving, inattentive driving and lack of seat belt use.

So far this year, 50 deaths were linked to speeding (one form of aggressive driving). Thirty seven (37) deaths were attributed to an inattentive driver and 35 deaths involved a driver who had consumed alcohol and/or drugs. Failure to wear a seat belt was a factor in 34 people losing their lives in collisions on OPP-patrolled roads.

Over the Thanksgiving Long Weekend, the OPP joined police partners across Canada for *Operation Impact*, an enforcement-driven initiative aimed at increasing public compliance with laws in place to save lives and reduce injuries on our roads.

"So far this year, the OPP has laid more than 175,155 charges against aggressive, inattentive, alcohol and drug-impaired drivers, and unbuckled vehicle occupants. The three behaviours associated with driving are linked to 15,269 collisions to date, 95 of which were fatal. The goal of *Operation Impact* is not about issuing traffic tickets. It is about seeing every driver, without police intervention, refrain from risky driving behaviours and every vehicle occupant buckled up."

- Deputy Commissioner BRAD BLAIR, Provincial Commander of Traffic Safety and Operational Support.

DID YOU KNOW?

Operation Impact is an annual initiative sponsored by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

Operation Impact is part of Canada's broader [Road Safety Strategy 2025](#) which aims to make Canada's roads the safest in the world.

Drug-impaired and alcohol-impaired driving have always been illegal and this will not change once Cannabis becomes legal on October 17, 2018.



POLICE IN ONTARIO CONDUCT HUMAN TRAFFICKING OUTREACH THROUGH OPERATION NORTHERN SPOTLIGHT

OPP Coordinated Investigations in Ontario

Members of police services throughout Ontario were able to ensure the safety of seven people who were in exploitative situations, including two under the age of 18 as a result of *Operation Northern Spotlight*, a coordinated, national effort to end human trafficking.

Over a seven-day period, 45 police services across Ontario participated in the operation. Forty-five charges were laid against 15 people. A total of 317 police officers, support staff and victim services professionals engaged with 218 potential victims, as part of a joint effort coordinated by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). This was part of a national operation in partnership with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Collaboration among police services is extremely important due to the multi-jurisdictional nature of human trafficking.

Of the seven victims identified:

- Two were recovered by Peel Regional Police Service
- One was recovered by Waterloo Regional Police Service
- Three were recovered by Ottawa Police Service
- One was recovered by Niagara Regional Police Service

During *Operation Northern Spotlight*, police meet with individuals suspected of being in exploitative situations. They are provided contacts and information for community-based support agencies and are offered both immediate and future police assistance to leave the exploitation. The program is not intended to engage those who are not being exploited.

Charges include: Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration, Failure to Comply with Condition of Undertaking or Recognizance, Forcible Confinement, Trafficking in Persons, Material Benefit - Trafficking, Material Benefit from Sexual Services, Procuring, Assault with a Weapon, Aggravated Assault, Assault Causing Bodily Harm, Assault, Pointing a Firearm, Possession of a Weapon for Dangerous Purpose, Criminal Harassment, Uttering Threats, Failing to report contrary to Christopher's Law (Sex offender Registry), Fail to Comply with SOIRA Order, Identity Fraud, Obstruct a Public Officer or Peace Officer, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Youth Criminal Justice Act: 137 - Fail to Comply with Sentence or Disposition.



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The following Ontario police services participated in this year's *Operation Northern Spotlight*:

- Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service
- Barrie Police Service
- Belleville Police Service
- Brantford Police Service
- Brockville Police Service
- Chatham-Kent Police Service
- Cobourg Police Service
- Cornwall Community Police Service
- Dryden Police Service
- Durham Regional Police Service
- Greater Sudbury Police Service
- Guelph Police Service
- Halton Regional Police Service
- Hamilton Police Service
- City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service
- Kingston Police
- Lac Seul Police Service
- LaSalle Police Service
- London Police Service
- Niagara Regional Police Service
- North Bay Police Service
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Orangeville Police Service
- Ottawa Police Service
- Owen Sound Police Service
- Peel Regional Police
- Peterborough Police Service
- Port Hope Police Service
- Rama Police Service
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Sarnia Police Service
- Saugeen Shores Police Service
- Sault Ste. Marie Police Service
- Smiths Falls Police Service
- South Simcoe Police Service
- Stratford Police Service
- Thunder Bay Police Service
- Timmins Police Service
- Toronto Police Service
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- Waterloo Regional Police Service
- West Grey Police Service



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- Windsor Police Service
- Woodstock Police Service
- York Regional Police

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"Human trafficking is a deplorable crime that threatens the safety, livelihood and dignity of those who are being exploited and abused. This is a complex issue that affects some of the most vulnerable people in our society and does not recognize jurisdictional boundaries. It is our duty to recognize and protect these people from exploitation and it is imperative that we have a concentrated effort among all our partners to be effective."

- Deputy Commissioner Rick BARNUM, OPP Investigations and Organized Crime

"Victims of exploitation and human trafficking continue to include our neighbours, our friends and our children. The goal of *Operation Northern Spotlight* is to assist those who are exploited. Human trafficking is real in Ontario."

- Inspector Tina CHALK, Counter Exploitation and Missing Persons Section, Ontario Provincial Police

"More than 300 police officers, support staff and victim services professionals participated in *Operation Northern Spotlight* across Ontario. These operations provided outreach to many people, and resulted in the identification of seven victims. As part of Ontario's Strategy to End Human Trafficking, we will continue to investigate this serious crime to help free victims from a cycle of violence and abuse."

- Detective Staff Sergeant Coyer YATEMAN, Anti-Human Trafficking Investigations Coordination Team, Ontario Provincial Police

OPP CANINES RAISE MORE THAN \$28,000 FOR CHARITY

2019 Canine Calendar Now Available for Purchase

The [Ontario Provincial Police](#) (OPP) has launched its new 2019 Canine Unit Calendar. This is the second annual OPP Canine Unit Calendar, which is created to generate charitable donations to the [OPP Youth Foundation](#) and the [Friends of the OPP Museum](#).

The 2019 Canine Calendar is now available, and makes a great gift for the holidays. Each calendar costs \$10, with all proceeds going to the OPP Youth Foundation and the Friends of the OPP Museum. Calendars can be purchased at the OPP Off Duty Shop (777 Memorial Avenue, Orillia) or [online](#).



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"It's important to understand our past in order to have a good sense of what we want for our future. The annual OPP Canine Unit Calendar raises money to support the history of policing in the communities of Ontario, while also supporting the leaders of tomorrow by investing in the development of our youth. We thank all those who purchase our 2019 Canine Calendar, and appreciate your support of Ontario heritage and youth."

- OPP Deputy Commissioner Brad BLAIR, Traffic Safety and Operational Support

"On behalf of the board of directors of the OPP Youth Foundation, I'd like to thank the OPP family, the Canine Unit and all who bought calendars last year and hopefully, will buy again this year. Funds from calendar sales allow the OPP Youth Foundation to help young people do things that any child should be able to do: play sports, go on a school trip, take music lessons and more. It's all about OPP members helping the youth of Ontario."

- Kevin LEHMAN, Administrator, OPP Youth Foundation

"There is no better way to celebrate our tenth anniversary of the Friends of the OPP Museum than partnering with other unique charities like the OPP Youth Foundation. Fundraising events like these provide a stable annual fundraiser that supports our work preserving and celebrating OPP history, including the stories of these amazing dogs and their handlers."

- Dave OSBORNE, Member of the Board of Directors, Friends of the OPP Museum

ABOUT THE CHARITIES

The OPP Youth Foundation provides funds to disadvantaged youth throughout the province of Ontario, and the Friends of the OPP Museum is a volunteer-based charitable organization that supports, promotes and assists in the preservation of the history of the OPP. For more information, visit oppyouthfoundation.ca and oppmuseumfriends.ca.

ABOUT THE CANINE UNIT

The OPP Canine unit was formed in 1965, at which time only three teams were trained to provide support services to all of the OPP and other law enforcement agencies across the province. There are currently 27 teams, each team consisting of a dog and a handler. There are also an additional 16 dogs trained for specific detection duties.



Each team is stationed at strategic points throughout the province, providing canine support for search and rescue, tracking wanted persons, detecting narcotics, searching for cadavers, as well as firearms, explosives and physical evidence. Canine teams are also involved in community service work, fundraising, and public demonstrations.

[OPP Canine Calendar Video](#)

CRIME PREVENTION WEEK NOVEMBER 4-10, 2018

November 4-10, 2018 has been designated *Crime Prevention Week* in Ontario. As in past years, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (Ministry) will promote an emphasis on crime prevention and community safety during this annual event.

This year's provincial theme is "Crime Prevention: Help Us Help You". It emphasizes the importance of the police working with community partners from a variety of sectors, as well as the public, to develop programs and strategies that address local crime and complex social issues on a sustainable basis. It is through these collaborative efforts that your community can achieve the ideal state where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY PRESENTATION

Provincial Constable Diana Cole attended the Thunder Bay OPP Detachment area schools to provide a Halloween Safety presentation. The safety presentation was in preparation for Halloween night and trick or treating on October 31.

Constable Cole joined in the spirit of Halloween and provided the presentation as the "Constable Cole Emoji" which the students found to be quite amusing. Students in the schools have been provided a Halloween safety presentation, as well as a Halloween reflective wrist band courtesy of Crime Stoppers.

OPP TO PARTICIPATE IN ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE

The 28th Annual Rotary Christmas Parade will be taking place on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 10:00 am. The parade will commence at the Superstore, travel onto Memorial Avenue and conclude at the Community Auditorium, where Santa will be stationed to greet the young and old alike!



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Thunder Bay OPP officers as well as OPP officers from surrounding detachments will be decorating and participating in the parade with an OPP Christmas parade float. Hope to see everyone at the parade to kick off the festive season.

OPP JOIN TOGETHER WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ATV AND SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

On Thursday, November 8, 2018, Thunder Bay OPP officers, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry conservation officers, and the Ministry of Transportation will be joining together to provide All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Snowmobile safety information. The information display will take place on Thursday, November 8, between 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. It will take place at the Canadian Tire at 1221 Arthur Street.

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers look forward to continuing to work with the community on Crime Prevention initiatives. Keep in mind that if you have any information about any crime, we ask that you contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800- 222- TIPS or 623-TIPS or submit a web tip at <http://www.p3tips.com/273>. Remember your identity will remain anonymous and you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.00 and you will never have to testify in court.



November is.....

Women Abuse Prevention Month

National Community Safety and Crime Prevention Month

Crime Prevention Week

National Senior Safety Week

National Addictions Awareness Week

Restorative Justice Week

Bullying Awareness Week

International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

The White Ribbon Campaign



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December is.....

Festive RIDE

National Safe Driving Week

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

United Nations Human Rights Day

If there are other topics you would like addressed in this newsletter or have some ideas, please do not hesitate to call me.

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