



THUNDER BAY OPP – MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A CAREER WITH THE OPP

Recruitment information session in Thunder Bay

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be providing a recruitment information session on Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shuniah Municipal Office located at 420 Leslie Ave, Thunder Bay, ON.

Everyone is welcome to attend this Information Session.

The recruiting is for Ontario Provincial Police Uniform Constables, OPP Auxiliary Constables and OPP Civilian positions at the Provincial Communication Centre in Thunder Bay.

Policing in Ontario is about working with community partners and stakeholders to ensure public safety through a collaborative effort of crime prevention and law enforcement. The OPP provides municipal contract policing, rural policing, traffic enforcement and other police service specialties. Criminal investigations have become more and more complex with the use of computer technology and the internet, requiring officers to be resourceful, skilled, flexible and adaptable to an ever-changing environment.

The OPP is actively recruiting qualified candidates for the full-time position of Provincial Constable.

Competitive and successful applicants are well-educated and enjoy continuous learning. They have a positive work history and experience in leadership roles, are professional, and strive for excellence. They are honest and accountable, caring, respectful and inclusive, and are passionate about serving and protecting all community members and visitors to Ontario.

Applicants must be willing to serve at any of the OPP's posting locations in the province of Ontario to be considered for a constable position with the OPP.

Minimum qualifications (prerequisites)

- Minimum 18 years of age.
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or its equivalent (i.e. grade 12 from any province of Canada). Candidates who do not have a grade 12 diploma, but have completed a college diploma program or a university degree program will be considered as having a grade 12 diploma. Applicants educated outside



Canada should refer to the [Government of Canada - Education Assessment Resources](#).

- Class 'G' driver's license with full driving privileges and no more than 6 demerit points.
- No criminal record for which a records suspension (pardon) has not been received or an absolute/conditional discharge that has not been sealed.
- Fluency in English.
- Certified in Standard First-Aid and CPR (level "C").
- Pass Medical, Psychological, Security, and Financial Assessments and a detailed Character Investigation.
- Successfully obtaining the Ontario Police Fitness Pin Award (Fit Pin) during Week 1 of training is a condition of employment. An overall score of 75% or higher is required.
- OPP applicants must be willing to serve anywhere in the province. Preferences for posting are taken into consideration.

Willing to serve

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Application process

You will find additional information and all application forms under Constable Application.

Consider attending our information session, or follow us on social media to learn more about the OPP and our recruitment initiatives.

Submit your application ONLY when you feel you are at your competitive best.

ONE THOUSAND+ SEAT BELT CHARGES AMONG MORE THAN 10,000 OPP TRAFFIC CHARGES OVER EASTER LONG WEEKEND

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) wrapped up its provincial seat belt campaign over the Easter Long Weekend with more than **1,000** charges laid against unbuckled drivers and passengers who failed to keep themselves safe.

While the OPP is pleased to report a zero fatality weekend on roads, officers focused on all unsafe behaviours that placed drivers and passengers at risk, laying more than **10,200** traffic-related charges across the province.

The number one offence committed by drivers was speeding, with more than **6,400** speeding charges laid.



During last year's long weekend seat belt campaign, officers laid over **1,500** seat belt charges, more than **6,500** speeding charges and close to **11,000** traffic-related charges overall.

The weekend charges serve as an important reminder to drivers and other road users that when the OPP targets one particular behaviour during a traffic safety campaign, officers are highly committed to and well-resourced for enforcing all traffic laws.

ONE QUARTER OF THOSE KILLED IN ROAD COLLISIONS NOT BUCKLED UP

A 10-year data trend analysis has revealed that 24 per cent of people killed on Ontario Provincial Police-(OPP)-patrolled roads were not wearing a seat belt.

The data means that of the 2,483 vehicle occupants who died in collisions between 2009 and 2018, 594 of them were not restrained in the vehicle. Lack of seat belt use has been a factor in 10 of the 47 deaths in road collisions so far this year (2019).

"As a driver or passenger, you can do more than just buckle up. Before you head out on the road, look beyond your own seat belt. If anyone in the vehicle is not wearing one, ask them to buckle up for everyone's safety. Remind them that during a collision, unrestrained vehicle occupants may become human projectiles and pose an additional threat to other people in the vehicle, even those who are wearing a seat belt." -- Thomas Carrique, Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police

"Every time you step into a vehicle, take those first few seconds to buckle up. It's simple - wearing a seatbelt can prevent unnecessary injuries and deaths in the event of a serious collision. By buckling up and ensuring children are properly secured, you are protecting yourself and your family." -- Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General

"Seatbelts save lives and I urge all drivers and passengers to buckle up and ensure children are in the appropriate child car seat, or booster seat for their age, height and weight every time they get into a vehicle." -- Jeff Yurek, Minister of Transportation



QUICK FACTS

OPP-patrolled roads, 2009-2018):

- Drivers (versus passengers) account for 75 percent of the total number of seat belt-related deaths.
- Males between 25-64 years-old account for the highest number of seat belt-related deaths among all male and female age groups.

HELPFUL LINKS

[How to choose the right car seat for your child](#)

HAVE YOU MET SOMEONE ONLINE? DON'T SEND MONEY TO A PERSON YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW

An unfortunate reality of the online dating world is that [romance scams](#) continue to cause victims severe financial hardship and take a toll on their emotional well-being. That emotional embarrassment reduces the number of times this crime is reported to police.

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) [Anti-Rackets Branch](#), Ontario's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and their fraud prevention partners say criminals use romance scams to seek potential victims online. Victims are generally single or recently unattached people including seniors. This form of mass marketing fraud usually occurs through singles and dating-related websites, social media platforms or e-mail blasts. In some cases, prolonged interaction leads to a feeling of 'love' with individuals that has cost some victims hundreds of thousands of dollars before the 'relationship' ends, usually without ever meeting in person.

According to the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#), the Romance scam generated 376 complaints in 2018 and claimed 275 victims in Ontario who lost almost \$12 million. This is almost half of the total Canadian loss. The actual number is likely greater as police admit 95 per cent of these crimes go unreported.

According to the SFO, a recently-unattached senior fell victim to a romance scam. During an eight month period, the victim transferred money 19 times from his local bank to an account in Malaysia. The victim believed he was sending his money to a woman who he had met online. The suspect claimed she was from the Toronto area, but was in Australia on business. The perpetrator had coached the victim on what to say to the bank and further told the victim not to tell anyone about her, as she wanted to surprise everyone with their relationship after she returned to Canada.



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Based on the falsehood of 'love', the victim hid the relationship and the money transfers from his family. The loss of his life savings and significant debt totalled more than \$700,000.

The OPP, SFO and its partners at the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#) have some tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of the Romance scam.

- Don't give out any personal information in an email or when you are chatting online. Educate yourself. Check the person's name, employment information and the addresses used.
- Ask yourself - '*Would someone I have never met really declare their love for me after only a few letters or emails?*' The answer should be no.
- Never send money, or give personal credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know and trust. A request to send money to a foreign country to someone you have never personally met should be a 'red flag' -- no matter how convincing they are.
- Do not send intimate photos to anyone online as they could be used for blackmail.
- If you suspect a loved one is being victimized, talk to them about the warning signs.

If you or someone you know suspect they've been a victim of the [Romance Scam](#), contact the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#) or your local police service.

"Recognize, Reject and Report Fraud"

CRIME STOPPERS "SHRED IT AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT"

Crime Stoppers will be holding a "Shred It" and "Electronics Collection and Recycling Event" on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event is taking place at the Intercity Shopping Centre parking lot (former Sears parking).

Do not become a victim, shred your old personal documents. A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each box of papers brought to the event.

Keep old electronics out of the landfill. Bring them to be recycled or disposed of responsibly. It is an easy way to clean up your storage space and the planet. There will be a free electronics collection and recycling event taking place collecting: TV, computers and laptops, printers and copiers, telephones, cell phones cameras and video recorders.



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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



May is.....

Sexual Assault Prevention Month
National Water Safety Month
Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign
National Summer Safety Week
Ontario Police Memorial Service of Remembrance
Emergency Preparedness Week
Mental Health Week
National Police Week
National Road Safety Week
National Missing Children's Day
Aboriginal Awareness Week
National Safe Boating Awareness Week
Victims and Survivors of Crime Week
Safe Kids Week

June is.....

Seniors Month
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
National Aboriginal Day
National Water Safety Week
International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

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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