



THUNDER BAY OPP – NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

OPP COMMISSIONER CARRIQUE HONOURS AWARD RECIPIENTS AT CEREMONY

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) hosted their annual award ceremony in Kenora on Tuesday October 22, 2019 for North West Region 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 Thomas Carrique presented awards, were members of the North West Region Emergency Response Team who responded to vehicle in the ditch where the male advised he had a gun and after a lengthy standoff, officers had to approach the vehicle as the male set the vehicle and himself on fire. The officers managed to remove the male and get him medical treatment. They were honoured with exemplary performance awards. A civilian Kenora OPP employee was also recognized for 40 years of service. Many more officers have received awards.



OPP REPORT LONG WEEKEND FATALITIES, NUMEROUS COLLISIONS

OPP Wrap up Operation Impact and Fall Seat Belt Campaign

OPP officers were kept busy over the Thanksgiving long weekend, responding to hundreds of collisions and charging thousands of drivers with traffic offences during the *Operation Impact* campaign (October 11-14, 2019).

The OPP reported three (3) traffic fatalities over the weekend. A 21 year-old pedestrian was killed after being struck by a vehicle while walking along Highway 11, north of Orillia on Sunday, October 13. Two other people, aged 51 and 52 were killed after their pick-up truck was struck by a train near South River on Monday, October 14.

The OPP responded to 419 motor vehicle collisions, with 72 of the crashes resulting in injuries.

Officers laid more than 6,000 traffic charges during the four-day national campaign. Speeding offences led the list of violations with close to 4,500 speeding charges laid against aggressive drivers. Officers also laid 138 stunt driving and street racing charges against motorists who engaged in speeds in excess of 50 kilometres per hour above the posted speed limit.

Speeding currently leads the list of causal factors in OPP-investigated traffic fatalities with 47 deaths attributed to this dangerous driving behaviour so far this year.

Impaired driving, distracted driving, moving violations, seat belt non-compliance and other related charges made up the balance of the traffic offences during the four-day national campaign.

The OPP wrapped up its ten-day *Fall Seat Belt Campaign* (October 2-11, 2019) on Friday. Officers laid 2,329 charges against vehicle occupants who were not wearing their seat belt and drivers who failed to ensure passengers under age 16 were buckled up. Lack of seat belt use is currently the second leading causal factor in fatalities on OPP-patrolled roads, with 45 deaths so far this year.

DID YOU KNOW?

Operation Impact is a Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police-led campaign aimed at making Canada's roads the safest in the world, in support of [Canada's Road Safety Strategy 2025](#). The campaign targets the leading causal factors in traffic deaths.



“DON'T CUT LIFE SHORT FOR THE SPORT” SAY OPP AND OFATV

Fatal Off-Road Vehicle Collisions Up

With hunters and off-road enthusiasts taking advantage of the fall riding season, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is partnering with the Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs (OFATV) to remind all off-roaders to do their part to stay safe.

The OPP has responded to 20 fatal off-road vehicle collisions this year, an 18 per cent increase over the 17 fatal collisions at this time last year (2018).

The incidents have cost 16 off-road vehicle drivers and four (4) passengers their lives. OPP investigations revealed that more than half (12) of the deceased were not wearing a helmet during their ride. Losing control was a contributing factor in half (10) of the fatalities and has been the leading factor in off-road vehicle deaths for the last four years (2016-2019).

At least eight (8) of this year's deaths involved alcohol/drugs - another dangerous behaviour that costs off-road vehicle drivers and passengers their lives every year. At least 10 of last year's fatalities were alcohol/drug-related.

"Every year, our collision data tells us that the majority of off-road vehicle deaths involve riders who underestimate the risks of riding without a helmet, fail to maintain control of their vehicle or drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Whether you are hunting by off-road vehicle this fall or simply out for a ride, make every ride a safe one for you and your passengers."

- Deputy Commissioner Rose DiMarco, Provincial Commander, Traffic Safety and Operational Support

"Off-roading, hunting and camping are great ways to enjoy the outdoors this fall. Many of us love to enjoy it with family and friends so please remember that safety is not only about you. It's also about the safety of your passengers and others who are out enjoying the sport with you. Remember the basics such as always wearing a helmet and riding within your abilities. Don't become a statistic."

- Denise Erickson, General Manager, Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs

QUICK FACTS

More than half of the drivers and passengers who have died in off-road vehicle collisions in the past 10 years (2009-2019) were not wearing a helmet.

HELPFUL LINK <https://ofatv.org/atv-safety/>



EVERYONE CAN COMBAT CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminals Victimize all Ontarians

Cybercrime costs all Ontarians by directly victimizing individuals, businesses and provincial infrastructure.

Cybercrime occurs when technology is used to carry out criminal offences such as fraud, identity theft, cyberbullying and child exploitation; or when technology is the target of the criminal offence, such as the disruption of computer systems through ransomware or Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attacks. In 2019, ransomware attacks in Ontario alone have cost victims millions of dollars to repair and mitigate. In Canada, cybercrime now totals in the billions of dollars annually.

As technology develops and interconnectivity of computer devices continues to expand through the '[Internet of Things](#),' there are increasingly more opportunities for cybercriminals to victimize those neither prepared nor knowledgeable on how to protect themselves and their workplaces from cyber-attacks.

For helpful tips and links, follow the OPP on [Twitter](#) (@OPP_News), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and use the hashtag #CyberAware.

If you or someone you know suspects they have been a victim of digital or online cybercrime, contact your local police service or local OPP detachment, the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#) or through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [p3tips.com](#).

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"As we near the second decade of the 21st century, we must all recognize the real and serious impact cybercrime has on our communities. Everyone has a role to play in preventing the increasing risk of cybercrime victimization within Ontario. The OPP knows that it is essential that we collaborate with our public safety partners to manage risks, reduce threats and minimize harm to our community members. We encourage everyone to educate and protect themselves from cybercriminals."

- Thomas CARRIQUE, OPP Commissioner

LEARN MORE

[Get Cyber Safe](#) is a national, multi-jurisdiction, public awareness campaign created to educate Canadians about Internet security and the simple steps they can take to protect themselves online. Visit getcybersafe.gc.ca/

[Cyber Security Risks](#) (courtesy of Public Safety Canada)



CRIME PREVENTION WEEK NOVEMBER 3-9, 2019

November 3-9, 2019 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 "Preventing Crime, Protecting People". 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.

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police, Thunder Bay Police Service, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Anishinabek Police Service and Canadian National Police will join together at Intercity Mall on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to provide information to the public.

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 a "pumpkin" which the students found to be quite amusing. Students in the schools have been provided a Halloween safety presentation, as well as a Halloween treat.

OPP TO PARTICIPATE IN ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE

The 29th Annual Rotary Christmas Parade will be taking place on Saturday, November 16, 2019 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!

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.



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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 & Crime Prevention Month
Crime Prevention Week
National Senior Safety Week
Remembrance Day
National Addictions Awareness Week
Restorative Justice Week
Bullying Awareness Week
International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women
The White Ribbon Campaign

December is.....

Festive R.I.D.E.
National Safe Driving Week
National Day of Remembrance & 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 contact me.

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