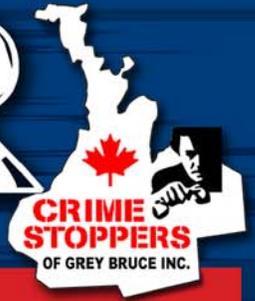


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January is Crime Stoppers Awareness month

“Stand Up, Stand Together”



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce joins hands with our partners globally to celebrate the community collaboration between the Public, Media, and the Police. The Crime Stoppers program provides concerned citizens with an anonymous channel to report criminal activity. Remember: community safety

is a shared responsibility.

Crime Stopper’s success is reflected in the numbers. In Grey and Bruce Counties police were supplied with approximately 600 tips from Crime Stoppers in the last year resulting in the recovery of over \$150,000 of stolen property; the seizure of over \$500,000 worth of drugs and proceeds; the arrests of more than 30 people and a total of 145 charges. Since its inception in 1987 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce’s tips have led to the seizure or recovery of almost 55 million dollars in drugs, cash, and property!

What is Crime Stoppers?

Crime Stoppers is a community-based program that allows residents to provide anonymous information about criminal activity. Crime Stoppers is overseen by a volunteer Board that is passionate about making a difference in their community. As a registered charity Crime Stoppers relies on the generosity of community donors to fund our program.

Tips are received anonymously from “Tipsters” contacting Crime Stoppers. All tips are shared with police and other investigative agencies to be followed

up on. Crime Stoppers works diligently to shield the identity of the Tipsters. If tip information is accurate and leads to an arrest or the recovery of drugs or stolen property, the Tipster may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$2,000.

Crime Stoppers is best used for community members who do not wish to be identified, or to appear in court. “Tipsters” may have information about crime, and Crime Stoppers offers them an alternate resource to contacting police.

Crime Stoppers is not for emergency response. We encourage the community to call 911 to report crimes, suspicious persons, or activities in progress.

You can report tips to Crime Stoppers by: Calling 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS); Downloading the free P3 Tips mobile app; or making an online “Web-Tip” at www.cstip.ca.

Make a Difference in your Community:

“Stand Up, Stand Together” is our theme for Crime Stoppers Month this year. Often people are hesitant to come forward because of many reasons. By providing anonymity and removing the burden of testifying in court, Crime Stoppers makes it easier and safer to help the police make a difference in your community. By standing up and standing together, taking the time to report information we can be part of the solution.

Crime Stoppers is looking for self-motivated, committed members to represent the communities of Grey and Bruce Counties on the Board of Directors or as volunteers for fundraising events and community awareness initiatives.



Letters to the Editor

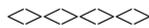
Thank you for the magazine. It's an excellent publication and Morley is certainly an invaluable member of the program. Special congratulations to you on winning the "Bucko Award." Dean was a great guy and good friend and I'm confident that he would be very pleased with your choice as the first recipient. Congratulations.

David J. Forster
President
Canadian Crime Stoppers Association



This is SO GOOD! I remember the Lois Hanna case and the support from the community. Have you shared this with Wayne Somers(OACS) and Dave Forster (CCSA)? I know Dave in particular would be interested in what you've developed here. And such positive feedback! Excellent work to all involved!

Sarah Bowers-Peter
Program Coordinator
Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers



I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in National Crime Stoppers Month.

This month offers a wonderful opportunity to bring awareness to the Crime Stoppers program, aimed at empowering Canadians to report suspicious or criminal activity anonymously. Since its inception in Canada, this important partnership between the community, the media and the police has resulted in the clearing of more than 270,000 cases and helped to recover more than \$500 million worth of stolen property. I am certain that the many events centered on this year's theme, "Stand Up, Stand Together," will prove to be both insightful and rewarding.

I would like to commend the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association and its 87 Member Programs across Canada for their commitment to the fight against crime. You can take pride in knowing your efforts are helping to shape our communities for the better.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful National Crime Stoppers Month.

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

On behalf of all members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), I am pleased to acknowledge and support Crime Stoppers Month.

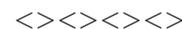
I applaud the efforts of all Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers members, volunteers and supporters who have enthusiastically contributed thousands of hours of volunteer time and financial support to the ongoing success of the 37 Ontario Crime Stoppers programs.

The OPP remains steadfast in our commitment to Crime Stoppers, which is demonstrated by the support of our Community Safety Services team and the numerous OPP members who work directly with their local programs.

Keeping our communities safe is a shared interest. The OPP recognizes that we do not police the community, we police with the community. This year's theme, "Stand Up, Stand Together," emphasizes how Canadians must stand up and stand together to keep our communities safe.

Once again, I commend Crime Stoppers for the outstanding work being done throughout the province. Please accept my best wishes for continued success in 2023.

Thomas Carrique, O.O.M.
Commissioner
Ontario Provincial Police



The Town of the Blue Mountains Police Services Board (PSB) is well aware of the work the volunteers of Grey Bruce Crime Stoppers puts into its role of providing an anonymous way for folks to assist with crime prevention and resolution in our community. It is indeed a measure of their success to see the statistics provided annually on arrests, property recovery and reduction in supply of illicit drugs. Our OPP detachment and others truly benefit from these efforts and the unique "anonymity" feature of this program. We are also appreciative of the new "Hate is Not Anonymous - But Your Call Is" initiative, and will be anxious to learn of its future successes.

Thanks again for all the work, and keep it up !

Jim Oliver,
Police Services Board,
The Town of the Blue Mountains

Service with Passion

Crime Stoppers Coordinator receives Achievement Award

by Margaret Visser

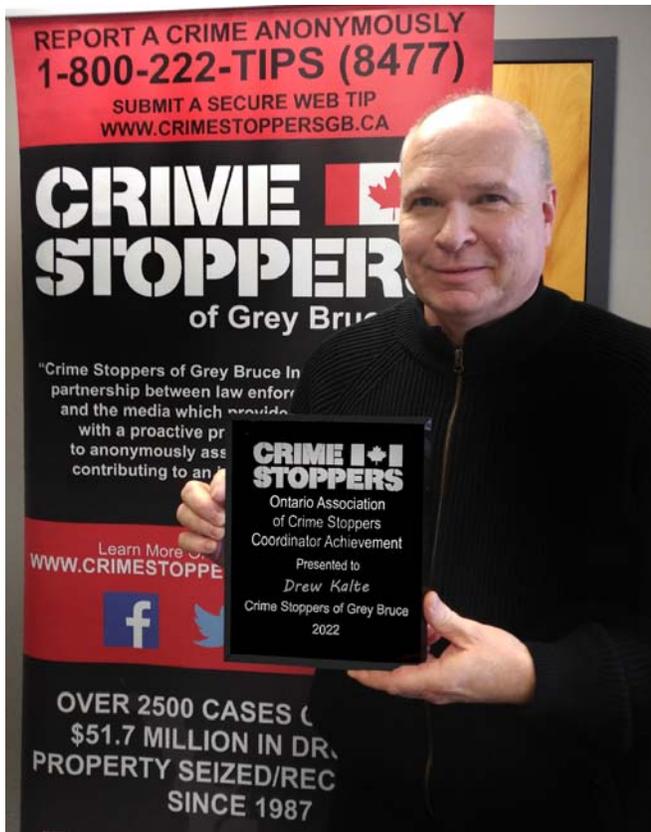


Photo: Sarah Bowers-Peter

I was asked to write a submission for Drew Kalte for the Coordinator Achievement Award. I thought, “Of course, that will be easy since he is indispensable for Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce.” But how does one start to explain the magnitude of the impact he has on the program?

Earlier this year, at the golf tournament, Crime Stoppers’ biggest annual fundraiser, Desiree, Drew’s daughter, was driving me in the golf cart and she said she was so proud of her Dad. Desiree talked about the length of time he has been involved with Crime Stoppers and his knowledge and organizational skills that benefit the Crime Stoppers program. I was impressed with her sincerity and admiration for her dad, our Program Coordinator.

After much reflection and consideration, I have put all of the wonderful work Drew does into four categories. They are reception and communication, organization of information and files, handling the P3 tips and fundraising.

The year 2021 marked the twenty fifth year that Drew Kalte has been the Coordinator of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. He received his 25 year pin from the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers at our Annual General Meeting. Twenty-five years is a long time. It is older than his daughter. Drew knows the history of the organization. When former Board members pass away, Drew can recall what they provided to the program. He remembers past volunteers and past fundraising endeavours. However Drew is a quiet and unassuming Coordinator. He works diligently but never looks for the lime-light.

Reception and Communication

Drew carries out all the office responsibilities of answering the telephone, replying to e-mails and regular mail. He is the first person most potential volunteers and the public talk to. He communicates with donors, sponsors, the media, Board members and other Crime Stoppers organizations.

He replies to all types of inquiries and passes on the information or request to the appropriate committee or Board members. If I am looking for information on past names, Drew will find it quickly.

As a Board member, if I am wondering what other Crime Stoppers organizations do in certain situations, Drew will contact them and follow up quickly and appropriately. I am always amazed how quickly he gets back to the Board with answers.

Organization of Information and Files

Drew prepares reports and agendas for the Board meetings. He sends out application forms to those inquiring to be a Board member or volunteer and sends the completed application to the membership committee. Drew follows up the application process helping the applicant to get their police check and oath of secrecy. He stores all info at the office. He keeps records of all volunteers and Board members who have applied to Crime Stoppers. He remembers names well and can retrieve information quickly when asked. The Board Chair has often expressed appreciation for Drew’s efficiency.

Handling the P3 tips

Board members do not have access to the tips. This is solely for Drew who works through the tip process and regularly coordinates with five different police forces in our seventeen municipalities.

Since Drew is the only Coordinator and the one who deals with the tips, he still checks the tips line on his holidays and weekends because, as he explained to me, even though he is on holidays, he doesn't want any tip to be delayed in reaching the police since you never know when a tip will lead to an arrest.

Drew sends the proper info to the Board for reward approvals and follows through on rewards being paid. He keeps it all anonymous and professional.

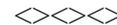
Fundraising

As all Crime Stoppers organizations, raising funds is paramount. Drew sends request letters each year asking for funds to all seventeen Municipalities which we serve. He keeps in touch with organizations and is aware if there are grant programs available or organizations able to give donations. We have a lot of regular donors and Drew keeps track of them all. The golf tournament is our biggest annual fundraiser. Every

year, Drew is an organizer for this event. He sends out letters for sponsors and coordinates with Board members doing the same.

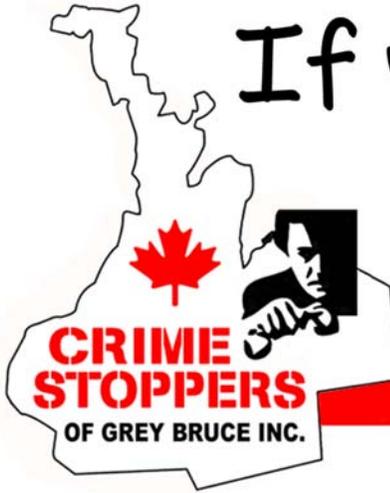
As Board members also get donors and sponsorships, Drew keeps the master list. He assists with all aspects of the golf tournament and is the main communication link between Crime Stoppers and the golf planning committee. If there is anything a board member needs to know, they just check with Drew. He always has the answer or will get it right away.

Desiree, the Board members of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce agree with you. Drew is someone to admire and honour. Drew Kalte is the one who keeps Crime Stoppers running and in working order. He has done an excellent job for 25 years, and supplies the organization with stability and continuity. All the Board members count on him to keep them organized. We are all thankful for how he serves Crime Stoppers every day with dedication and passion.



Margaret Visser is the Secretary to the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce.





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Just looking for one more clue



Neil McDougall left Three-Way Demolition in Durham on Friday, October 11, 1985 with a co-worker and went home.

After supper Mr. McDougall went to Ayton, to Blondie's Tavern at the Commercial Hotel. He left the hotel with someone else and they met up elsewhere with the co-worker who had driven him home earlier. Mr. McDougall later returned to the hotel and left at closing time, between 1:30 – 1:40 am.

McDougall was last reported leaving a residence on Edmund Street, Ayton at 2 a.m. October 12, 1985. His pickup truck was discovered near Ayton later that same day. Police noted the ashtray was filled with different brands of cigarette butts indicating another person may have been with him prior to his disappearance.

McDougall has been described as meticulous, habitual, responsible and hardworking. When he went missing, Neil was planning to adopt his wife's children who enjoyed his company and would sometimes go out with him to do contract work.

Foul play is suspected. Mr. McDougall was declared legally dead in 1996. In 2007, the case was reopened and OPP Det. Const. Dan Linkenheld told the media that police believe they knew what happened and they just needed someone to finally talk about what they would only call "an event" attended by "many people" after bar-closing time the night McDougall disappeared.

The OPP continues to lead the investigation into the disappearance, and the province is now offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction. If you wish to remain anonymous, however, Crime Stoppers can do that and pay a reward for up to \$2,000. No one will know who you are... ever.



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Vehicles and equipment stolen in Lucknow

At 1:33 p.m. on November 19, 2022, three suspects were shown on security video at a business located on Amberley Road west of Lucknow exiting a black Dodge pickup towing a tandem axle landscape trailer.

The suspects loaded an orange Kubota ISSV65P skid steer loader and a red 2016 Suzuki King Quad 750 ATV onto the trailer, causing substantial damage to the business property in the process. Afterwards, the suspects attended a parking lot at the south end of Wingham.

Kubota skid steer VIN serial number is 12630

Suzuki Kingquad VIN serial number is 5SAAR41P1G7103025



Goderich - Cash Stolen

A 41-year-old man from Goderich has been arrested in connection to a break-in which saw over \$100,000 in Canadian currency stolen from a Goderich, Ont. home.

On December 21st, police announced the man had been charged with two counts of possession of proceeds obtained by crime and two counts of breach of probation.

According to police, the cash was stolen from the home overnight sometime between Nov. 11 and 12. The denominations of the cash were mainly \$100 and \$50 bills.

“Investigators believe that the accused did not act alone in this crime and that other members of the

community still have information that should be brought forward to aid in the investigation,” Huron County Ontario Provincial Police said in a news release. “Police are still asking for the public's assistance should they observe suspicious activity involving large Canadian bills.”

Carrick Twp. - Car Stolen

Sometime between October 1, 2022 and October 28, 2022 a gray Chevrolet Monte Carlo, bearing plates **122 JEV** and equipped with a silver leather rooftop, Corvette rally rims, Cooper tires, and a moon roof, was stolen from a residence along the B Line in Carrick Township.

Port Elgin - Mountain Bike Stolen



On November 17, 2022 between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 6:50 a.m. two individuals entered a residence located on Elgin Street in Port Elgin. The suspects stole a 2008 Trek Top Fuel 9.9 mountain bike worth over \$5,000. The bike is described as black with white forks and clip-in pedals.

Port Elgin - ATV Taken



Sometime between October 30, 2022 and November 13, 2022 a white and black 2015 Polaris Sportsman 570

ATV, bearing plate **7DA71**, was stolen from a location in the 800 block of Mill Street in Port Elgin.

Culross Twp. - Snowmobile stolen



Sometime between 6:00 p.m. on November 12, 2022 and 6:00 p.m. on November 14, 2022 a blue Polaris 600 snowmobile, bearing licence **3AF483** and valued at \$5,000, was stolen from a residence along Concession 10 in Culross Township.

Port Elgin - ATV Stolen



On November 7, 2022 police received a report that a 2015 blue Polaris Sportsman ATV, bearing plate **5MH77**, was stolen from the area of Victoria Street South in Southampton.

The stolen ATV will have a “V” shaped crack in the center of the front plastic light shield.

Culross Twp. - Pickup Truck Stolen

Sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on November 2, 2022 a black Dodge Ram pickup, bearing plates **AL 59368**, was stolen from a property along Sideroad 5B in Culross Township. The truck has orange lights mounted behind and above the cab, and “Quality Poultry Services Ltd.” lettering on both sides.

Port Elgin - Construction site tools taken

Sometime between October 26, 2022 and October 27, 2022, an unknown suspect broke into a construction site in the 300 block of Mary Rose Avenue in Port Elgin and stole several tools in their cases.

Stolen were a **Paslode** framing nailer and pin nailer; **Ramset** concrete nailer and powder gun; and a **Stihl** concrete saw.

The vehicle involved may possibly be a **white GMC older model pickup truck** with a damaged left tail light that is taped up with red Tuck Tape.

Kincardine - Truck Stolen



On December 7, 2022, at 1:01 p.m., Police received a theft report from a residence along Wilson Crescent in Kincardine. Sometime between 6:00 and 7:30 a.m. on December 7, 2022, a Black Ram 1500 pick-up with license # **BN29908** was taken. The Vehicle Identification Number is:

1C6RR7G5ES269667.

Saugeen Shores - ATV Stolen



On December 15, 2022 a blue 2011 Yamaha Grizzly ATV was stolen from an address on Sideroad 13/14 in the Town of Saugeen Shores. A male, described as wearing a Fox Racing ball cap and a red or orange hoodie under his jacket, was recorded on security video at the location.

Hanover - Distraction theft

Hanover police continue to investigate a distraction theft that occurred in the Walmart parking lot on Dec. 12 at approximately 12:20 p.m.

The victim in this occurrence was sitting in her vehicle when she was approached by two men reporting that her vehicle was leaking oil. When the victim exited to check underneath her vehicle one of the men removed bank cards from her wallet. The victim later realized her bank cards had been used around Ontario to make unauthorized purchases.

Meaford - Missing Person



The Ontario Provincial Police is asking for the public's help in identifying a man as part of an ongoing investigation in Meaford. The man is white, around 25 to 35 years old. He has tattoos on the left side of his neck and near his left eye and temple.

Bruce Twp. - Vehicles Stolen



Sometime between 12:00 p.m. on November 27, 2022 and 8:45 a.m. on November 28, 2022, out-buildings at a property along Concession 2 in Bruce Township were forcibly entered.

Stolen items include a green John Deere tractor, a yellow Ski-Doo MXZ bearing licence **837897**, and a blue Yamaha Kodiak ATV bearing licence **11FX0**. The serial number for the Ski-Doo is **133601131** and the ATV **5Y4AJ14W25A302341**.

Port Elgin - Metal Theft

On October 24, 2022 around 5:00 a.m. an unknown suspect broke into a fenced compound belonging to Mowbray's Canadian Tire, located on Highway 21 in Port Elgin, and removed a quantity of scrap metal.

Owen Sound - Auto Break-ins

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and the Owen Sound Police Service are seeking the public's help in solving a series of thefts from vehicles in the early morning hours of September 2, 2022. It is believed that multiple vehicles were entered sometime around 1:00 a.m. in the 500 block of 13th Street "A" West.

Stolen was a large quantity of DeWalt battery powered tools and a portable stereo, all yellow in colour, that were in a yellow tool case.

Georgian Bluffs - Boat and Trailer Theft

On June 22 a boat and a trailer being stolen from a residence on Concession 5 in Georgian Bluffs.



Police describe the stolen boat as a 13-foot Highfield model OM250 inflatable watercraft with a metal hull, a centre console and a grey

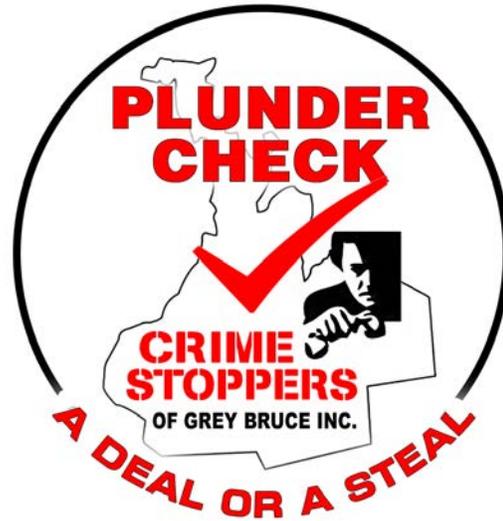
Yamaha 40 horsepower outboard motor.

The boat has the name "Last Call" written on the rear seat. It is grey and white in colour.

A trailer was also reported stolen. It has the name "BERESFORD" on both sides of the frame.

The value of the boat and trailer is about \$30,000.

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Take down the serial number attached to the merchandise or vehicle. Make note of the date, time and location you saw the vehicle. Then go to CSTIP.ca and click on the PLUNDER CHECK button. This will take you to the *Canadian Police Information Centre* where you will be invited to type in those numbers. If the property is hot or wanted for investigation you will be notified to contact your local police, OR call Crime Stoppers anonymously, supply the location and details where the property can be found.



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Time to Take Action

Recruiting members for a community-based crime prevention action table

by Sarah Pelton

A new group called Community Safety and Well-Being Planning (CSWBP) has been organized to serve the communities of Bruce and Grey Counties. The new planning group brings together representatives from lower-tier municipalities, the counties of Bruce and Grey, police services and police service boards, boards of education, and education, health and social services agencies and community partners.

CSWBP promotes an evidence-based, research-driven approach to reducing crime by focusing on factors that impact safety and well-being before crime occurs. It provides a model for cross-section collaboration and coordination that addresses crime prevention by investing in social development, prevention and risk intervention in order to reduce the need for acute incident responses.

Work Has Already Been Undertaken

Following legislation under the Community Safety and Policing Act (2019), municipalities in Ontario were required to develop a community safety and well-being plan. In our region, the counties of Bruce and Grey and 16 member municipalities worked together to respond jointly and created a plan that is currently being implemented.

What is Happening Now

Currently in phase two, action tables are being identified to address five priority areas - including crime prevention - that have been determined to be of greatest concern. Action tables will work to respond to issues that fall within the purview of each priority area by identifying and tracking relevant indicators, measuring progress, and reporting outcomes.

Issues addressed through these action tables will require a broad, system-level response and will bring together community partners and individuals who are interested in collaborative responses to issues impacting community safety and well-being.

In the community engagement survey that informed the initial phase of CSWBP, crime prevention was identified as an area of priority, ranking third (#3) overall, and in the top three areas of importance by 44 per cent of survey respondents (Bruce County

42%, Grey County 46%). When asked which areas were of particular concern in this category, break and enter, drug trafficking and theft were the top concerns followed by intimate partner or domestic violence and human trafficking.

How can you become involved?

CSWBP is currently recruiting participants for the action table focusing on crime prevention. This group will bring together interested members of the public with representatives from local police services, municipalities, businesses, educational organizations, and other community agencies. The focus will be crime prevention through social development. This will be accomplished by identifying opportunities for increased awareness, education, and engagement with the public concerning the risk factors and protective factors related to crime.

Members of the crime prevention action table will work towards collaborative strategies that focus on improving safety and perceptions of safety in our communities. Together, they will promote approaches to crime prevention that enhance planning strategies and preventative solutions to community safety. The crime prevention action table will take a holistic approach to exploring community safety and well-being issues and will work with other CSWBP action tables to identify opportunities for developing awareness, education, and knowledge mobilization across the municipalities of Bruce and Grey.



Grey Bruce CSWBP
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Visit: www.cswbp-brucegrey.ca

If you are interested in contributing your enthusiasm, skills, and knowledge to promote a broader understanding of crime prevention that supports Bruce and Grey communities as safe and welcoming communities, please contact Sarah Pelton (spelton@brucecounty.on.ca) to learn more and request an application form.

NEWS DESK

Spike in fatalities prompts local police traffic blitz

(CKNXNewsToday.ca)

Due to a recent spike in roadway fatalities, police in Grey-Bruce Counties conducted a traffic blitz to help curb dangerous driving.

So far this year, the Grey-Bruce region has one of the highest fatality rates in the western Ontario region from motor vehicle accidents. The traffic blitz was conducted on November 25, and 28 drivers were charged with speeding related offences. Officers also laid four charges for commercial motor vehicles, one of which had improper brakes, and that vehicle was put out of service.

Police are urging drivers to plan ahead, slow

down when necessary, drive to the conditions, and don't drive distracted or impaired.



At a conference held earlier in the year at OPP West Region Headquarters, Acting Superintendent Shawn Johnson stated "When you factor in alcohol or drug impairment, distraction, speed, or other aggressive behaviours, you have a recipe for tragedy. These are collisions that don't need to happen; they

are entirely preventable, and it needs to stop."

If you see a dangerous driving activity call police immediately. If you wish to remain anonymous contact Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce.

'An upward trend': Police are warning residents of rise in break-ins

(Global News)

Police in York Region are warning residents that break and enters in the area are on the rise.

York Regional Police said there has been "an upward trend" in break and enters in the region "as daylight hours have grown shorter."

The force said that between Nov. 7 and 21, officers have investigated 77 break-ins in the region.

"That number is highest during the two-week period following Daylight Savings Time since 2019," police said in a news release.

Police said in one instance, two suspects allegedly used a ladder to attempt to enter the second

storey of a home through a window.

"When the homeowner received an alert from her security cameras, she called police," the force said. "Officers on the ground coordinated with a tactical flight officer high above to make the arrest."

Police said a 30-year-old man was charged with breaking and entering with intent and trespassing at night. Officers are still seeking to identify the second suspect.

Police said in another instance on Nov. 12, suspects allegedly attempted to enter a window in the second storey of a home by stacking patio furniture on a large heater. When police arrived, the three suspects fled, police said and are still outstanding.

Police say shorter daylight hours and increased trips away from the house for such things as Christ-

mas shopping may be making easier targets for enterprising criminals.

The force has offered a few tips to residents, to protect their homes:

- install a quality deadbolt lock and always lock doors and windows, including on the second floor;
- put interior lights on timers to give thieves the impression you are at home while you are away;
- ask a friend to shovel snow, park in your driveway or pick up mail if you are away;
- install a security camera that provides updates to your cell phone.

Protect your home using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design concepts

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a philosophy that encourages the use of design to eliminate or reduce criminal behaviour. Using CPTED principles at your home or business poses a challenge for criminals and reduces your risk of becoming a victim.

Small things, like ensuring trees and bushes around your property are not overgrown so criminals can use them as cover, making sure doors and windows are unobstructed so criminals can be easily seen and installing and maintaining sufficient lighting all contribute to making your home and community a safer place.

You can reduce the risk to your family, home or business by implementing some security safety tips. Every property is unique and every family is different. Speak with members of your family and assess home or business security strategies. Walk around your property, making note of any concerns. Is the security on your property sufficient to deter a thief? Will your security measures increase the chances of the culprit being caught?

Two other tips to consider. Sit down with your family and discuss such things as a clear exit strategy from your home in case of fire or other emergency. Secondly discuss where family members may hide in your residence in case of an unlawful intrusion. Practice these strategies with them.

More CPTED tips

- Remove/trim decorative shrubs and trees that may obstruct anyone seeing if a criminal is at your home or business. Provide an unobstructed view

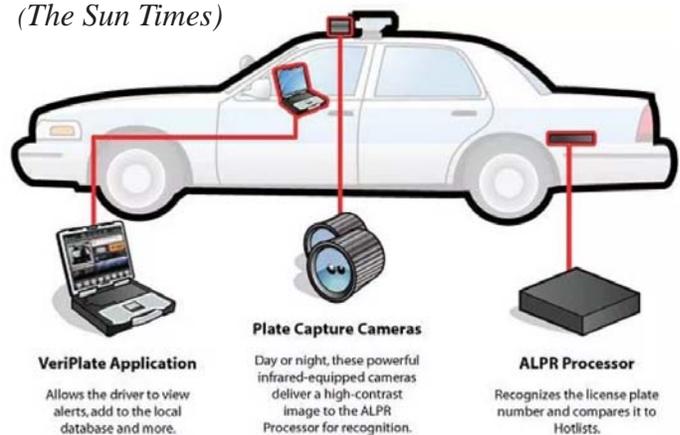
of the area around your property.

- Install fencing with a secure lockable gate to clearly define your property and prevent easy access to the back of your home.
- Install bright security lighting, using motion detectors is a good consideration to conserve energy while providing security.
- Install solid-core doors on all exterior doors with deadbolt locks.
- Secure all sheds and outbuildings, making sure they are visible from the home.

<https://www.cptedontario.com/>

Grey-Bruce police services receive funding for licence plate recognition technology

(The Sun Times)



Local police services are getting provincial funding for technology that automatically scans vehicle licence plates.

Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Rick Byers announced the Owen Sound Police Service will receive more than \$95,000, while the West Grey Police Service will receive just under \$72,000.

Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson's office confirmed on Thursday that the Saugeen Shores Police Service was receiving just over \$93,000 in the program.

"The Ontario government is providing our local police services with additional funding further to spring's announcement that builds on the resources needed to keep our community safe from crime," Byers said in the release.

The system is to be installed in or on police cruisers and alerts officers to stolen or expired plates, or plates registered to suspended drivers. The system can also notify officers of missing and wanted persons and vehicles associated with Amber Alerts, the release said.

The technology does not detect moving violations such as speeding, going through red lights or stop signs, or distracted driving.

The funds being provided through the Automated Licence Plate Recognition Technology Grant are a one-time contribution to help police services strengthen roadside law enforcement efforts and improve public safety, the release said.

The technology supports the province's move earlier this year to eliminate licence plate renewal fees and stickers for passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, motorcycles and mopeds by allowing licence plate information to be read automatically without requiring an officer to see a physical licence sticker to validate a vehicle, the release said.

While they no longer receive a physical sticker, vehicle owners are still required to renew their licence plate every one or two years at no cost to confirm their vehicle insurance is valid and pay any outstanding Highway 407 tolls or other municipal fines.

Renewals can be done at www.ontario.ca/page/renew-your-licence-plate.

Police urge residents to take precautions to combat 'porch pirates'



Increase in holiday parcel delivery means increased opportunity for thieves

"Porch pirates" are individuals who steal packages left by a courier on doorsteps or porches. This crime is most often a crime of opportunity but can be more organized with thieves following delivery trucks on their route.

With an increase in doorway deliveries of parcels as people shop before the holiday season, police are encouraging residents to take precautions to protect packages from theft.

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Police suggest if someone has surveillance cameras on their property, ensure they are fully powered and have adequate storage or internet access.

When making a purchase online or sending a package, police recommend taking the time to check the delivery options to set up drop-off dates, drop-off locations, set up signed delivery and parcel tracking.

Police have also shared the following tips to help people protect against parcel theft:

- Most companies offer a tracking number. Use it to know when the package is expected to be arriving.
- Arrange to have the package delivered at home or ask a trusted neighbour to bring the parcel inside their home when it arrives.
- Have packages delivered to work (where allowed) to a Canada Post office or an authorized shipping centre.
- Install a motion-sensor camera or doorbell camera.
- Get a 'safe drop' or locked mailbox for packages.

If you see suspicious activity in your neighbourhood or know of a person who commits these type of offences you are encouraged to call police. If you wish to report a suspect but wish to remain anonymous contact Crime Stoppers.

Driveway Repair Fraud Suspect Sought

Peel police are looking for a 20-year-old man wanted on a charge of defrauding the public.



From June to August, multiple victims across the Greater Toronto Area, including Peel, have reportedly lost thousands of dollars to a contractor who promised driveway repairs, according to police.

Police say a suspect falsely identified himself as the employee of a driveway repair company, soliciting business

door-to-door.

It's believed he would create a sense of urgency so that clients would pay money up front.

In some cases, it's alleged the work would start, but would not be finished.

In others, clients would not be able to reach him, and work was not started.

A warrant has been issued for Tom Delaney.

Investigators are asking any other victims or anyone with information to come forward by calling 905-453-2121, ext. 3335.

Troubling trend: Hate motivated crimes are on the rise

(Courtesy CBC News)

The growing rate of hate-motivated crimes reported by police is a problem Canada-wide, as recently reported by Statistics Canada.

Last April, the CBC reported that according to Greater Sudbury Police in both 2019 and 2020, four hate motivated crimes were brought forward by the public. However, that number climbed to 10 last year. What's more is that four of the 10 incidents reported targeted the city's Jewish community.

Now, the CBC has learned that the troubling upward trend has not spared other northeastern cities in Ontario.

In North Bay, police recorded one hate motivated incident in 2019 and zero in 2020. But that number climbed to five in 2021. Meanwhile the number of incidents in Timmins swelled from two in 2019 and one in 2020 to seven last year.

"Percentage-wise, yes, it is a large increase. But these are still very low numbers," said David Woolley, a corporate communications officer with North Bay police.

"Keep in mind that none of these are violent assaults. They're all concerning because all crime is concerning but this shouldn't be seen as a ... rash of violent attacks."

As for Sault Ste. Marie, police reported 10 hate-motivated incidents last year. That's up from four in both 2019 and 2020. The CBC reached out to Mayor Christian Provenzano for an interview but he declined.

Mohammed Hashim is the executive director of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF), a federal crown corporation dedicated to anti-racism. He said the rising numbers largely stem from two main issues.

"One is political polarization has given a sense of freedom to those who want to espouse hateful views but also the acceleration and the accessibility of hate speech has never been higher before," he said.

"You see that online, that the accessibility of hate speech and hateful ideas and thoughts is literally three clicks away."

New nation-wide task force

The Race Relations Foundation of Canada announced in March that it will co-chair a new task force with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to create Canada's first official set of standards to investigate hate crimes.

"The way information is received about hate

crimes by police, the way that information is collected, tagged as hateful, adjudicated ... then prosecuted, then sentenced if found guilty — all of those systems have deficiencies right across the board," Hashim said.

"There is one consistency about hate crimes ... it is consistently not being investigated properly," he said.

The current deficiencies, Hashim said, make convicting hate crimes difficult. Particularly when it comes to hate speech.

"Having somebody's speech deemed hateful is a reduction of their freedom of speech and their freedom of speech is protected," he said, "In order for that reduction to be recognized as harmful, it requires a higher threshold of power."

"The threshold of what we determine to be hateful is very, very high. And therefore, all those barriers create obstacles to cases being charged and convictions to be given."

Charges laid

Of the 10 incidents reported by Timmins police over the last three years, five of those investigations ended in charges being laid. In North Bay, out of the five incidents reported in 2021, four ended in charges.

"Most of those charges were mischief or graffiti and there was one incident of harassment," North Bay police spokesperson David Woolley said.

Sault Ste. Marie police did not provide information on case clearances or charges.

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Be careful of Grandparent Scams

Police explain that such scams are well-planned and well-executed by the perpetrators, by calling unsuspecting people and pretending to be a grandchild or niece or nephew who desperately needs money.

They usually use scenarios such as being arrested and needing bail money, or being in a car accident and needing money to help with medical treatment.

Huron County OPP Constable Jamie Stanley says “They’re very good at what they do, and anybody that has social media, our advice from a policing standpoint is to always be careful of who you accept as a friend or follower on social media and pay attention to your privacy settings. Because if you leave your privacy settings left on ‘public’, scammers can use that to their advantage and maybe build up some intelligence.”

The point of pretending to be a family member and asking for help is meant to play on the victims’ emotions and create a sense of urgency.

That way, when they ask for money, it doesn’t seem completely unusual for the target to hand over money for bail or medical expenses.

Keeping that in mind, if they’re asking for money while pretending to be their victim’s grandchild, they may say something like not telling their parents.

“They’re going to ask their victim to keep it discreet. They’ll often say something like ‘I want you to keep this between us. I don’t want my parents to find out,’ or ‘I’m really embarrassed about what happened,’ and that’s to spur people into action to give money without question.

Constable Stanley says that if you end up as a victim of a scam like this, contact the police immediately.

The OPP does work with the Canadian Fraud Reporting Centre, and that can help with finding and laying criminal charges against the people responsible.

In some cases, Stanley says, they’re even able to recover some of the money that’s stolen.

This article was originally sourced by www.bayshorebroadcasting.com

On-Line Romance Scams

Police have charged a 44-year-old woman and are searching for another person of interest after someone was defrauded of more than \$70,000 in a romance scam.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) say they launched an investigation in March 2020 after being informed of a romance fraud that occurred between January and March of that year.

According to investigators, the victim interacted with an unknown person online and was defrauded of more than \$70,000.

Little information has been provided by police regarding the circumstances of the fraud or the interactions between the victim and scammer.

On Aug. 19, a suspect identified as 44-year-old Toronto resident Lisa Mclean was taken into custody. Mclean was charged with fraud under \$5,000 and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

The charges have not been proven in court.



Police have also said they are searching for a second person in connection with the fraud. They have released their photograph of the person of interest in hopes that a member of the public can identify them.

Anyone with information is being urged to call OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or reach out to Crime Stoppers anonymously.

This article is originally sourced by www.toronto.ctvnews.ca

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Bank scam targeting local numbers

The Thunder Bay Police Service has received numerous reports recently about unsolicited phone calls coming from people fraudulently claiming to represent a financial institution.

In one such report, the intended victim was contacted by a person claiming to represent Visa. The fraudster told their target that money was owing and arrangements would have to be made to pay the debt.

The target, however, was not a Visa holder and immediately recognized the call as a scam.

This is a relatively common scam and callers could be posing as representatives of various financial, or government, institutions.

These scammers are experts at creating a sense of panic and urgency. This oftentimes leads victims into making decisions they otherwise wouldn't and complying with the scammer's request.

Please remember that when contacted unsolicited by any institution, you have the right to hang up on these callers.

If you believe the suspected fraudster may in fact be a legitimate representative of the organization they claim to be with, then please locate their contact information and connect with them on your terms. Do not use contact information the caller provides you with, and do not trust phone numbers provided to you via your caller display. Caller IDs can be spoofed.

Please take time to speak to your more vulnerable friends and family members who may be more aggressively targeted by these kinds of scams.

To learn more about frauds and scams visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre here: www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

Lawyer wanted for \$7.5 million real estate fraud

A Mississauga lawyer was charged in August for allegedly defrauding clients of more than \$10 million.

Peel police said the 41-year-old lawyer received millions of dollars in trust for real-estate transactions to allow victims to "pay off their outstanding mortgages."

Between June and December of 2021, numerous victims retained the services of the lawyer to settle their real estate transactions, police said.

"(He) did not allocate these funds towards the outstanding mortgages," police stated in a press release. "As such, each victim has suffered a significant financial loss."

The suspect was arrested on an outstanding warrant at Pearson Airport upon returning to Canada. "He has been charged with defrauding the public and breach of trust," police said.

The lawyer "used his position of trust" to defraud excessive amounts of money from "hard-working people" in the community, said Superintendent Hubie Hiltz.

Shahid Malik, 41, owner and operator of Shahid Malik Law Office, appeared at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton and was held pending a bail hearing. Police said they believe additional victims may exist.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Peel Police Fraud Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3335. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.



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Supreme Court decision supports police technique for fighting human trafficking

(YorkRegion.com)

Project Raphael led to arrests of 104 men who attempted to meet imaginary underage girls

In light of a recent Supreme Court decision, the chief of York Regional Police said the service will continue to fight child exploitation and bring those “driving the lurid industry” to justice.

“Human trafficking destroys lives, especially when it involves children,” YRP Chief Jim MacSween said in a news release.

His words come following a decision by the country’s highest court that backs a police sting in which investigators pretend to be underage prostitutes to catch men who are willing to pay underage women for sex.

The operation, dubbed “Project Raphael”, begins when men go to sexual service websites, including the formerly popular, but now defunct, <backpage.com.>

After answering a fake posting planted by York Regional Police, the men engage in conversation with undercover officers posing as a girl. At some point in the conversation, the men are told the girl is underage.

If they attend the agreed meetup location after discovering this information, they are arrested and charged.

Many of the appeals citing entrapment failed, but in 2021 Justice Chris de Sa ruled that a signature part of the project was entrapment in one particular case.

Now, the Supreme Court has ruled the project, pioneered by YRP, is not entrapment and may proceed. Part of the decision rested on the fact that police were specifically gearing their ads so as to attract men looking for younger women.

“Project Raphael carefully tailored the ads in which police provided the opportunity to commit the offences,” the decision reads. “Like the user-created ads, the police-created ads indicated extreme youth, including showing the person wearing a t-shirt with

the logo of a local high school. Users had to interact with those ads by text message to encounter the police.”

Part of the decision also speaks to York police’s “reasonable suspicion” that underage prostitution was happening on these websites.

York Regional Police Supt. Thai Truong, who helped launch the project, testified that between 2011 and 2016, the service identified 85 juvenile sex workers online.

“York Regional Police established itself as a leader in combatting this online market,” MacSween’s statement goes on to read. “The results were clear: not one child was harmed or had to testify in court. We did not wait for children to be exploited — we stopped the predators in their tracks. This ruling sends a clear message to law enforcement across Canada to continue their innovative efforts to protect our most vulnerable before they are victimized.”



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A graphic for Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. The background is blue. At the top, the word "STOP" is written in large, bold, red letters. Below it, "THE CRIME OF" is in smaller white letters, followed by "HUMAN TRAFFICKING" in large, bold, blue letters. At the bottom, "SAY it" is in black and "HERE" is in large, bold, red letters. To the right of the text is a traffic light with the red light illuminated. Below the traffic light is a map of Grey Bruce with a red maple leaf and a person icon, with the text "CRIME STOPPERS of Grey Bruce Inc." To the right of the map are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text: "1-800-222-TIPS (8477)", "Submit a Secure Web-Tip at cstip.ca or get the P3 Tips Mobile App", "Phone: 519 371-6078 Fax: 519 371-1275", and "eMail: crimestopgb@bmts.com Web: crimestop-gb.org".



Everyone should be able to work in a safe and healthy workplace. The Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) sets out roles and responsibilities for workplace parties with respect to workplace violence and workplace harassment, including developing and implementing policies and programs.

Definitions Workplace violence means:

- the exercise of physical force by a person against a worker, in a workplace, that causes or could cause physical injury to the worker;
- an attempt to exercise physical force against a worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to the worker;
- a statement or behaviour that it is reasonable for a worker to interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against the worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to the worker.

Workplace harassment means:

- engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome or
- workplace sexual harassment

Workplace sexual harassment means:

- engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace because of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, where the course of comment or conduct is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome or
- making a sexual solicitation or advance where the person making the solicitation or advance is in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the worker and the person knows or ought reasonably to know that the solicitation or advance is unwelcome.

Workplace violence

Workplace violence may include hitting a worker, throwing objects at a worker, sexual violence, or threats, whether conveyed verbally, in writing, or through behaviour. A customer, client, patient, student, co-worker, supervisor, or a stranger could be violent or threaten to be violent in the workplace.

Assessment

Employers must proactively assess the risks of workplace violence that may arise from the nature of the workplace, the type of work or the conditions of work. Measures and procedures to control these risks must be included in the workplace violence program. Employers must advise the Joint Health and Safety Committee or health and safety representative, if any, or workers, of the results of the assessment, and provide a written copy, if available.

Policy and programs - workplace violence

Employers must prepare a policy with respect to workplace violence, and develop and maintain a program to implement the policy. Employers must provide information and instruction to workers on the contents of these policies and programs.

The workplace violence program must include measures and procedures for:

- controlling risks identified in the assessment of risks
- summoning immediate assistance when workplace violence occurs or is likely to occur and
- workers to report incidents of workplace violence

Workplace violence programs must also set out how the employer will investigate and deal with incidents or complaints of workplace violence.

Domestic violence

Employers who are aware, or ought reasonably to be aware, that domestic violence may occur in the workplace must take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances to protect a worker at risk.

Communication

Employers and supervisors must provide information to a worker about a risk of workplace violence from a person with a history of violent behaviour if the worker can expect to encounter that person in the course of work, and if the worker may be at risk of physical injury. Personal information may be disclosed, but only what is reasonably necessary to protect the worker from physical injury.

Work refusal

Workers have the right to refuse work if they have a reason to believe they are in danger from workplace violence. For certain workers who protect public safety, this right is limited.

Duties

The Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act sets out general duties for an employer under Section 25, for a supervisor under Section 27, and for a worker under Section 28. These general duties also apply, as appropriate, to workplace violence.

Workplace harassment

Workplace harassment may include bullying, intimidating or offensive jokes or innuendos, displaying or circulating offensive pictures or materials, or offensive or intimidating phone calls, emails, or other communications. It also includes workplace sexual harassment. A worker could be harassed at work by a customer, client, patient, student, co-worker, supervisor, or a stranger.

Policy and program for workplace harassment

Employers must prepare a policy with respect to workplace harassment, and develop and maintain a program to implement the policy. The program must be developed and maintained in consultation with the

Joint Health and Safety Committee or a health and safety representative, if any. Employers must provide information and instruction to workers on the contents of the policy and program.

The workplace harassment program must include:

- measures and procedures for workers to report incidents of workplace harassment to the employer or supervisor, or to report to a person other than the employer or supervisor, if the employer or supervisor is the alleged harasser
- how incidents or complaints of workplace harassment will be investigated and dealt with, and how confidentiality will be maintained and how the results of the investigation will be provided to the worker who allegedly experienced workplace harassment and the alleged harasser

Duties

To protect a worker from workplace harassment, an employer must ensure that:

- an investigation that is appropriate in the circumstances is conducted into incidents and complaints of workplace harassment
- the worker who has allegedly experienced workplace harassment and the alleged harasser, if he or she is a worker of the employer, are informed in writing of the results of the investigation and of any corrective action that has been taken or that will be taken as a result of the investigation
- the harassment program is reviewed as often as necessary, but at least annually, to ensure that it adequately implements the policy with respect to workplace harassment

Additional information

Employers, supervisors and unions also have responsibilities to prevent and address harassment prohibited under the Ontario's Human Rights Code.



The OHSA does not require an employer to assess the risk of workplace harassment and does not allow workers to refuse work only on the basis of workplace harassment.

An inspector may order an employer to cause an investigation appropriate in the circumstances to be conducted by an impartial person possessing the knowledge, experience or qualifications specified by the inspector. The employer would be responsible for the costs of this investigation.

Calling the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

Always contact police first in emergency situations, if threats or actual violence occur at a workplace.

The Ministry encourages internal workplace resolution of complaints. Where possible, incidents and complaints of workplace violence or workplace harassment should first be brought to the attention of the supervisor or employer and/or the person identified in the workplace harassment program. A worker may also seek to resolve a workplace harassment incident or complaint outside of the employer's internal investigation process.

If an employer is not complying with the workplace violence and workplace harassment requirements in the OHSA, workers may call the ministry's province-wide Health & Safety Contact Centre toll-free at **1-877-202-0008** to file a complaint.

Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

Health and safety inspectors may check to ensure employers, supervisors and workers are complying with workplace violence and workplace harassment requirements. They may do this as part of a general inspection of a workplace or when investigating a specific incident or complaint. Inspectors may issue written orders to comply with the Act when contraventions are found.

Ministry Limitations

- Ministry inspectors do not resolve or mediate specific allegations of harassment in the workplace.
- Inspectors do not investigate allegations to determine if the behaviour of any of the individuals involved constitutes workplace harassment as defined by the Act.
- Inspectors do not have the authority to order individual remedies such as monetary compensation to individuals who experience harassment in the workplace.

It is an employer's duty to notify the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development when a person is critically injured or killed in a workplace, which includes situations when the cause is workplace violence.

This resource does not replace the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and its regulations and should not be used as or considered legal advice. Health and safety inspectors apply and enforce these laws based on the facts they find in the workplace.

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Be aware of scams tied to Ukraine

Here is what to watch for



As Russia continues its invasion of Ukraine, aid organizations and individuals have mobilized and solicited donations to help Ukrainians.

However, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) says it is aware of multiple social media and email fundraiser scams falsely claiming to provide support for those fleeing the war.

The CAFC told CTVNews.ca in an emailed statement on Wednesday it has received 17 reports of scams linked to Ukrainian aid efforts where the victims were reached by social media or by email between Jan. 1 and March 22, 2022.

One of the main forms of fraud reported to the CAFC has been donation scams through social media. This includes instances of individuals and groups on Facebook asking users to directly send them money that they will then forward to a friend or charity in Ukraine, as well as similar campaigns on Instagram that ask Canadians to send donations via etransfer.

To avoid charity scams, the CAFC says Canadians should ask for information in writing before making a donation. They can also check if the charity is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency by calling 800-267-2384 to ensure it is legitimate.

The agency also warns Canadians not to click on any links in unsolicited text messages or emails seeking

donations to support Ukraine.

Another type of fraud the CAFC is seeing in relation to the crisis in Ukraine are fake websites and false online advertisements offering “cheap” immigration services, or even some that “guarantee” high paying jobs to refugees once they arrive in Canada.

The CAFC is warning that these websites often look very similar to official government sites.

“Beware if they are asking you to pay for application access fees or deposits before the application is even started.”

While romance schemes remain one of the top frauds affecting Canadians in the past year, the CAFC said it has also received such reports related to Ukraine, including one of a man posing as a Canadian intelligence officer serving in Ukraine, who engaged in an online relationship with a woman and asked her for money to assist in his military efforts.

When it comes to romance scams, the CAFC says Canadians should be wary of profiles on social media or dating apps that may seem fake, as well as any email correspondence that may appear “suspicious.”

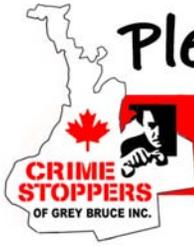
“Scammers will try to use any means necessary to convince you that their requests are legitimate. The majority of fraud is not committed by amateurs and they will use technology to their advantage,” the CAFC said.

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The scarecrows have invaded!



Every September, until the end of October, Meaford is invaded by scarecrows of all shapes and sizes; bringing back the community’s fall tradition of the past 25 years! *The Scarecrow Parade and Festival* took place on Friday, September 30 and the folks from Crime Stoppers were there to spread the message that if you have knowledge of a crime in your neighbourhood you can call in a tip and remain anonymous... and get rewarded for doing so.



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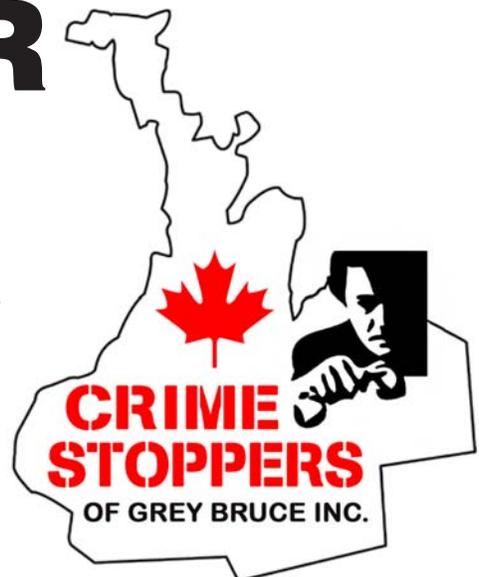
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The Silent Crisis

Fentanyl, an opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin, is being used increasingly in the illicit drug supply... with deadly consequences.

We needed to raise awareness of the dangers of synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Fentanyl, an opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin, is being used increasingly in the illicit drug supply. With deadly consequences. Overdose deaths in the United States rose to over 100,000 during 2021. More needs to be done to sound the alarm with those most at risk of an overdose.

In its pure form, overdoses are only moderately unpredictable, with most overdose deaths occurring at serum concentrations of between 150 and 250 ng/ml. In contexts of mixture-substance use, blood fentanyl concentrations of approximately 7 ng/ml or greater have been associated with fatalities. Over 85 per cent of overdoses involved at least one other drug, and there was no clear correlation showing at which level the mixtures were fatal. The dosages of fatal mixtures varied by over three magnitudes in some cases. This extremely unpredictable volatility with other drugs makes it especially difficult to avoid fatalities. The likelihood of overdoses is extremely high when obtained from drug dealers with a lack of knowledge of the drug's content.

Naloxone can completely or partially reverse an opioid overdose

Most of the recent increases in fentanyl deaths do not involve prescription fentanyl but are related to illicitly made fentanyl that is being mixed with or sold as heroin. Death from fentanyl overdose continues to be a public health issue of national concern in Canada since September 2015. In 2016, deaths from fentanyl overdoses in the province of British Columbia alone averaged two persons per day. In 2017 the death rate rose over 100 per cent with 368 overdose-related deaths in British Columbia between January and April 2017.

Fentanyl has started to make its way into heroin as well as illicitly manufactured opioids and benzodiazepines. Fentanyl contamination in cocaine, methamphetamine, ketamine, MDMA, and other drugs is common. A kilogram of heroin laced with fentanyl may sell for more than \$120,000, but the fentanyl itself may be produced far more cheaply, for about \$6,000 per kilogram.

As of 2018, fentanyl was the most commonly listed opioid in overdose drug deaths, surpassing heroin. From 2013 until 2016, overdose deaths involving fentanyl were increasing by 113 per cent per year. In 2021, the Public Health Agency of Canada noted that 87 per cent of accidental apparent opioid toxicity deaths involved fentanyl.

Myths and moral panic

In the late 2010s, some media outlets began to report stories of police officers being hospitalised after touching powdered fentanyl, or after brushing it from their clothing. Topical (or transdermal; via the skin) and inhalative exposure to fentanyl is extremely unlikely to cause intoxication or overdose (except in cases of prolonged exposure with very large quantities of fentanyl), and first responders such as paramedics and police officers are at minimal risk of fentanyl poisoning through accidental contact with intact skin.

A 2020 article from the Journal of Medical Toxicology stated that “the consensus of the scientific community remains that illness from unintentional exposures is extremely unlikely, because opioids are not efficiently absorbed through the skin and are unlikely to be carried in the air.” The effects being reported in these cases, including rapid heartbeat, hyperventilation and chills, were not symptoms of a fentanyl overdose, and were more commonly associated with a panic attack.

A 2021 paper expressed concern that these physical fears over fentanyl may inhibit effective emergency response to overdoses by causing responding officers to spend additional time on unnecessary precautions. The media coverage could also perpetuate a wider social stigma that people who use drugs are dangerous to be around.

Prevention

Many public health initiatives have been started to prevent the misuse and overdose of fentanyl. One of the initiatives that have been started to prevent fentanyl overdose is from the CDC [1]. The effort has been categorized as a Health Alert Network Advisory signaled to a multitude of professionals within the health field. The advisory explains four key action points.

Those points include the:

- (a) local need to expand the distribution and use of naloxone and overdose prevention education,
- (b) expand awareness, access, and availability of treatment for substance use disorders,
- (c) intervene early with individuals at highest risk

- for overdose, and
- (d) improve detection of overdose outbreaks to facilitate more effective response.

Another initiative is a social media campaign from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) called “One Pill Can Kill”. This social media campaign’s goal was to spread awareness of the prevalence of counterfeit pills that are being sold in America that is leading to the large overdose epidemic in America. This campaign also shows the difference between counterfeit pills and real pills. This campaign also offers resources for help with drug addiction and rehabilitation.

New Jersey initiative

In New Jersey another initiative was started called “The Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey” (PDFNJ) was created to inform the people of New Jersey the harm of taking drugs and where to dispose of expired or unneeded prescription medications. Some of this programs campaigns also focus on children and teaching children how to deal with the influence and peer pressures of these drugs.

Opioid and Stimulant-related Harms in Canada

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What: There was a total of 30,843 apparent opioid toxicity deaths between January 2016 and March 2022^{Footnote1}^{Footnote2}

During the first two years of the pandemic, there was a 91 per cent increase in apparent opioid toxicity deaths (April 2020 – March 2022, 15,134 deaths), compared to the two years before (April 2018 – March 2020, 7,906 deaths).

A total of 1,883 apparent opioid toxicity deaths occurred so far in 2022 (January – March). This is approximately 21 deaths per day. For a similar timeframe in the years prior to the pandemic, there were between 8 (in 2016) and 11 (in 2018) deaths per day.

A number of factors may have contributed to a worsening of the overdose crisis over the course of the pandemic, including the increasingly toxic drug supply, increased feelings of isolation, stress and anxiety, and changes in the availability or accessibility of services for people who use drugs.

Where: A majority of deaths occurred in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario; increases were also observed in other regions

Several jurisdictions have observed record-breaking numbers and rates in relation to the wider impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;

So far in 2022 (January – March), 90 per cent of all accidental apparent opioid toxicity deaths occurred in British Columbia, Alberta, or Ontario;

Elevated rates have also been observed in other areas, including Yukon.

Who: Most apparent opioid toxicity deaths among young- to middle-aged males

Males accounted for the majority of accidental apparent opioid toxicity deaths (76 per cent) so far in 2022 (January – March);

For males and for females, the majority of accidental apparent opioid toxicity deaths were among individuals aged 20 to 59 years.

Why: Toxicity of supply continues to be a major driver of the crisis

Of all accidental apparent opioid toxicity deaths so far in 2022 (January – March), 85 per cent involved fentanyl;

Of all accidental apparent opioid toxicity deaths so far in 2022 (January – March), 81 per cent involved opioids that were only non-pharmaceuticala.

Data on the polysubstance nature of the overdose crisis

Available information from six provinces and territories indicates the number of apparent stimulant toxicity deaths so far in 2022 (January – March) was high. Almost all (99 per cent) of those deaths were accidental.

Just under half (44 per cent) of accidental apparent opioid toxicity deaths so far in 2022 (January – March) also involved a stimulant, reflecting the polysubstance nature of this crisis.

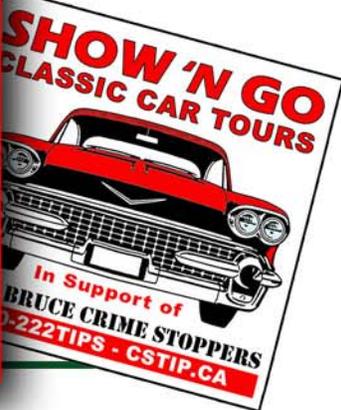
Of the accidental apparent stimulant toxicity deaths so far in 2022 (January – March), 61 per cent involved cocaine, while 52 per cent involved methamphetamines.

Of the accidental apparent stimulant toxicity deaths so far in 2022 (January – March), 85 per cent involved an opioid.



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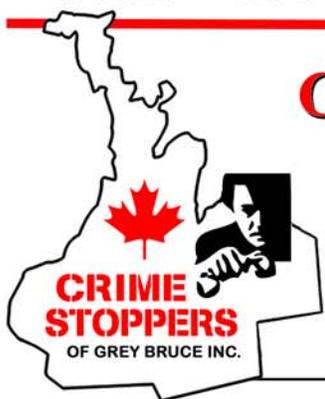
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