

Busy week for police crack-down

Caledon OPP was taking part in the force's March Break Traffic Initiative, from March 10 to 19, and the results revealed a lot of people are not getting the message when it comes to driving safely.

During this time, officers throughout Caledon, as well as the province, were highly visible on the roadways in an effort to ensure motorists had a safe March break.

Over the week, Caledon OPP officers were paying particular attention to distracted driving, which is one of the 'Big 4' casual factors of motor vehicle collisions and injuries. The 'Big 4' driving behaviours include aggressive driving, distracted driving, seatbelt compliance and impaired driving.

The campaign saw 109 people charged in Caledon for distracted driving, four charges for careless driving, 252 for speeding and three for racing. There were also 26 charges involving seatbelts, six impaired driving charges and 166 other charges under the Highway Traffic Act.

While most of the motoring public was found to be operating their vehicles safely, some motorists continue to put their own safety and that of other road users at risk by choosing to drive while distracted. Police remind motorists that the penalty for distracted driving upon conviction includes fines of up to \$490 and three demerit points.

Motorists are encouraged to contact police if they observe aggressive or impaired drivers by calling the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, *677 (*OPP) on a cell phone, or 9-1-1 in an emergency.