

PUBLIC'S HELP SOUGHT TO IDENTIFY THEFT SUSPECT

Officers from the Caledon OPP are asking for the public assistance in identifying a suspect in theft and attempted residential break and enter in the Town of Caledon.

On Friday, December 10, 2021 at approximately 3:00 a.m. an unknown person in the area of Harvest Moon Drive and Frank Johnston Road was observed removing the license plate from a vehicle parked in a driveway, say Police. The suspect then attempted to gain entry into a residence close by.

The OPP Caledon Detachment is asking for the public's assistance to identify this suspect. Residents in the area are being asked to review their doorbell and residential surveillance footage and contact police if they observed this suspect or unknown vehicles.

Anyone who has information about this incident, or footage is asked to contact the OPP Caledon Detachment at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

TOW TRUCKS FAIL INSPECTION

Officers from the Caledon OPP Traffic Unit conducted inspections of tow trucks as part of the new OPP Provincial Tow Program.

Over this past weekend, December 10 - 12, 2021 members from the OPP Caledon Detachment Traffic Unit conducted inspections of 25 tow trucks as part of the requirement to obtain a Towing and Secure Storage Operator license with the Town of Caledon, say Police. These inspections are also part of entry for tow trucks and operators to qualify for inclusion in the OPP Provincial Tow Program which comes into effect on January 1, 2022.

As a result of the inspections, several Highway Traffic Act and Town of Caledon By-Law offences were identified, such as excessive window tinting, improper dolly tires, and back-up warning systems being broken.

The OPP is launching a Tow Program as part of its commitment to enhance public safety and help mitigate the increase in criminality in Ontario's towing industry.

The new OPP Tow Program includes significant changes to the way the OPP requests services from and interacts with Tow & Storage Service Operators (TSSO). It also introduces a list of requirements TSSOs must meet before they can provide tow and storage services for police-requested legislated tows. These are tows for which police have legislated authority (e.g. vehicle impoundment for impaired driving, stunt driving, or evidence). The program also applies to tows requested by OPP officers on behalf of members of the public who need a tow.

Among the new requirements, TSSOs must submit an annual application to provide tow and storage services to the OPP for the calendar year. Applicants will need to provide information relating to ownership, registration, licence, vehicle, equipment, insurance and other details in the application. A signed release that authorizes the OPP to conduct a criminal history background check will also be required.

The application package, new list of mandatory TSSO equipment, guidelines for providing towing services to the OPP and other information are available at www.opp.ca.