

Caledon OPP supports HomeJames program

Officers from Caledon OPP remind local residents to plan their transportation requirements carefully as the holiday season approaches.

The key to avoiding alcohol related collisions and impaired driving charges is to completely eliminate the possibility of getting behind the wheel after drinking.

How to plan early and avoid the possibility of impaired driving?

Police have a couple of suggestions, such as leave the car at home. Alternatives may include taking a taxi or public transportation; walking, sleep overs, hotels, etc. It's also possible to appoint a designated driver ? a person who consumes no alcohol or drugs and takes on the responsibility of assuring that his or her passengers arrive safely home.

In the Caledon area, police are highly recommending use of the Caledon HomeJames program. With a little planning, HomeJames volunteers can go to a location, pick a driver and vehicle up, take the driver home, at no cost. This remarkably well-organized group is operated by community volunteers who ask for nothing other than a collision-free festive season.

Inspector Dom Beckett, interim commander of Caledon OPP, recognizes the HomeJames volunteers as valued community safety partners.

?HomeJames aligns well with aggressive OPP enforcement during the annual Festive RIDE program,? Beckett observed. ?These volunteers have recognized the threat, targeted the behavior and provided an alternative. We have a strong OPP enforcement component and now we have a community based alternative to drinking and driving.?

OPP impaired driving information can be found at [OPP.ca](#).

For more information on Caledon HomeJames, to register as a volunteer, or to arrange trouble-free transportation arrangements this holiday season go to their website at [HomeJames-caledon.ca](#)