

Caledon OPP promoting National Teen Driver Safety Week

Oct. 15 to 21 is National Teen Driver Safety Week.

Caledon OPP reports the focus this year is on drugged, distracted, impaired and aggressive driving (including speeding).

While OPP and its traffic safety partners remain committed to saving lives on the roads, drivers, passengers and the general public play an important role in contributing to keeping users of the roads safe.

Police want teens to focus on positive driving behaviours to help contribute to a common goal that everyone can all share in the Town of Caledon ? a safe and thriving community.

Parachute, a charity helping Canadians stop the clock on predictable and preventable injuries, reminds everyone of the following:

? Teen drivers lose their lives in collisions more than any other age group within the country.

? One out of every four teen drivers who lost their life as a result of a collision between 2000 to 2010 screened positive for marijuana.

? Research has shown that texting while driving is similar to driving with your eyes shut for nearly five seconds.

? Multitasking while driving is flat out dangerous. A recent study found that 96 per cent of Canadian drivers would quit driving distracted if they were asked to by a passenger. What does that tell us? Simply ask, and you shall receive. It could save your life or the lives of others.

? More than half of teen deaths from impaired driving take place over the weekend. Don't gamble with your life or those of others; find a safe and sober way to get home.

? Speed is a contributing factor to one-third of teen driving deaths. Watch your speed and adjust your driving in inclement weather.