

CALEDON OPP WRAP 2026 YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) recently concluded the annual Youth Leadership Program held from Tuesday, August 4, 2026, to Friday, August 7, 2026.

?Since 2003, the Caledon OPP Community Mobilization Unit (CMU) officers have been engaging with local youth to demonstrate the importance of community service, involvement, compassion, and leadership in their community,? say Police. ?During this four-day program, the participating students had the opportunity to engage in a variety of community activities aimed at giving back to their community while interacting with Caledon OPP officers and fellow students.

?This year, our participants helped improve our local ecosystem by removing invasive plants and helping to plant dozens of trees at a local conservation area in Caledon, in addition to participating in a community garbage clean-up at various parks and trailways throughout Caledon.

?Our participants also took part in a community car wash and food drive, helping to collect donations for charity. Both events were a tremendous success, thanks to the generosity of Caledon residents. Our Youth Leadership group raised just over \$1,075 for the OPP Youth Foundation, and approximately \$2,100, plus 1,400lbs in non-perishable consumable goods for Caledon Community Services and The Exchange.

?On behalf of the Caledon OPP, we'd like to thank all of our student participants, the businesses and organizations that supported the program this year, and the residents of Caledon who donated in support of charity.?

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Members of the Dufferin OPP have charged three motorists with impaired driving-related offences following separate incidents in which concerned members of the public contacted police.

?On August 7, 2026, at approximately 11:00 p.m., officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program on Owen Sound Street in the Town of Shelburne when they were approached by a concerned citizen,? say Police. ?The citizen reported that a motorcycle had been involved in a single-vehicle motor vehicle collision (MVC) and that the operator appeared to be impaired.

?Officers attended the area of Ojibway Road and located the motorcycle operator. During their interaction with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.?

As a result of the investigation, Ajay Aloysius, 50, from Amaranth, has been charged with:

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

Drive motor vehicle in contravention of conditions

Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero

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The charges have not been proven.

?On August 8, 2026, at approximately 8:00 p.m., officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to the area of Pineview Avenue in the Town of Mono for a possible impaired driver.

?Officers attended the area of Pineview Avenue and located the vehicle and driver. During their interaction with the driver, officers initiated an impaired driving investigation.?

As a result of the investigation, Rajeshkumar Patel, 60, from Brampton, has been charged with:

Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

Failure or refusal to comply with demand

The charges have not been proven.

?On August 12, 2026, at approximately 3:39 p.m., officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to the area of Broadway in the Town of Orangeville following a fail-to-remain motor vehicle collision. The driver of the other involved vehicle expressed concerns for the well-being of the other driver.

?A short time later, officers located the vehicle and driver on Bythia Street. While speaking with the driver, officers observed signs of impairment and initiated an impaired driving investigation.?

As a result of the investigation, Mandy Lucas, 51, from Orangeville, has been charged with:

Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

Owner operate a motor vehicle without insurance

Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

Careless driving

The charges have not been proven.

The accused individuals are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

In addition, the individuals' driver's licences were suspended, and the vehicles were impounded.