

Driver more than four times over limit

Drinking and driving continues to be a concern, particularly after a 28-year-old man from Everett was determined to have been driving with more than four times the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

Caledon OPP reports the incident took place May 19 at about 3:30 p.m. when an officer was going through the intersection of Mountainview Road and Walker Road when the police vehicle was nearly hit by a grey Chevrolet pick-up. It missed the police car, but did strike another vehicle near the intersection.

Upon investigation, the officer determined that the driver's ability to drive was impaired by alcohol and arrested him.

He was charged with impaired driving and driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system. His licence was suspended for 90 days and the pick-up was impounded for seven days.

Police remind motorists that Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) programs are conducted throughout the day and evening on any given day because impaired driving knows no boundaries.

Over the May long weekend, OPP laid almost twice the amount of impaired driving charges within Ontario in comparison to the previous year ? 180 to 94. This is a major concern for officers across the province, as they wonder what it will take for people to get the message that drinking and driving is unacceptable and that it places innocent persons at risk for injury or death.