

Editorial ? 'Tis the season to be careful

The weather has improved.

It's not hard to see people wearing shorts as they walk down the street. Summer is in the air, and many of us are eagerly looking forward to the first holiday weekend of the warmer time of year.

But it is also a time when the carefree attitudes can occasionally get in the way of good common sense. That can mean it becomes a dangerous time.

That is a concern to police all over the area, including Caledon OPP.

Police have already indicated they are concerned with the number of off-road vehicle (ORV) deaths and injuries that have been encountered in Ontario over the last couple of years. The figures when it comes to people riding motorcycles has also caused a certain amount of alarm. They have served warning that these issues are going to have a high priority, starting this coming weekend. As we stated above, in many of these cases, the issues involve little more than good common sense.

For example, if you're going to ride an ARV, wear protection like a helmet. And don't go riding if you've had anything to drink. And if you drive a motorcycle, be aware of what's going on around you. Common sense should tell you that if you get into serious difficulty on such a machine, you don't have a lot protecting you.

It's up to all of us to be aware as we travel about during the summer, and especially the long weekends.

And since we're heading into a long weekend, it would benefit all of us to remember there are going to be many people using the roads, so appropriate caution would be in order. We might all be in a hurry to get to wherever it is we're going, but the destinations will all still be there if we're a couple of minutes late.