

OPP?Communications Centres swamped with calls over scam

OPP last month warned the public about an ongoing Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) scam that is running rampant throughout Ontario.

It has now come to the attention of OPP that their Provincial Communications Centres are being inundated with calls from the public advising that they received one of these calls pretending to be from CRA. It is not necessary to contact police to report having received one of these calls unless one is a victim of fraud that can be attributed to this scam.

Any calls regarding the CRA scam should be directed to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or to their website at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca

This website will provide an online means of reporting and offers great tips to avoid becoming a victim of this or any other fraud. Police report some of the Communications Centres are receiving upwards to 100 or more calls per day from people wanting to advise that they received one of these scam-related calls. Although they appreciate the intentions behind people reporting these calls, it is these calls which are at times restricting OPP's ability to take calls for service from the public that require a police response. The following link to the Canada Revenue Agency website will assist in recognizing this and other scams that are plaguing Canadians: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/nwsrm/lrts/2015/1150610-eng.html