

## OPP reminding off-road riders to wear safety equipment

Ontario Provincial Police in Central Region investigated two deaths related to off-road vehicle related activities in the last couple of weeks.

Police stress that fatalities such as these are as tragic as they are preventable. They are reminding riders of their responsibility to ensure their safe operation. This includes operating the vehicle in a safe manner to afford the opportunity of reacting appropriately to sudden changes in trail conditions, and to always wear the proper protective equipment to reduce the risks of injury.

All-terrain vehicles and other off-highway vehicles are motorized and require skill, good judgement and the proper use of helmets and other safety equipment to operate safely.

Helmets are required by law and personal protective equipment can reduce the risk of serious injuries, observed Chief Superintendent John Tod, commander of OPP Central Region. Riders should remain vigilant of the ever changing terrain and operate their recreational vehicles within their personal capabilities.

Personal protective equipment can include goggles that fit over the helmet, gloves, chest protectors, proper footwear and other safety related sportswear.