

## Police seeking volunteers for Restorative Justice program

Caledon OPP are seeking people who are interested in making a difference in their community through the Caledon Restorative Justice program.

OPP officers and specially trained volunteers have been responding to selected criminal situations using Restorative Justice (RJ) for 20 years.

The Caledon RJ program is a fascinating alternative to the traditional court process. It's powerful and very effective.

Current members of the program are recruiting community members who are interested in alternative dispute resolution and a two-day training program that will allow this program to grow.

The requirements for those who are interested is they must be 18 year of age or older, meet security criteria and have a keen interest in facilitating RJ conferences.

There will be a mandatory information and interview session Jan. 13 at the Caledon OPP Detachment. Contact acting Sergeant Brenda Evans at 905-584-2241 for details and to reserve a spot.

Two-day RJ training will take place March 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Caledon Estates Banquet Hall at 18111 Regional Road 50 (east side of 50 just south of Highway 9). The course content will include an introduction to restorative justice, history, philosophy, benefits, confidentiality, group conferencing, family dynamics and follow up.

Police believe a strong Restorative Justice program plays a critical role in the safety and security of a successful community.

Contact Evans for more information.

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