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Detachment

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LANARK COUNTY OPP DETACHMENT WEEKLY NEWS
March 23-30, 2020

(LANARK COUNTY, ON) – Between Monday, March 23 and Monday, March 30, 2020 officers from the Lanark County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to 273 calls for service.

The calls included:

Motor Vehicle Collisions

Total: 8 Including:

Car / Deer: 4

Parking Lots: 3

Single Motor Vehicle off Road (“in ditch”): 1

Impaired Drivers – 1

Shortly before 6:00 a.m. on March 24, 2020, a passing motorist observed a vehicle in the ditch in Tay Valley Township and notified Lanark County OPP. Officers attended and conducted their investigation and located the driver which resulted in the arrest and charge of Shawn O’CONNOR, age 54 of Tay Valley Township with Impaired Operation – Over 80 and Impaired Operation. The accused was released from custody on an Appearance Notice for a scheduled court date of May 25, 2020 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Perth. There were no injuries in this collision.

Domestic Incidents – 23 (no charges laid)

With people spending lots of time together inside, verbal domestics are on the rise in Lanark County. Sometimes as adults, we too need “time out” but unlike children, we need to give ourselves the “time out.” Take a breath, count to 10, leave the room or go outside (if possible) to take a break. We’re all under a lot of pressure these day; we need to remember we are all in this together and need to find things to do to occupy our time and minds in positive ways.

Break and Enters – 0

Thefts – 27

Lanark County/Carleton Place OPP received 21 calls between March 23-30, 2020, for thefts from UNLOCKED vehicles: 1 in Drummond-North Elmsley, 12 in the Town of

Perth, 4 in Mississippi Mills Township and 4 in Tay Valley Township. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, lock your vehicles regardless of where you live and what time of day or night it is. Several of these calls involved numerous vehicles and wallets left inside and stolen. Don't leave your wallet or computers in your car overnight. These are crimes of opportunity and your unlocked cars are easy targets...even just for loose change or hand sanitizer.

Mischiefs – 6

Carleton Place OPP were called to a gas station on Christian Street in Mississippi Mills Township on March 25, 2020 regarding an attempt break-in overnight. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call police at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

There were reports of vehicles gone through but nothing apparently stolen in both the Town of Perth and Tay Valley Township between March 23-30, 2020.

Frauds – 3

Lanark County OPP wish to remind people when looking to rent/purchase homes online to check reputable sites as fraudsters are putting pictures of homes on fake sites or on legitimate sites (like KIJJI) of residences NOT for sale or rent. Would-be buyers send money to the fraudster for properties where the real owner has no idea what's going on until someone shows up looking to move in.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, fraudsters are playing on people's fear by sending emails and even calling to tell people they have tested positive for the virus. In these trying times, try to limit your time searching and reading about the pandemic. When you do look for information, go to trusted sites (government, ministry of health) or major news outlets. Also watch out for fake emails looking for COVID-19 financial support. If you want to support agencies, go directly to the agency website or call them rather than clicking on any links in emails sent to you.

Liquor Licence Act Charges - 0

Mental Health - 3

If you require assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, help is just a call away:

- Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 or text the word 'CONNECT' to 686868.
- Mental Health Crisis Line – Lanark Leeds & Grenville Mental Health 1-866-281-2911

Or check out some apps on your phone:

- Mindshift – free app that provides tips on managing anxiety
- Booster Buddy – free app for teens and youth to improve their mental health

CRIME STOPPERS

Any person with information regarding any criminal activity should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Lanark County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

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