

OPP's operation freeze launches

Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers will be on the lookout for youth demonstrating acts of kindness and exhibiting positive behaviour in the community.

On Tuesday (June 8), the Province-wide Operation Freeze campaign launched at the Circle K Convenience Store located at 108 Dawson Road in the Town of Orangeville.

Through a partnership with Circle K Convenience Stores, OPP officers will be handing out 'Positive Tickets' for a number of actions such as: doing a good deed, being kind to others, participating in community activities, demonstrating community pride, deterring crime, observing school crossing rules or as an icebreaker to establish a rapport with kids in their patrol area.

During the upcoming summer months, OPP officers across the Province will be presenting thousands of these coupons to kids. Officers will not seek or record any identifying information during their interaction with a youth as it is not the intent of the program.

The OPP 'Positive Ticketing' program will continue to achieve its goal of creating positive interactions with youth. Operation Freeze provides law enforcement officials with an additional tool to foster strong relationships with the youth they serve in their communities.

'This is a great initiative and allows officers the opportunity to interact with youth in a positive manner,' said Inspector Terry Ward, Dufferin OPP Detachment Commander. 'These interactions with police can open dialogue with the youth and leave a good lasting impression.'