

Dangers with deer

Grey County OPP investigated seven motor vehicle collisions involving deer over the weekend and would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists to drive carefully.

Hitting a deer or any animal could lead to a serious injury and could, at times, be fatal. At the very least, the experience will be unpleasant, inconvenient and costly.

Consider these tips to minimize the chances of being in a collision with a wild animal:

? Scan the road ahead from shoulder to shoulder. If there is wildlife beside the road, sound your horn to scare the animal away. Continue slowly and cautiously ? don't assume the animal will move in a predictable manner. They may leave the roadway and turn right back into your path.

? Watch for the posted yellow wildlife signs indicating that there is an increased population of wildlife. Slow down in these areas.

? Use high beams at night where possible and watch for glowing eyes of animals.

? Stop as safely as possible if a wild animal is crossing the road. Remember, if there is one ? there's usually one or more following.

? Never swerve suddenly. This could cause your vehicle to go out of control and result in a more serious collision.

? Always wear your seatbelt.

Should you be involved in a collision with a deer, or other animal, and you or your passenger(s) are injured or where the vehicle damage apparently exceeds \$1,000, you must report the collision to police.

There were no reported injuries to this weekend's incidents.