

Shelburne Police join crime prevention campaign

The Shelburne Police Service is joining police services across the province in supporting the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police's (OACP) 2014 Crime Prevention Campaign, which focuses on promoting citizens' role in preventing crime and building safe and healthy communities.

The Shelburne Police believes that strong, safe, and healthy communities are built when residents partner with their police service in preventing criminal acts before they happen. The goal is to raise public awareness and empower people throughout our communities to become involved in their personal safety and that of their neighbours, friends, and co-workers.

“One of the points we want to drive home, is to encourage residents and business owners to call police about any suspicious activity or suspicious persons right away”, stated Constable Paul Neumann. “This way police have a much better opportunity to prevent a crime from happening, can identify potential suspects before they leave the area, or more efficiently solve a crime. Too often people wait to report suspicious activity until the following morning, or when they see a police officer in person the next day. Timely intervention is the key to prevention”.

The campaign features an informational crime prevention booklet that will be used by police services to promote local crime prevention initiatives. Topics covered in the booklet entitled “Your Community. Your Safety. Get Involved,” include getting involved in local crime prevention initiatives and programs, when to call 9-1-1, securing your home or business from break-ins and other property crimes, vigilance against on-line fraud, identification theft, and other cybercrimes, and guarding against vehicle theft.

This Crime Prevention Booklet can be accessed online at www.oacp.on.ca