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Collisions with animals

Between Friday, March 13th and Friday, March 20th, OPP investigated 22 motor vehicle collisions throughout their jurisdiction; ten of which involved wildlife, specifically, seven (7) deer, a wild turkey, a racoon, and a coyote. No injuries were reported, however, in each case there was damage to the vehicle.

The OPP wish to remind motorists to drive carefully and consider these tips to minimize the chances of being in 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 another following.

Never swerve or brake 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 any other animal, which results in personal injury to you or your passenger(s) and/or where the vehicle damage apparently exceeds $1,000, you must report the collision to police.