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OPP investigate 10 collisions Monday

OPP were kept busy with ten motor vehicle collisions all over Dufferin County due to extreme weather conditions. Fortunately there were no serious injuries mostly property damage to vehicles involved.

The OPP is reminding motorists to:

? Prepare themselves and their vehicles for safe winter driving as we head into the winter months.

? Defensive, responsible driving is crucial to reducing fatalities and serious injuries on our roads, especially during the winter months.

? Make sure that your vehicle has proper winter tires; when compared to regular or all-season tires, tests have proven that snow tires provide better traction, control and reduced stopping distances on snow covered or icy roads.

? Leave extra space ? stopping distances are more than double on snow or ice covered roads

? Know where you are if you require help in an emergency; if you do not know your location, it delays the arrival of emergency responders.

? Make your vehicle more visible in poor weather conditions by keeping your full lighting system on at all times.

? Plan ahead ? check and monitor current road conditions before heading out and allow extra time for traveling when weather and road conditions warrant it.

? Check the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) website for road conditions prior to heading out; do not call 9-1-1 or the OPP to obtain road reports.

? Stay alert, focus on the road and avoid sudden braking, accelerating or steering.

? Always keep an ice scraper in the vehicle to keep windows, signals and lights clear.

? Make sure your wiper blades are in good working order, keep the windshield wiper fluid topped up and keep an extra container of fluid in your vehicle.

? Keep the gas tank at least half-full so that you do not run out of gas if you become stranded and to prevent condensation from forming in the gas tank.

? Keep a fully-stocked emergency kit in the vehicle.