

Police Week: Everyone can help fight crime in Shelburne

Everyone in Shelburne can play a leadership role in making our community safer, Chief Moore of the Shelburne Police Service said today. "Our partnership with the community is essential in preventing crime and making our citizens safer," Chief Moore said. "The police can't do it alone. We need the support of every resident of Shelburne. Police Week is a great opportunity to engage people in our community on topics such as crime prevention programs and community policing."

The theme of Police Week 2014 in Ontario is Building Community Partnerships. Police Week runs from May 11-17 nationally and recognizes the work that police officers do to keep their communities safe in Ontario and across Canada. It includes local campaigns by police services that highlight important work in their communities with a focus on police professionalism, accountability, and community engagement through social media.

Police Week 2014 will be marked in the town of Shelburne with three specific events: "Saturday May 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the rear parking lot of the Shelburne Police Station " Prescription Drug Drop Off Day. A combined effort with Dufferin OPP to encourage the public to bring expired and unused prescription drugs for proper disposal so they can't get into the wrong hands.

"Wednesday May 14th, 7 p.m. at the Grace Tipling Hall (in Town Hall) " "Tasers and Police" Presentation and Public Consultation. With new legislation in place, many police services in the province are considering, or are already implementing greater issuance of Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW's) often referred to as "Tasers". Shelburne Police is hosting a presentation and public consultation in regards to the potential expansion of this tool to all frontline officers. All community members welcome and encouraged to attend.

"May 11th to 13th at Centre Dufferin District Secondary School " Dangers of "Sexting" Presentations. Officers will be conducting presentations to various classes at CDDHS in regards to the dangers of "Sexting". "Sexting" is quickly becoming a concern among our youth. Using social media and other electronic messaging many youth are finding themselves in precarious situations which in some cases have criminal consequences. Remember, any electronic device that is intended for messaging directly or through the internet has the potential of being copied, redirected, re-posted or forwarded. These messages and photos once on the internet are there indefinitely " even if you remove them from your device or social media page. Think twice before you message or post anything! "We are grateful to the police and their community partners for all they do to keep our communities safe," said Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.