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Hamilton police call on Caledon ATV search and rescue for help

Wednesday, Jan. 31 John Penny, team leader of the Ontario ATV Search and Rescue Federation, received a phone call at approximately 11 a.m. from Hamilton Police, SAR (Search and Rescue) Commander Sgt. Duncan MacDougal requesting the assistance of the Caledon District Ontario ATV Search and Rescue group to aid in the search of a missing 55-year-old man.

The vast rough terrain was an area that Hamilton Police were unable to properly search.

Dwight Banks, assistant team leader and Palgrave volunteer firefighter, along with John Penny, headed for

the town of Waterdown.

After preparing all necessary emergency gear and equipment without delay, they arrived at the command post in two hours to prepare for debriefing.

The weather was bitterly cold and the ground was covered with about 10 inches of snow. The snow was actually an added help in looking for clues, footprints and also condensed the high marshy thistles to ground level. This enabled the two men to search the vast area five times less the time it would have been to cover the area in the summer.

Hamilton Police were very cordial and treated

group members with total respect and courtesy. They were fed and kept warm throughout the day.

Even with the use of a helicopter, six-wheeled Argos, police search dogs, numerous trained police personnel and the Caledon ATVs, the search was unsuccessful.

The day ended with

another debriefing whereby the John and Dwight reported their findings and area description. Both gentlemen were very confident that the area grid they were given was completely searched and covered with no signs or clues of the missing person.

Michael Hamm was found dead Feb. 1. Apparently he was only 10

feet from one of the ATV tracks under brush.

According to Penny, this is just another example of the local group's continued support to assist local authorities, family members of missing persons and our communities throughout Ontario.

Please take time to visit their Web site at

www.oatvsarf.org to learn more about this charity organization. Donations to cover equipment costs, training etc are always welcome.

The group is holding a fund-raiser at the Mill Pond in Palgrave Feb. 24 from noon to 6 p.m. Hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee, drinks, etc. Everyone is invited to attend.

Spot check nabs van filled with marijuana

Caledon OPP Officers responded to 41 property damage and three personal injury collisions during the week of Jan. 22-28.

Traffic

Flying ice from a motor vehicle traveling on the highway is an obvious hazard and a dangerous condition. Ontario Provincial Police have received many complaints from motorists who have been struck by flying ice from a vehicle traveling in front of theirs. This is a hazard that occurs more frequently than we realize during the winter season.

All operators of a motor vehicle are responsible to ensure the vehicle they are operating is free and clear of ice, snow and debris, as well as to ensure all loads are secured.

OPP Report

1-888-310-1122

Break & Enter

Monday, Jan. 22, a homeowner on Dale Street in Bolton reported that someone had entered their unlocked shed sometime overnight. Nothing was reported stolen from the shed.

Drugs

Monday, Jan. 22, Caledon OPP officers conducted a R.I.D.E. spot check at Heart Lake Road and Boston Mills Road. A vehicle stop resulted in charges for the driver. Thirty-six-year-old Stephen Clark of North York was charged with Possession of Controlled Substance-

Marihuana and Operate Motor Vehicle Without Insurance. Court date has been set for Feb. 26.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, while conducting a seat belt spot check at the intersection of Highway 9 and Highway 10, officers stopped a vehicle because the driver was not wearing his seat belt. Sixty-one-year-old Etienne Poirier of Osprey Township was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance-Marihuana and Possession of a Controlled Substance-Cocaine. He was held for a bail hearing Jan. 25.

Thursday, Jan. 25, a R.I.D.E. spot check in Palgrave on Regional Road

50 resulted in the arrest of the driver and police seizure of the van he was driving. Forty-six-year-old Thanh Hung Tran of North York was charged with Possession for the Purpose-Marijuana and Production of Marijuana. He was held for a bail hearing Jan. 25. The van contained approximately \$100,000 value in marihuana plants and equipment used for the production of marijuana.

Mischief

Tuesday, Jan. 23, a window of a car was smashed while the vehicle was left parked in a school parking lot on Airport Road in Caledon East.

Recovered Vehicle

Tuesday, Jan. 23, a van that had been stolen from the Toronto area was recovered abandoned on Browning Court in Bolton.

Mobile home fire on Dixie Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 27 at approximately 6:51 p.m., Caledon Fire & Emergency Services responded to a report of a mobile home fire on Dixie Road received from a 911 call. Prior to the arrival of the fire department the owner of the mobile home, who lives in a house on the property, used a portable fire extinguisher to control and partially extinguished the fire.

Upon arrival fire crews advanced a hose line and extinguished the fire in the kitchen area of the mobile home. The lone occupant of the mobile home sustained burns to upper parts of his body from attempting to extinguish a grease fire in a pot on the stove. He was transported to Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton by Region of Peel EMS.

The cause was deemed unsafe cooking with grease on the stove top. Damage is estimated at \$5,500.

Agencies responding were Snelgrove, Cheltenham, Inglewood, Caledon East Fire stations, Peel EMS, Caledon OPP.

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