

(SMITHS FALLS, ON) - On Friday, June 30, 2017 the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), East Region Traffic Teams, participating detachments and marine units will be conducting a high visibility traffic safety enforcement initiative, "Safety Without Borders". This initiative will be occurring along waterways, Highway 401 from the Quebec border through to Gananoque, on Highway 416 and Highway 417 from the Quebec border to Hawkesbury.

The partnership includes cooperation between the Ontario Provincial Police and Surete du Québec with the police services of the states of New York, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire.

For those traveling south of the border, Canadian and American police services will be united in their efforts to make roads safer and protect motorists. "Safety Without Borders" also hopes to raise driver awareness of the importance of learning about and obeying the laws, when travelling in another country or province.

The public can expect to see police officers conducting RIDE programs, traffic enforcement and marine patrols while concentrating on the offences that result in the greatest contribution to serious and sometimes fatal collisions:

- Impaired Driving,
- Aggressive Driving,
- Distracted Driving
- Seatbelt Use

Officers will also be looking for any other moving violation(s) where drivers may be putting themselves or other drivers at risk for harm. As the driver of a motor vehicle or marine vessel, do your part, drive responsibly and report any traffic violations that you see. Passengers, if your driver is violating rules of the road or the waterways, speak up.

"Traffic safety matters wherever you live or travel. Through Safety Without Borders, the OPP and our American and Quebec policing partners want to ensure that everyone takes responsibility on the roads and waterways this holiday weekend. Let's work together to stay safe." □ - Inspector Paul Bedard, Manager, East Region Traffic and Marine.

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