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LEAVE THE PHONE ALONE CAMPAIGN

(RENFREW, ON) – Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving is conducting a week long campaign urging drivers to “Leave the Phone Alone while driving”. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is involved in the Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving Committee. From December 4-11 all police officers in Renfrew County and the City of Pembroke will be conducting focused patrols to enforce the distracted driving legislation.

What this will mean for drivers is officers will be focusing their attention on drivers who continue to use cell phones while driving. Officers will be encouraged to issue tickets rather than warning and strictly enforce the law.

Campaign members will also be bringing education to young drivers. All grade 11 and 12 students will participate in the Drive Wise program. This interactive program simulates distracted driving to educate people about the dangers of using your phone while driving.

Distracted drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a crash. Distracted driving is now the leading cause of death in collisions on OPP patrolled roads in Ontario. All drivers need to “Leave the Phone Alone while driving”. Stop texting, stop talking, and stop snapchats. None of these should be happening while driving. We all need to do our part for the safety of all road users.

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