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FROM/DE: ORILLIA OPP DETACHMENT

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ATV RIDERS CONFRONTED BY BEAR

(SEVERN TOWNSHIP, ON.) – On the 25th day of May 2010, two people were on an ATV out in the area of Taylor Line and Upper Big Chute Road when they came across a large black bear.

They stopped at a distance to observe this bear when the bear turned towards the ATV and started running at the ATV and the riders. The riders who had remained on the ATV immediately fled the area and called police.

No one was injured.

Police and MNR are currently on scene. The bear has not been located at this point.

Residents of the Upper Big Chute Road and Taylor Line area in Severn Township are asked to call 911 immediately if a black bear is seen in this area.

Police are again asking the public to use caution if they come across any bear. There is a 'Bearwise' website for referral to information about bears including preventative measures and safety tips.

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