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MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS INVOLVING WILD ANIMALS More prevalent at this time of year

(ORILLIA, ON) – Motorists are reminded that when traveling on any of the County's highways and Township roadways during early morning and early evening hours that deer, bear and moose may also be traveling on or across those roads.

Simcoe County is one of the top 5 areas in Ontario that has a higher proportion of reported wildlife collisions. Peak times for collisions in November and December are between 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Drivers should always expect the unexpected and not allow radios, fatigue, conversations or cell phones to distract their attention.

When driving keep your eyes moving and ensure you check the roadway ahead and ditches on either side as you travel.

Be prepared to act because domestic and wild animals may be dazzled by headlights and freeze on either the road or ditch as your vehicle approaches, and then suddenly bolt in an unexpected direction.

Motorists that collide with a wild animal must report the collision to the Police if the damage is in excess of \$1000. Anyone wishing to keep the animal that has been killed as a result of a collision must contact their local Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) office to obtain a Certificate of Reporting.

For more information contact your local Ministry or Natural Resources office or local Ontario Provincial Police Detachment.

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