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OPP & OFSC UNVEIL NEW S.T.O.P. LOGO DURING SNOWMOBILE SAFETY WEEK

Now easier to distinguish trail enforcement personnel

(ORILLIA, ON) – The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) unveiled a new S.T.O.P. (Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol) logo as the OPP and OFSC jointly promoted Provincial Snowmobile Safety Week at OPP General Headquarters today. Provincial Snowmobile Safety Week runs from January 16 – 22, 2011.

Snowmobilers will now find it easier to distinguish a volunteer S.T.O.P. officer from an OPP officer on OFSC trails this winter. The new logo (see below) will be worn on S.T.O.P. officers' snowmobile suits or patrol vests.



“The joint efforts of the OPP and our S.T.O.P. program partners are key to snowmobile safety,” said Chief Superintendent Bill Grodzinski, Commander, OPP Highway Safety Division. “We are highly committed to ensuring that snowmobiling remains a safe and fun recreational sport in Ontario and our collaborative efforts with the our partner the OFSC are an important part of that commitment”, he added.

“The OPP’s leadership and expertise in safety is important to the effectiveness of our S.T.O.P. program, and we will continue to work together to make Ontario among the safest provinces for snowmobile enthusiasts,” said OFSC Executive Director Paul Shaughnessy.

Ontario’s snowmobile trails are patrolled by OPP Detachment Members, OPP S.A.V.E. (Snow Machine, All Terrain Vehicle and Vessels Enforcement) Teams in partnership with S.T.O.P. officers. The S.T.O.P. program is a community-based enforcement program carried out through a partnership between the OPP and the OFSC.

S.T.O.P. officers are OFSC volunteers who earn appointment as Special Constables and designation as Provincial Offences Officers. This provides them with the authority to enforce the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act on OFSC prescribed trails. While they perform their duties with an OPP officer much of the time, they can operate unsupervised if fully trained. Off the trails, S.T.O.P. officers provide education and awareness about snowmobile safety in Ontario.

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HELPFUL LINKS

To learn more about the S.T.O.P. Program, the OFSC and snowmobile safety, go to:
www.ofsc.on.ca

To learn more about the OPP Provincial Traffic Safety Program, go to:
<http://www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=51>

To learn more about the OPP S.A.V.E. Program, go to:
<http://www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=521>

To view the Ontario Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, go to:
http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90m44_e.htm

For more information about the Ontario Provincial Police, visit www.opp.ca

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