

Occurrence Highlights

On 30 December 2009: The City of Orillia Participated in the Olympic Torch Relay. On the way to the Vancouver Games the torch passed through the City of Orillia. The OPP provided security and traffic control throughout the event which concluded without incident.

On 17 December 2009: Orillia OPP assist with the collection of 205,357 food items collected at the Stamp Out Food Drive. The drive was hosted by Uptergrove School, however, many community members from the City of Orillia participated and supported this Christmas community endeavour.

On 01 November 2009: a 52 year old Orillia man was beaten in front of the Broken Arrow Bar. The assault was unprovoked and caused life threatening injuries to the victim, who had to be transported to a hospital in Buffalo New York.

The victim survived the assault, however, his brain was damaged to the extent that he will be unable to live a normal life. The assailant was unknown and not from the Orillia area. Excellent police work by the Orillia Crime Unit identified the assailant and he was arrested and charged with aggravated assault within 48 hours of the incident.

On 19 October 2009: the Orillia OPP partnered with the Packet and Times to produce a "Take Action Against Bullying" booklet. The Packet published 5000 copies of the booklet for distribution by the OPP to community members, elementary school students and, their parents; to help people cope with, and eliminate bullies on our society. This bullying book reflects a true community partnership to address a major community safety concern. The 2009 booklet uses captions like: "Take Action Against Bullying", "Outsmart Bullies", "Delete Cyberbullying" and "Don't Fall Prey To Cliques".

On 19 September 2009: Orillia OPP coordinated a Family Fun Day for the families of Canadian Forces Troops in Afghanistan. Eighty five OPP members, family and volunteers attended CFB Borden to demonstrate support for the families of our brave soldiers. Various events were coordinated by Cst Gerry Dwyer, such as the Children's Safety Village. The day was an enormous success attended by over 5000 people.

On 01 July 2009: Orillia man 48 dies in police custody. A man arrested for domestic violence died of an apparent drug overdose in Orillia Detachment cells. The matter was investigated by the provincial Special Investigations Unit. Officers were cleared of any criminal wrong doing by the SIU.

On 24 June 2009: The Orillia Detachment celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the OPP at the Orillia waterfront. During this celebration, displays were set up by virtually every OPP bureau and specialized unit. There was a parade and a driving demonstration presented by the OPP Golden Helmets. In partnership with the Orillia Community Foundation an air show was performed by the Snow Birds and the CF-18 Hornet. Approximately 24,000 people attended and enjoyed the day.

On 22 April 2009: The Orillia and Area Portable Children's Safety Village was launched at Regent Park School. This was the culmination of an eight year vision of Const. Gerry Dwyer's. The village, which can be set up in school gyms, consists of a 40' by 50' mat with depictions of streets, sidewalks and park areas. Then, child-sized signs, buildings, cars and trains are set up in the village to create an interactive learning environment. Students travel through the village learning lessons from safety officers. The Orillia and Area Portable Children's Safety Village is a unique way for police officers and other community safety officers to teach children about safety. This safety village will save children's lives and is the only one of its kind. Since its unveiling, police services throughout Canada, the US and even Europe have expressed an interest in this safety program and their intention to purchase the identical product for their communities.