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OPP CHARGE 10 DRIVERS FOR FAILING TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS

Local road safety initiative held from March 23 – April 8, 2018

(PEMBROKE, ON) – Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted directed patrols from March 23 to April 8, 2018 to ensure drivers and cyclists were yielding to pedestrians at crossovers. During this local road safety initiative police charged 10 motorists with failing to yield to pedestrians at crossovers.

Drivers are reminded that in 2016 the Province of Ontario adopted a law to ensure pedestrians crossing roads are safe. The law states that vehicles must yield the right of way to pedestrians as they cross the whole roadway. The rules apply at pedestrian crossovers identified with specific signs, road markings and lights – the rules do not apply to pedestrian crosswalks at intersections with stop signs or traffic signals, unless a school crossing guard is present.

Although the directed patrol has concluded officers will continue to monitor crossovers and crosswalks throughout the detachment area to ensure the safety of pedestrians and all road users.

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