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Local cop goes MADD for a Crystal Award

By Barb Baguley
 President Jason Larkin highlighted the success of the MADD Barrie Simcoe chapter at the annual general meeting July 10 at the Barrie City Hall Rotunda.

A review of the year's activities highlighted the Red Ribbon campaign, Strides for Change, water safety programs, educational and public information sessions and important victim services, the seasonal RIDE launch at the OPP Orillia detachment, which was attended by national MADD president Margaret Miller, along with police and paramedic services and government officials. Larkin announced the 2008 RIDE launch will be hosted by the Barrie Police Service.

"Four people die every day and 190 are injured in Canada as a result of alcohol and drug related crashes," he said. "MADD's mission is to stop impaired driving and to support victims of this violent crime. We believe that it is everyone's

responsibility to help stop impaired driving."

Sundance Signs donated a large billboard to MADD at Highway 90 and George Johnson Road promoting Safe Roads Your Call a partnership with MADD, the County of Simcoe and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. The program encourages the public to call 911 if a suspected impaired driver is spotted.

South Simcoe Police Staff Sergeant Steve Wilson worked with the partners to launch the program, bringing together 20 municipalities and six police services and ensuring the program is in place from Steeles Avenue to Muskoka.

Since the program launched six weeks ago, SSPS has received 188 calls resulting in 23 impaired charges, four 12 hour suspensions, two drug charges, one street racing charge and three liquor act charges.

"The Safe Roads Your Call committee would like

to thank the partners and the media for getting the word out" said Wilson.

SSPS Constable Steve Black, a Breathalyzer technician and drug recognition expert, provided an explanation and demonstration of the roadside Breathalyzer and Intoxilyzer devices used when the roadside device registers failure indicating 80 milligrams or over the legal limit.

Chapter Crystal awards were presented to David Butler, an original member and spouse of past president Kim Butler, who has been at every event including meetings, launches, Strides walks and support to members.

Several media groups received awards, while Allan Greenwood, communications manager for the county, was recognized with an award for his work to coordinate the launch event for the Safe Roads Your Call program. Staff Sergeant Steve Wilson was recognized for



Photo by Barb Baguley

South Simcoe Police Staff Sergeant Steve Wilson, left, receives a Crystal Award from MADD Barrie Simcoe president Jason Larkin last week.

commitment, hours of work with outstanding results and spearheading the Safe Roads initiative.

Larkin said that fundraising is part of MADD Chapter activities to keep the programs in place, but confirmed that all donations

made locally to the chapter stay within the county.

"Only three per cent (is spent) on costs other than programs, as all are volunteers," he said. "It is no longer socially acceptable to drink and drive. We will continue to

work so it is not only unacceptable but it will not be tolerated. Safe Roads signs will continue to remind the public that all are watching and we will not tolerate impaired driving."

Visit www.madd.ca for information.

Feces flinging goes too far, and golf course break-in reported

South Simcoe Police

Man arrested for weapons offences

In the early morning hours of July 11, South Simcoe Police executed a search warrant at a Bradford apartment.

During the search, officers located a small amount of marijuana and two prohibited weapons. A 37-year-old Bradford man has been charged with possession of a controlled Substance, possession of a prohibited weapon (two counts), and breach of a weapons prohibition order (two counts). The man will appear in Bradford Provincial Court on Aug. 21.

Man turns himself in to police

On July 11, an 18-year-old man with no fixed address turned himself in to police on an outstanding

warrant for failing to appear.

He was arrested and held in custody for a bail hearing on July 12.

Suspects break into golf course

Some time overnight July 10 to 11, unknown suspects broke into an Innisfil golf course by cutting a small hole in the wall.

Once inside, they appeared to be scared off by the alarm, as nothing was removed from the premises. Anyone with information on this occurrence is asked to call the police at 436-2141, or leave a tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

Threats land man in jail

Police have charged a 51-year-old Innisfil man with uttering threats following an domestic dispute on Saturday afternoon.

An investigation

revealed that the man had threatened to kill his wife on an earlier occasion.

He was arrested and held for a bail hearing on July 13th.

Husband and wife arrested for hitting each other

A 42-year-old Bradford man and his 44-year-old wife have both been charged with assault following domestic dispute which occurred on Saturday afternoon.

Officers learned that the two had become involved in a heated argument, which escalated into each of them hitting the other. They were arrested at their Bradford residence, transported to the South Division station and later released on a promise to appear. They will both be appearing in Bradford court on Aug. 21st.

Greater Toronto Area residents charged after visit

Police have arrested a 61-

year-old Mississauga man and a 30-year-old Toronto woman for breach of an undertaking after officers were called to an Innisfil residence on Saturday evening. During their investigation, the officers learned that the two were on a conditions not to associate with each other. They were both arrested and held for a bail hearing on July 13th.

First person arrested under new drug law

Police have charged their first person with drug impaired driving following the proclamation of Bill C2 on July 2.

The Bill broadens police powers for detecting and investigating drug impaired driving. The Bill authorizes specially trained police officers, known as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) to conduct a series of tests to determine if a driver is impaired by drugs.

On July 13th, officers were conducting a RIDE

program in Bond Head and stopped a 20-year-old Keswick man. The man displayed signs of impairment and was taken back to the South Division station for testing. As a result, he has been charged with drug impaired driving. He is scheduled to appear in Bradford court on Aug. 21st.

The police service currently has two fully qualified Drug Recognition Experts and three officers in the final stages of training.

Intoxicated man arrested for obstruction

On Thursday July 10, South Simcoe Police responded to a residence on Killarney Beach Road in Innisfil, after receiving a 911 hang-up call.

Upon arrival, officers were invited in by a woman, but an intoxicated man on the premises tried to prevent an officer from entering. Once the officer was in the residence, the man was confrontational and tried to

impede his movement throughout the residence while doing a safety check. As a result, the 32-year-old Innisfil man was arrested and charged with obstructing police.

He was held in custody and released the following morning when sober.

Neighbours fend off feces

On Thursday July 10, police were called to an Innisfil residence for a report of a neighbour dispute.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the complainant who advised that his neighbour had thrown feces at his grandmother and nephew, who had been sitting on his back deck. The feces missed them, but landed on his deck.

As a result, police charged a 39-year-old Innisfil woman with mischief. She was released and will appear in court in August.