



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

Media Release

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Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving National Teen Driver Safety Week: October 16-22, 2016

The Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving Committee has been successful in obtaining a Ministry of Transportation Road Safety Community Partnership Program grant to facilitate a campaign to address the dangers of distracted driving.

This grant, in addition to contributions from community partners and some municipalities will fund a county- wide community education program called Leave the Phone Alone.

Distracted driving is a major safety concern and has now surpassed impaired driving as the leading cause of motor vehicle collisions that cause fatalities.

The grant will fund an interactive computer simulator presentation to all 2,000 Grade 11 and 12 students for all 11 Renfrew County High Schools, focused education to all Grade 4 and 5 students in Renfrew County Elementary Schools and a community outreach program targeted at the public.

The Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving Committee consists of members that represent the Ontario Provincial Police, Community Policing Advisory Committees, Police Service Boards and Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

We look forward to working in your community to address this serious traffic safety issue and look forward to your partnership and support with keeping citizens in your community safe.

To learn more or to take the Leave the Phone Alone pledge visit www.leavethephonealone.ca

This message was sent on behalf of the Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving Committee.

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