

## Thumbs Up – Heads Up – Be Alert

In support of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Annual Crime Prevention Week campaign, the Halton Regional Police Service is focusing on the increasing issue of Distracted Driving.

November 3 – 7 is Crime Prevention Week. One only has to drive around to see the number of distracted drivers either talking on their cell phones or with their heads down, texting in their laps.

In 2013, distracted driving caused more deaths than impaired driving in Ontario. It is also a direct cause of 30-50 percent of collisions, yet people continue to ignore the warnings and choose to drive distracted putting not only their lives at risk but everyone around them.

Halton Regional Police issued a total of 6,857 distracted driving tickets in 2013. From January through to October 2014, 6,916 tickets have been issued. Drivers are not getting the point.

Our "Thumbs Up Against Distracted Driving" campaign is an

educational initiative that serves to create awareness and encourage dialogue between drivers of all ages in hopes of getting people to take the pledge to put the phone down.

High School Liaison officers will be engaging youths in high schools around the Region to break the habit and put their phones down while driving. A thumb band with the reminder "W82TXT" will be handed out to be worn.

We encourage people to go to our website and take

the pledge. A friendly challenge between municipalities can be followed on the map. Take the HRPS Pledge and watch the numbers in your municipality grow. [www.haltonpolice.ca/HRP-SPledge](http://www.haltonpolice.ca/HRP-SPledge)

Follow @HaltonPolice on Twitter and join the conversation using the following hashtags: #HRPSPledge and #W82TXT.

Let's all help make Canada's, more specifically, Halton's roads the safest in the world!



## Halton District School Board receives funding for welding education

Halton Learning Foundation is pleased to announce a multi-year commitment totalling \$75,000 plus another \$75,000 of in-kind services and support from the CWA Foundation to establish the CWA Foundation Fund to support Welding education and pathways programs of the Halton District School Board.

"The CWA Foundation is thrilled to partner with Halton Learning Foundation in providing support to students interested in pursuing careers in welding", said Deborah A. Mates, CFRE, Executive Director, CWA Foundation. "We look forward to working together in the development of a solid welding curriculum that will become a model for other school boards across the Province and beyond."

"This generous donation and support by CWA Foundation will go a long way in creating an engaging environment for our students at the same time as creating a very positive partnership between education and the workplace. This gift will enhance our program offerings, provide new resources and equipment for the program, provide professional de-

velopment for teachers, and support the promotion of welding education at the primary and secondary levels." said David Lewis, Coordinator, Technological Education and Pathways, Halton District School Board.

Lesley Mansfield, Executive Director of the Halton Learning Foundation added "On behalf of the Foundation, we'd like to express our thanks to the CWA Foundation for becoming our new partner – we are very grateful for their multi-year commitment to supporting students pursuing Welding programs and careers."

The CWA Foundation (Foundation) was founded in May of 2013 as a federal non-share capital corporation with Registered Charitable Status. The Foundation's key mandates are to support public safety awareness, and to address the skilled welding labour shortage in Canada. It will also focus on creating access to educational opportunities for all levels of education from elementary through to post-secondary, as well as aboriginal peoples, women, those with disabilities and visible minorities. Further information is available at [www.cwa-foundation.org](http://www.cwa-foundation.org)

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