

# HRPS TAKES SHOW & SHINE EVENT TO GEORGETOWN

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Motorcyclists gathered at the Georgetown Marketplace Wednesday evening to rev their engines and show off their bikes - all while talking about road safety, of course.

On Aug. 22, Halton Regional Police Service brought their Show & Shine event to Georgetown in the hopes of getting more riders to come together from different areas of Halton, Sgt. Ryan Snow, head of the traffic services unit, said.

The event invites riders and enthusiasts to gather and chat with one another, as well as the officers on site, asking any questions surrounding safety, equipment, technique and sharing the road.

Motorcyclists will learn how to properly pick up a

bike and about the right equipment to wear, as well as about braking and handling.

"One of the big things I tell motorcyclists is whether you are in the right or the wrong, at the end of the day, physics is going to rule the day - so you have to ride safe, you need to assume everyone else doesn't see you," he said.

Snow says he is an avid motorcyclist himself. Once he assumed his role as head of the traffic services unit in 2016, he began rolling out programs that allow officers to interact with the community. One of the police service's most successful programs has been the motorcycle piece, he said.

"It's been a really great way to give back to the community and for people to get out and connect with even more motorcycles than

solely the south end of the region," he added.

Snow adds that one of his favourite aspects of the event is that it's completely unscripted and he gets to feel out the crowd and determine the information that is most relevant to them.

"Generally, what's great about it is this is that one hobby or lifestyle that really transcends a lot of social boundaries," Snow said. "You get people from all walks of life that show up. If you drive two wheels - whether you drive a moped or you drive a big cruiser, whether or not you are a weekend warrior or you drive across the country - that's what's nice about this. It's come one come all."

For further information about HRPS initiatives, visit <https://www.haltonpolice.ca/>.



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Above, Constables Mike Van Maaren and Jason Hurlley pose beside the HRPS motorcycles at the Show & Shine event. Left, HRPS Const. Chris Borak does a practical handling demonstration.

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