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ROCKWOOD TORCH RUN!

Rockwood COP Officer Andrew Ferguson, centre, helps Special Olympians Steven Wasily and Mike Whitehouse hold the torch at Rockwood's first-ever Torch Run for Special Olympics recently. OPP Constables Mike Gordon, left, and Steve Schmidt look on. Participants ran a 1.2 km route through the village, while over 7,000 law enforcement personnel participated in the Torch Run Canada-wide. "Running along you know you're doing something for a good cause, and it's a few minutes of glory at the end for the Special Olympians," explained Const. Ferguson. (Doug Harrison photo)

Reduce the chances of car theft

Acton and Rockwood residents have been targeted by car thieves a number of times recently, and police officers agree – auto theft is a major crime problem in the area.

Here are a few precautions you can take to reduce the chances of your car becoming another auto theft statistic:

1. Always close your windows, lock your doors and take your keys when leaving your car.
 2. Never leave your car running when it's unattended, even if only for a few minutes.
 3. If you have an anti-theft device, use it – even for quick stops. Most stolen cars either didn't have a device or simply didn't have it activated.
 4. Have your vehicle identification number etched on your car's six major pieces of glass. Then a professional thief won't want your car, because it can't be easily sold on the "black market."
 5. Don't leave valuables in your car. If you have no choice, make sure they're out of sight, and try to avoid having anyone see you put them away.
 6. Although you must leave your insurance ID card in your car, don't leave your registration or house keys there too, or a thief may also rob your house and/or impersonate you.
 7. Always park in a well-lit area.
 8. In urban areas, avoid parking on streets that are away from main roads.
 9. Park with your wheels turned sharply to discourage towing.
 10. If you have a garage, use it. Cars often are stolen from driveways and open spaces near residences – but seldom from garages.
- If you follow the above precautions you'll be going a long way toward preventing the theft of your automobile.



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Vacation driving tips

It's vacation time – and if your vacation involves driving, some basic preventative measures can mean the difference between a refreshing break and a disastrous outing.

A motor oil and filter change should be at the top of your maintenance list before a long trip. Also, check your tires for correct pressure and to detect signs of abnormal wear. And check the engine coolant level for the correct concentration of fluid.

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