

# Men's Fire charged in highway closure

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**HALDIMAND** – On October 4th, 2014, a portion of Highway #6 was shut down for two days for a demonstration intended to draw attention to the estimated 1,200 missing and murdered Indigenous women across Canada.

There was not a confrontation between the OPP and the demonstrators at the time and it was a peaceful event. However, three men have been

charged in connection with the action.

The media release states, "Members of the Haldimand County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and other deployed units from West Region OPP were deployed to Highway 6 near the Fourth Line on Saturday October 4, 2014 due to a demonstration in the area affecting public safety on the highway.

"Due to the safety concerns, detour

routes were set up at the Third Line to the south and the Fifth Line to the north. The closure continued into the evening of Sunday, October 5, 2014 before the highway was reopened to the public.

"As a result of the interference on the highway the OPP commenced a criminal investigation which resulted in three persons being charged."

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The purpose of the closer of highway #6 was the missing and murdered Indigenous women, but members of the men's fire who were charged last week for their part in the two-day demonstration, refuse to let their arrests obscure the point. **PHOTO BY JIM WINDLE**