

What makes drivers leave an accident scene?

There's something about a hit-and-run driver that touches a raw nerve in all of us.

Motorists who leave people or pets on the road for dead are low on the pole in terms of human tolerance.

Over the weekend, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to not one but two accidents involving hit-and-runs, both in the Ballantrae area.

One of them has left Matthew Bobbett fighting for his life in Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, while another teenager sustained minor injuries. A third is unhurt, but no doubt very upset.

On Sunday before 10 p.m., the three were walking along the northbound shoulder of Hwy. 48 near Aurora Road when a southbound baby blue Ford Mustang with a white convertible top struck two of them.

The driver then turned off his/her lights and fled the scene, traveling south on Hwy. 48. There's damage to the front of the vehicle, police said.

Of course, police are appealing to the motorist to turn him or herself in. As well, anyone who witnessed this collision is asked to contact Ontario Provincial Police Const. A. Pawliw at 1-905-841-5777.

While it's a stretch, one can understand how a driver could go into shock and flee an accident for a few minutes. However, to turn off the headlights and sneak away is quite another matter.

Then again, to learn that you're responsible for a young lad's life-threatening injuries and still not come forward is beyond most of us.

On behalf of Matthew Bobbett and his family, if you know anything about this accident, please call the police.

While the Bobbetts hold their loving vigil, wondering who struck Matthew must play heavily on them.

Const. Pawliw is also seeking the public's help in locating the driver of the vehicle that hit two Shetland ponies. Barbie and Buttercup were killed on Hwy. 48 early Saturday morning.

Owner Charlene Meecham stepped away from her loss and pointed out leaving Barbie on the road put human lives at risk.

Another driver could have been in a serious accident trying to avoid the pony's body, she stressed.

As well, Mrs. Meecham



Joan Ransberry

showed concern for the victim of the hit and run driver.

"I heard it was just a young boy and that he is very badly hurt. How could anyone leave a child on the side of the road?"

Mrs. Meecham's question begs another. Why is it that some people care and others don't?

The driver of the vehicle that hit the ponies knew he or she struck something. About 10 years ago, I hit a deer late at night with a medium-sized car.

While I sustained minor injuries, my three-week old car was a write-off. Based on this experience, it's my opinion the vehicle that hit the ponies is damaged and the driver knew darn well something very wrong happened.

Two teenagers alerted Mrs. Meecham to her loss by banging on her door.

Mrs. Meecham operates Party Ponies, and all five of her ponies had broken through a fence around a three-acre pasture. While part of the business, the animals are like family.

After the police were called, the teenagers led Mrs. Meecham to the highway. There, she found Barbie, a five-year-old Shetland, dead on the road.

Her two-year-old sister Buttercup was standing over her. Buttercup was in bad shape. Despite a veterinarian's care, Buttercup died a few hours later.

Mrs. Meecham has nothing but praise for the teenagers who helped out. She didn't get their names. "I'd like to thank them again. They were wonderful.

"They helped me carry Buttercup and Barbie off the road and round up the other three.

"People are always criticizing teenagers. Yet it took teenagers to come to my aid. I will always be grateful."

Buttercup and Barbie were buried in a common grave in the pasture field. I visited the grave when I interviewed Mrs. Meecham.

I also met Nana, Barbie and Buttercup's mother. Nana looked very sad.

There's no doubt in my mind. Nana senses her babies are gone. A mother knows these things.

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