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meet the demand, Staff Sgt. Bulmer said.

The largest jumps in Road Watch complaints between 2009 and 2011 were seen in Georgina (77 per cent), Markham (62 per cent) and Newmarket (57 per cent).

Staff Sgt. Bulmer attributed the jump to word of mouth among drivers, the way the program has been marketed and increasing comfort in submitting complaints online.

There is also an element of drivers behaving more aggressively, he acknowledged.

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Attaching contact information to the complaint also stems abuse of the program, such as neighbour disputes, he added.

Road Watch began in Caledon in 1995 after a crash left eight high school students dead.

The program came to York in 2008.

"I think the average person really does care about what goes on out there and this is an opportunity for them to participate," Staff Sgt. Bulmer said.

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