

St Patrick's Weekend R.I.D.E. Results

DRPS conducted a R.I.D.E. initiative over the weekend up to the early morning hours of March 18, 2026. The R.I.D.E. Team stopped 837 vehicles and arrested four drivers for impaired driving offences.

The results are as follows:
837 Vehicles stopped by R.I.D.E.

38 People given Roadside Breath Tests
5 People received "7 Day Suspensions" for registering a "WARN"
0 Novice Driver received a 7, 14 or 30 day Licence Suspension
4 People were charged with Impaired Offences

1 Person was arrested on a Criminal Code Driving Prohibition
52 Charged with various Highway Traffic Act offences

Over the weekend into Wednesday morning, four drivers were arrested by the R.I.D.E. Team for Impaired Driving offences. All drivers charged

face automatic roadside sanctions and will be required to attend court at a later date.

On March 17, 2026 a motorist was observed failing to stop at a stop sign, before pulling in to a licensed establishment in Downtown Whitby. Members of the R.I.D.E. team, performed a traffic stop and spoke to the

male driver. It was determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol, and was given a road side breath test on an Approved Screening Device. The driver, registered in the WARN range, prompting an automatic 7 Day Driver's Licence suspension. Further investigation revealed that the driver was subject to a Criminal

Code driving prohibition for past impaired driving and prohibited driving convictions, as well had a Provincial Driver's Licence suspension (x2). The driver also had warrants in other jurisdictions. He was arrested and charged accordingly. His vehicle was impounded for 45 days, under the Vehicle Impoundment Program (V.I.P.)



CANADIA ARMY RESERVE ON THE MOVE

Canadian Army Reserve personnel from 33 Canadian Brigade Group (33 CBG) will conduct transport and supply convoys on roads and highways between multiple Ontario communities and Petawawa, Ontario on March 20 & 27, 2026. Similar return traffic can be expected March 22 & 29, 2026, on the same routes. Canadian Army Reserve members from across Northern,

Central and Eastern Ontario will participate in Ex WOLF AMBUSH at Garrison Petawawa.

Members of the public may see increased military traffic with Canadian Army vehicles operating on various area roads including Ontario Highways 7, 17, 26, 41, 55, 115, 401, 416 and 417. This increased military traffic is in support of Exercise WOLF AMBUSH and will follow

pre-planned routes to and from Petawawa, Ontario. These convoys will transport approximately 300 soldiers and their equipment in Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) vehicles and buses. Participating personnel will conduct planned, short stops along the routes, stopping for rest, fuel, and scheduled maintenance.

Participating soldiers will not carry any weapons or ammuni-

tion while making public stops on the designated routes of travel to and from this routine combat readiness exercise.

All measures are being taken to ensure minimum inconvenience in these areas during the exercise dates. Members of the public are asked to take extra caution when approaching military vehicles and are thanked in advance for their understanding and co-operation.

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We are feeling incredibly grateful this week for the amazing support shown during March for Meals!

A huge thank-you to the many MPs, MPPs, Mayors, City Councillors, and Fire Services personnel who stepped up to deliver Meals on Wheels and check in on our clients. Your time, energy, and kindness make a real difference.

Today, we were honoured to have:

- Jamil Jivani, MP for Bowmanville-Oshawa
- Rhonda Kirkland, MP for Oshawa
- Granville Anderson, Clarington Councillor
- Maleeha Shahid - Whitby Regional Councillor and Steve Yamada, Whitby Councillors
- Nancy Henry. Councillor and Regional Councillor Marilyn Crawford, Ajax Councillors
- And the dedicated team from Whitby Fire & Emergency Services, Engine 35

Thank you for helping deliver nutritious meals — and plenty of smiles — to clients across our community.

March for Meals is a month-long celebration of our Meals on Wheels program, and we couldn't do it without the ongoing dedication of volunteers across Durham Region. ❤️

Your support keeps this program strong, caring, and connected.

Thank you for being champions for Community Care Durham.