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## CAA honours hard work and dedication of London Police Service

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Officers are being recognized for their hard work and commitment to school zone safety

**Thornhill, ON, January 23, 2020** – [CAA South Central Ontario \(CAA SCO\)](#) is proud to recognize one of its CAA School Safety Patrol® program police partners, the London Police Service (LPS), for their outstanding contribution and dedication to improving community safety and relationship building.

The officers of the London Police Service School Safety Team who deliver CAA's School Safety Patrol (SSP) program, are being acknowledged for their commitment to their students and the overall passion they have for all the programs they deliver.

"These officers work to create and maintain positive relationships with their schools and ensure that their students are engaged in this long-standing program," says Nicole Savage, community relations specialist. "The dedication that this team has for CAA's School Safety Patrol® program and overall community safety is undeniable,"

Constables Rebecca Elliott, Scott Mickle, Christopher Golder and Evan Harrison, were recognized alongside the broader police service today at an event at London Police Headquarters.

"This recognition is an honour for both the service and for these officers who go above and beyond to connect with youth in our community," says Steve Williams, London police chief. "I am very proud of the leadership each officer has shown and impressed with the difference they are making in the lives of young people."

The team has worked together over the past few years to organize or offer various annual patroller appreciation events. These events have included inviting hundred of students to private screenings of popular movies, a special hockey game with the London Nationals, local patroller dances, as well as an annual fun day at a Toronto Blue Jay game, or more recently, they planned a full day of play at the Factory in London.

"What is important to acknowledge is that none of these initiatives would be as effective as they are without the connection that the London Police Service has with its patrol teams," says Savage.

In London, the SSP program began in 1960 and today there are almost 30 schools with approximately 500 students participating.

The award given to the London Police Service is one of two provincial partner achievement awards that CAA hands out annually to celebrate the success of an active program and its continual partnerships.

In November, CAA selected the Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region as the 2019 CAA School Safety Patrol® Achievement Award community partner, for their work in their region.



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CAA takes the safety of children and pedestrians very seriously and works closely with school boards, teachers, police services, bus consortiums and community groups to regularly improve and audit the School Safety Patrol program.

The CAA School Safety Patrol® program has helped keep students safe in school zones since the 1920's by assisting at school crossings and on school buses.

Approximately 800 schools in Ontario participate in the CAA School Safety Patrol program and CAA SCO partners with over 55 local partners to deliver the program. For more information, visit [www.caaschoolsafetypatrol.com](http://www.caaschoolsafetypatrol.com).

### About CAA South Central

As a leader and advocate for road safety and mobility, CAA South Central Ontario is a not-for-profit auto club which represents the interests of over 2 million members. For over a century, CAA has collaborated with communities, police services and governments to help keep drivers and their families safe while travelling on our roads.

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