Huronia



CIVIC HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION

Please take note that our three offices will be **CLOSED on MONDAY**, **AUGUST 5th** for the Civic holiday. **We will re-open on Tuesday**, **AUGUST 6th**.

Our 24/7 ULC listed monitoring stations in <u>Midland</u> and <u>Muskoka</u> as well as our technical support team **WILL**, as always, be open.

HOME SECURITY. DETECTION & PREVENTION. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

There have been a number of recent news releases from our colleagues at the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) with regards to home safety and security including daytime break and enters that resulted in thefts of small household items, cash and jewelry and an unrelated incident of voyeurism/trespassing. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the following home safety tips from the OPP, to help protect yourself, your family and neighbours from unwanted visitors. Please remember that should you discover a break and enter, please contact the OPP immediately at 1-888-310-1122. **Do not enter your property as valuable evidence may be disturbed.**

Detection:

- Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious vehicles and persons in the area of your residence. Do not confront possible suspects.
- Record the licence numbers and description of suspicious vehicles.
- Record detailed descriptions of occupants of suspicious vehicles.
- Report your concerns and observations immediately to the Ontario Provincial Police Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or "911" if you believe the situation to be an emergency - some of our customers will have other police jurisdictions that serve their locales
- Make "would-be" thieves visible by installing motion lights or leave an exterior light on to illuminate entrance ways and rear yards.
- Don't hide keys in secret places. Instead leave a duplicate with a friend or neighbour.

Prevention:

- Lock your doors and secure any open windows prior to retiring for the evening.
- Consider motion sensor lights to illuminate the exterior of your residence.
- Borrow an engraver from your local OPP detachment to engrave your valuable belongings. This may discourage theft of valuables and will provide an easy way to identify stolen property.
- Record the serial numbers and contents of your home on paper or using a video camera.
- Don't leave articles out, such as axes and tools that could be used to assist in breaking into your residence.
- Establish relationships with neighbours and check on each other's property when away.
- If you are away, make sure that your residence looks like it is occupied. Have the sidewalks shoveled, the mail collected, and the grass cut. Make use of timers to have lights coming on and going off at different intervals.
- Avoid posting on social media sites when you are away from your residence.
- Lock and secure your property and outside belongings and if warranted inquire of the feasibility of an alarm system.

Huronia offers a variety of residential security systems and security solutions that can

meet most requirement and budgets:

- Basic systems
- PIR motion-sensors that detect the body heat of any intruder
- Monitored alarms that cannot be disabled by phone-lines being cut

Please contact us today to talk about your residential security needs.

For more information on the prevention of residential break and enters, please view the following link for informative "tip sheets" from the <u>SafeGuard Ontario Property Security Program</u>.

MEET OUR NEW HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER, LIZ COMUZZI



Welcome aboard Liz!

Please join us in welcoming the newest member to our Huronia team ... Liz Comuzzi, Manager, Human Resources. As our company continues to grow and we expand our boundaries it became apparent that there was a need to find an individual to lead our Human Resources/Health & Safety departments to assist in managing that growth from a human resources perspective. Liz is a seasoned HR professional that has successfully lead human resources and health and safety departments and will provide leadership in all aspects of HR/H&S best practices within our organization. Liz will provide advice and guidance at all levels of our organization through direct lines of communication with all employees, to build positive experiences, over the coming months.

NEW INTERIM MONITORING STATION ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

On behalf of the Huronia Team, please join us in extending congratulations to Jessica Goode on her recent promotion to Interim Monitoring Station Assistant Supervisor. Jessica has been part of the Huronia Team for the last 2.5 years and during that time, Jessica has continually demonstrated her leadership abilities. Jessica will be supporting our team and customers by assisting with program development, data entry, supporting our growth in technology and working to further strengthen our growing team of operators through ongoing training of new software and systems. Jessica is definitely a team player who works exceptionally well within all levels of our organization.



HURONIA ACHIEVES TMA FIVE DIAMOND MONITORING CENTER DESIGNATION RENEWAL

<u>The Monitoring Association</u> (TMA) is pleased to announce that Huronia Alarm & Fire Security, Inc. - Midland, ON has renewed the prestigious "TMA Five Diamond Monitoring Center" designation. This designation is granted annually to monitoring

centers that satisfy all of the requirements of the "five points of excellence" ... click here to read the press release.

HURONIA OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR COMMUNITY ...



Team Huronia hitting the links at the annual Muskoka Builders Association golf tournament.



Randy's retirement party!



Our offices each held Canada Day breakfasts to celebrate our nation's birthday. Special thanks to Pam (from our monitoring station) who supplied the main breakfast course for each of the offices!

