

Huronia



Earlier this month, we received our “TMA Five Diamond Monitoring Center designation” for 2023 from The Monitoring Association (TMA). Only 25 monitoring centers in Canada have achieved the Five Diamond designation, so it’s a real honour to be among this select group. I’m proud to say that we’ve been part of this prestigious certification program since June 2013.

Looking back a few short years after Don Bryant started our company, he opened the office in Penetanguishene. The year was 1975. The monitoring services were performed by the Midland Telephone Answering Service (MTAS). That same year, the MTAS went bankrupt. Don was convinced by colleagues from the local PUC, Police and Fire departments to open up his own monitoring station. He did and ended up taking over all the Midland TAS customers including McClean Hunter Communications paging service which Don purchased the following year.

Don now operated a 24-hour a day business.

To help offset the costs of running a 24-hour business Don acquired the Department of Transportation License bureau in the Penetanguishene area.

In 1979 Bell Canada ran out of circuit lines for alarm monitoring between Penetang and Midland and Don was forced to move the office to our current location at 233 Midland Ave. Business continued to grow. That same year, Don built a 1500 sq. ft. addition to the building to make space for additional monitoring station employees and equipment.



Fast forward to 1986, and Huronia had run out of space; again. Demolition and construction began again. It was that same year that Huronia assisted in setting up the 911 fire emergencies service which covered Elmvalle to Rama and up to Huntsville – a total of 11 Fire Halls. Huronia’s staff was trained by the Ontario Fire Marshall’s office to handle all fire emergencies.

Huronia has had a long-standing and successful relationship working with law enforcement agencies and fire and emergency services communications centers in our communities. We pride ourselves on operating our own [ULC Listed local monitoring station](#). When we handle a call about a property, our monitoring station operators truly are familiar with the location. That’s a unique service offering. And it’s important.

Receiving the Five Diamond designation year after year is a testament to our hard-working teams who are always updating their training and skillsets to better serve our customers. This designation also means that our monitoring station has “*demonstrated an exceptionally high degree of responsibility to their local community and their customers through the investment of time, money and commitment to quality operator training. Operators serve as the life-saving link between residential or business properties and the police, fire and emergency services in local areas.*”

Please join me in congratulating our Monitoring Station team for receiving this designation once again.



[Click here to read the press release.](#)

HURONIA CANADA DAY HOURS OF OPERATION

Please take note that Huronia will be CLOSED on Friday, July 1st, for Canada Day. **We will re-open on Monday, July 4th.** Our [24/7 ULC listed monitoring station](#) WILL remain open on Friday the 1st with no interruption in monitoring service. 24/7 emergency service is also available if required.

“TECHNOLOGY IS REALLY CHANGING THE FACE OF CRIME.”

There has been a recent spike in vehicle thefts in the Toronto and Halton Regions as car thieves are using GPS tracking devices to track and ultimately steal vehicles. Many of our customers have residences in these areas, and unfortunately, what happens in larger city centres often finds its way to our smaller communities. Toronto Police Service 22 Division released a video describing the problem in detail and they offer suggestions for using your cell phones to detect Bluetooth trackers near you.

Apple Airtags, Samsung Smart Tags, and other GPS tracking devices were designed to help individuals find and track their items. But now, thieves are using these tracking devices to mark vehicles that they find desirable, affixing the airtags to the vehicle in an area which is difficult to see (the tags are magnetic) and then they use the devices to track the vehicle back to the owner's home. Once the owner is asleep, or away from the residence, the unattended vehicle is stolen.

The tracking devices are being hidden in areas including: behind the license plate, in the trailer hitch receiver, or even in the area where the gas tank cap is located.

There are things you can do to protect your vehicle.

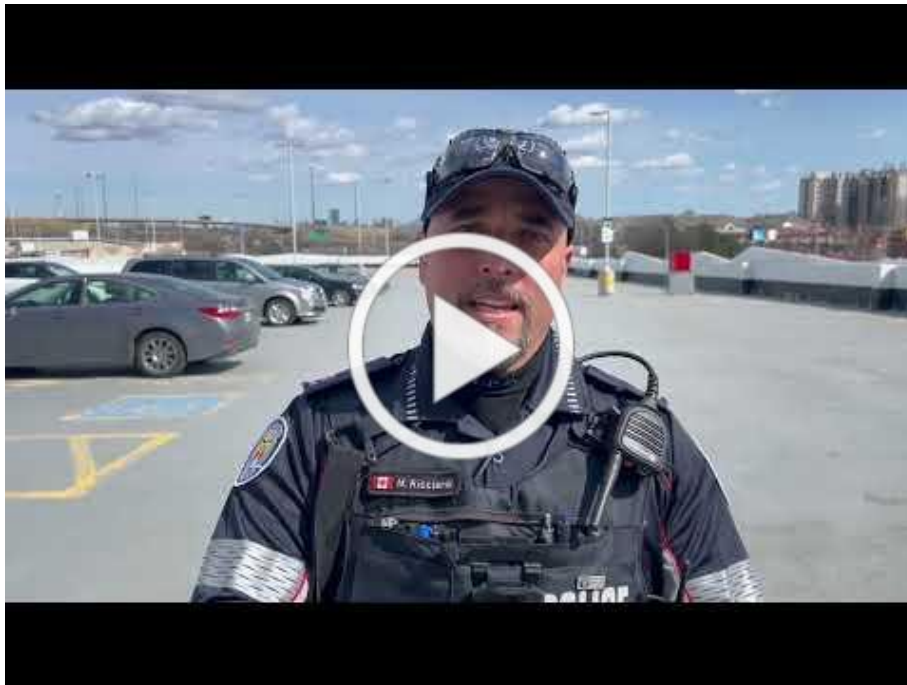
iPhone users: if you get a notification saying there's an airtag near you, use your location tracking service to locate the tag on your vehicle – police services recommend calling them BEFORE you remove the tag from your vehicle, as there may be fingerprint evidence on the tracking device.

Android users: there is an app called Tracker Detect, which indicates if an Apple Airtag is around you for more than 20 minutes. This “heads up” notification allows you to check your vehicle for the tracking device.

It is also recommended that you check your pockets, purses, backpacks, or other portable items you may keep with you in case the airtag has been placed inside.

Please watch the video below for additional tips for helping prevent vehicle theft including covering your VIN which makes it more difficult for thieves to steal your vehicle.

Special thanks to officers Marco Ricciardi and Tom Balaga from Toronto Police Service 22 Division for producing this video.



WE HIKED. WE BIKED. AND HOSPICE GEORGIAN TRIANGLE SURPASSED ITS FUNDRAISING GOAL!

We laced up our shoes and shined our bikes for the 2022 Hike & Bike for Hospice Georgian Triangle on Sunday, May 29, 2022. We were also a Gold Sponsor of this event!

From the event organizers: *"It was an incredible day that brought together more than 350 participants & 110 volunteers for the first time in two years. Thanks to you, we were able to raise more than \$176,000, and pledges are still coming in! This amazing accomplishment will help provide compassionate care to those living with a life-limiting illness and their families, as well as grief and bereavement support."*



[Click here to read more from the event organizers!](#)

WE'RE HIRING ... HELP US FIND THE NEXT GREAT ADDITION TO OUR TEAM!

To support our commitment to exceptional customer service we are always looking to have talented people join our team. Some of our best leads have come from our customers, and so we are reaching out to you again! We are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- CFAA Technicians (all locations)
- Licensed Part-time Static and Response Security Guards (Utterson/Muskoka)
- Monitoring Station Operators (Midland)

[Click here to submit an application or to receive additional information about these career opportunities.](#)

If you know of someone who is looking for an employment opportunity with a family-owned and operated business that is dedicated to customer satisfaction, [please contact us.](#)

We offer an incentive for leads that create viable employment opportunities for our company: three months free monitoring for the lead; 12 months of free monitoring if we employ the lead through their probationary period; an additional 24 months of free monitoring should the lead remain employed after one continuous year of service.



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