



My friends refused to call my first car a “car”; they called it ‘transportation ... sometimes’ as it wasn’t the most reliable. I was 16 when I bought a 74 Mercury Capri for \$200; a great deal, but it didn’t have second gear. I swapped the transmission with one from a parts car my dad had, and installed a top-of-the-line ... (hand me down from my brother) MEI AM/FM/cassette player with two Alpine 6X9s in boxes that I left on the back seat, so anyone sitting in the back had a speaker on their lap. I still have the old stereo, and the speaker boxes in the garage.

The day I got hired at DSC, I bought an 86 Sunbird with 106K on it. I drove it for a few years before selling it to my father, and upgraded to a brand new 91 Sunbird GT, that I drove for 14 years, and 330,000km. When the 86 Sunbird was retired, my father used the rear axle to build a utility trailer that my brother now owns. After the Sunbirds, I drove a 2002 Impala for a few years and then a 2012 Dodge Ram, that I still drive.

In addition to those daily drivers, in 1996, I bought a 1970 Mach I Mustang from my best friend, which he bought in 1979. I drove it as a beater for about 15 years before taking it off the road to rebuild it, which was a 3-year project. It may not be the newest technology, but it is like a brand-new 54-year-old car worth far more than any other vehicle I have owned/purchased. Every part of the vehicle was either sandblasted or replaced, including starting with a new frame. It is my pride and joy (sorry kids), and I keep it well guarded ... locked up in the garage, with alarm contacts, motion detectors, alarm.com cameras, and more, all protecting it. Whether you’re a gearhead like me or not, I encourage you to watch your vehicles, and how you store them. Let’s make it harder for would-be-thieves to take your car or ... even your ‘*transportation ... sometimes*’.

~ David P. Clark, President

AS VEHICLE THEFT CASES CONTINUE TO RISE, THE OPP HAS SOME TIPS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER.

The Ontario Provincial Police continue to see a rise in vehicle theft. They recommend the installation of exterior lighting and video surveillance systems (cameras) to help prevent vehicle theft. They suggest activating remote alerts and ensuring that the surveillance system storage system can store video recordings for a minimum of 24 hours. Make the cameras visible, as this, too, will help deter thieves from targeting your home.

Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc. provides residential video surveillance with professional-grade cameras that can be integrated into existing security systems. We also work with mobile app platforms, like alarm.com, to provide customers with real-time event notifications and alerts filtered to their preferences (including smarter video alerts targeted to specific activities). Video analytics can be programmed to turn on lights, alert you to visitors (wanted and unwanted) and capture activity that may be occurring in tightly defined areas like doorways. Interested in learning more about security cameras and video surveillance options for your home or property? [Get in touch with us today.](#)

Some additional tips from the Ontario Provincial Police’s new Organized Crime Towing and Auto Theft Team include:

1. A practical tip from the Ontario Provincial Police's new Organized Crime Towing and Auto Theft Team is to keep key fobs as far away from the front/side/back/garage door as possible. This simple action can deter "relay attacks" (where thieves use an antenna-like device to capture the radio frequency used by a smart key to trick your vehicle into thinking the key fob is closer than it actually is), giving you more control over your vehicle's security.
2. Check your vehicle manual to see if the manufacturer has included an off switch on the key fob, which deactivates the wireless signal when not in use.
3. Consider investing in a signal-blocking Faraday Bag to store your key fob when not in use. (Do your research and ensure that the Faraday Bag you purchase is made from reliable materials that will actually block electromagnetic fields.)
4. Secondary car alarms and mechanical devices (like The Club steering wheel lock) can also be used.

We know that these tips are not fail-safe or perfect, but if you can make it more difficult for would-be thieves to gain access to your vehicle, then they may give up and move on.

The team at our Collingwood location (284 Pretty River Parkway North) can cut and program keys, fobs and transponders. We have a **full range of chipped and standard automotive keys** for all North American cars and we can also cut motorcycle and boat keys as well. For fast and easy replacement of your lost or stolen car keys, or if you just want an extra set of keys for peace of mind, we are open 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.

"EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY FOR HOCKEY!" LIVING WISH FOUNDATION MARKS THEIR 100th WISH WITH A CELEBRATION AT THEIR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

As an event sponsor, we would like to congratulate the over 220 folks who participated in the 2024 Cal Patterson Memorial Hockey Tournament, supporting **The Living Wish Foundation**. The Living Wish Foundation's mission is to provide medically supervised and supported end-of-life wishes to individuals in our community who are facing a terminal diagnosis.

"End of life wishes aren't overly complicated. We anticipate them to be examples of things we see every day in this line of work: a request for a specific flavor of ice cream, to have a loved one flown in for a visit from out of country, to be able to go home one last time to see their garden, to have a visit from a beloved pet, to safely spend one last night at the cottage, to celebrate the anniversary/birthday/Christmas a few weeks early... Sometimes all it takes is permission to ask and the right group of motivated people to make it happen."

Before the first puck dropped, the foundation took a moment to mark their 100th wish granted. What an achievement! So, too, was raising over \$45,000 through participant fundraising and sponsor donations!



HAFS IS PROUD TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY LIVING HURONIA FOUNDATION

Hurononia Alarm & Fire Security Inc. and CLH Foundation/CLH Developmental Support Services have supported one another and the Midland community for years. We've worked with them for a long time and their "neighbours taking care of neighbours" values align with ours. The opportunity to sponsor their annual fundraising **A Red Carpet Concert** means that we can help them raise much-needed funds to deliver programs and developmental support services to children, adults, and seniors in our neighbourhood.

"I'm so thrilled to be able to tell you that with your sponsorship support leading the way, A Red Carpet Concert raised more than \$104,000 for CLH Foundation in support of CLH Developmental Support Services. Saturday's concert featuring The Trews at King's Wharf Theatre was not only very successful, but also a lot of fun! Your leadership as a sponsor has a direct and positive impact on every member of the CLH community, and we appreciate your generosity very much – Thank you." ~ Sue-Ellen Boyes, CFRE, Director, Revenue Development

We are proud to support this initiative because it aims to build a stronger, more empowered, inclusive, and productive community. Congratulations to the entire team at the CLH Foundation.

WE ARE HIRING ALARM TECHNICIANS AND PART-TIME SECURITY GUARDS! 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, so we are reaching out to you again! We are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- Alarm Technician (Collingwood, Midland & Muskoka) – we are looking for individuals who have been certified through the Canadian Security Association's

- (CANASA) Alarm Technician Course (ATC).
- Part time Security Guard (Muskoka)

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

We offer a competitive hourly rate (based on related work experience), extended health and dental benefits, RRSP contribution, company vehicle, continuous training and development, uniforms, safety equipment/tools, on-call/overtime pay and the opportunity to work with a great group of people!

Sound like you or someone you know? Send an email to hr@huronialarms.com or contact Human Resources at 705-445-4444 ext. 1113.

We offer an incentive for leads that create viable employment opportunities for our company: three months of 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 year of continuous service.



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