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From Peel Crime Stoppers

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Peel Region Celebrates and Gives Thanks to First Responders at Free Outdoor BBQ

(Caledon, ON) – A tasty and yet inspirational summer tradition continues!

The public is invited to help celebrate and thank First Responders for their on-going efforts in keeping Peel safe at the **3rd Annual Peel Crime Stoppers – First Responders Recognition BBQ** on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 11am to 2pm at Southfields Community Centre.

This year the event will be hosted in collaboration with the Town of Caledon. "It is a privilege to serve the wonderful residents of our town and work towards fostering a safe and vibrant community," say Mayor-Annette Groves, Regional Councillor-Christina Early, and Ward Councillor-Dave Sheen. "We are excited about the opportunity to support Peel Crime Stoppers on this event that will bring communities together and honour our dedicated first responders."

Rain or shine, the free celebration will welcome everyone to enjoy food, live music, and fun family-friendly activities. As part of the festivities, there will also be a formal recognition program to honour Emergency Call Centre Communicators – a group of dedicated civilians who work under extreme pressure to keep our communities safe and healthy. These individuals are often the first point of contact for the public when reporting an emergency or crime.

"We are safer together," says Peel Crime Stoppers Board Chair, Imran Hasan. "This initiative is made possible by the support from so many wonderful partners, all with a shared goal of community safety and well-being. It is an opportunity to celebrate the courageous first responders who report for duty 365 days a year."

The annual community BBQ is a partnership with Boots On The Ground - a registered charitable organization that provides a 24/7 peer mental health support line for all First Responders across Ontario.

Members from RCMP, OPP, Peel Regional Police, Peel Paramedics as well as Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga Fire will be on-site sharing community safety tips and providing a safe space for the public to get up and close to some of the emergency services equipment used by teams in Peel Region.

Peel Crime Stoppers is a non-profit community based charitable program involving the cooperative efforts of the community, the media, and the police to fight against crime and help build safer neighbourhoods.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Southfields Community Centre, 225 Dougall Avenue, Caledon

Website Link: <https://peelcrimestoppers.ca/peel-first-responders-recognition-bbq-2023/>

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