



**Ontario Provincial Police  
VEHICLE DAMAGE REPORT**

RMS #:SP09020239

TP22 Referral #: 12120  
Collision Claims #: 32229

Incident Type: Collision Other Damage Radio Equipment Supplementary Police Equipment	Vehicle Number: 01-152 Vehicle Number of other OPP Vehicle involved: (if applicable) Assigned Location of Vehicle: I100 : PETERBOROUGH COUNTY
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Part A - Investigating Member			
Occurrence Location: Lindsay Rd, Smith-Ennismore Twp	Occurrence Time and Date: 30 Jan 2009 - 16:20		Vehicle License #:BCSA-679 01 : STANDARD PATROL VEHICLE
	Detachment of Occurrence: I100 : PETERBOROUGH COUNTY		Vehicle Make and Year: FORD - 2008 CROWN VICTORIA
Operator: MICHAEL JACK	Badge No: 12690	Rank/Classification: PROBATIONARY	Odometer Reading/Hours: 165098
Description of vehicle and equipment damage: -flat front passenger tire -passenger mirror torn off -right front quarter panel, behind tire - dented -front passenger door - large dent to lower half of door			

Part B - Operator
<p>Explanation of occurrence: PC M. JACK attempted to make a U-turn on Lindsay Rd in an attempt to turn around and stop a speeding motorist. PC M. JACK misread his U-turn, resulting in the cruiser nosing into the south ditch. PC J. GILLIAM was accompanying PC M. JACK.</p> <p>A passing motorist stopped to render assistance to the officers by offering to pull their cruiser out of the ditch. The motorist used his own personal rope to tie up to the rear axle of the cruiser which was still up on the shoulder of the road. PC JACK and PC GILLIAM got back into the cruiser and the passing motorist began to pull the cruiser.</p> <p>Instead of pulling the cruiser straight out of the ditch, the nose of the cruiser swung to the right, further down into the ditch. The cruiser began being pulled sideways through the ditch and struck a metal cautionary road sign in the ditch. PC JACK and PC GILLIAM were unable to get out of the cruiser to tell the towing driver to stop.</p>

Part C - Investigating Member			Started: 30 Jan 2009	Completed: 01 Feb 2009
<p>Findings: ACCEPTED BY CONDUCT</p> <p>PC JACK's driving inexperience as a police officer resulted in him initially nosing his cruiser into the ditch. The cruiser was partially into the snowbank and partially on the shoulder of the roadway and had sustained no damage.</p> <p>PC JACK's and PC GILLIAM's decision to accept the offer of the passing motorist versus calling a tow truck, resulted ultimately in the damage to the cruiser. This was poor decision making on their part. Also, by getting back into the cruiser while it was being towed, compounded the problem. The officers could not effectively see what was occurring, nor get the towing driver to stop as they could not get out of their cruiser. Spatial awareness was also low, as the nearby sign did not come into their decision making process.</p> <p>Although PC JACK was not "driving" the cruiser, this collision is deemed to be preventable.</p>				
Signature of investigating officer:	Date:	Collision: Preventable		
ROBERT FLINDALL (9740)				
Signature of Detachment Commander:	Date:			
MELVILLE CAMPBELL (6385)				

Part D - Division/District	
<p>Decision of Conduct committee:</p> <p>NDD to advise the officer about safe operation of a force vehicle. This should be documented on a 233-10 entry.</p> <p>TW</p>	
Name and Badge of Chairman:	Date:

Attachments		
Photographs Driver and witness statements	Estimates/Appraisals Other	Government employee injury description LE042