# In VESTs In A Community A word from the community

### InVESTs In A Winning Team

#### **CAA** School Safety Patrol

*InVESTing in your community* 

"Young people become safety patrollers because they want to help out their fellow students, especially the younger ones. This might seem like a small thing, but it's not... Everything works out better when we care about each other and we try to lend a helping hand wherever we can."

FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL ADRIENNE CLARKSON

"CAA safety patrollers promote the type of values we need for strong communities - volunteerism, dependability and helpfulness. We're proud to be a part of a program that develops these young leaders and safety ambassadors."

CHIEF WILLIAM BLAIR TORONTO POLICE SERVICE

"CAA's School Safety Patrol program has a proven track record of success and we're proud to support such a wonderful safety initiative that helps our drivers ensure a safe ride on their buses."

RICHARD DONALDSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ONTARIO SCHOOL BUS ASSOCIATION

CAA School Safety Patrol program ...

a Tradition of Safety



The success of the safety patroller program can be attributed to the strong partnerships between CAA South Central Ontario, top-notch training by police officers, teachers and bus operators. But the most important people are the dedicated patrollers who report for duty every school day.





Start a CAA School Safety Patrol program in your neighbourhood.

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## InVESTs In The Best

CAA Patrollers save lives.

The CAA School Safety Patrol program has become an integral part of our communities. We are proud to uphold the tradition of providing a safe school environment for 80 years.

It was the CAA's remarkable foresight that created this program to help our children to and from school safely. Since then ...

- over 55 Ontario police services now partner with CAA producing a top notch training program
- over 25,000 elementary student volunteers make the program possible
- over 800 schools across Ontario participate in the program
- patrollers dedicate over 3.45 million volunteer hours each year to keep communities safe
- for 40 years, CAA has hosted a summer camp for safety patrollers across Ontario

#### True Story...

Elizabeth Blenkarn was volunteering as a bus patroller when she came to the aid of a kindergarten student who fell and hurt himself. She administered first aid to the boy's cut and then sat and comforted him to keep him calm as the bus driver called for help.

#### True Story...

Shpend Bytyqi and Devdutt Kamath were on foot patrol duty when they stopped a grade one student from running into traffic just as a van was approaching. Their skills saved a little boy from serious injury.

## **Myths and Facts**

About the School Safety Patrol Program.

**MYTH:** The program doesn't have a proven safety record.

FACT: There are more than 80 documented cases in which a patroller has saved a person from serious injury or death.

**MYTH:** Bus patrollers discipline students for misbehavior.

Student behaviour. Their primary role is to help children enter and exit school buses safely.

MYTH: Foot patrollers are expected to stop traffic and escort students across the road.

FACT: Foot patrollers simply prevent students from stepping onto the street when it is unsafe. They are not trained crossing guards who enter the roadway to stop traffic.





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