

Cool Cars 4 Kids



Chief Frank Bergen,
Hamilton Police Service
155 King William Street,
Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 4C1

June 29, 2023

Re: Cool Cars 4 Kids 2023

Dear Chief Bergen.

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for all that the Hamilton Police Service did at Cool Cars 4 Kids 2023 for the patients and families of Ronald McDonald House and McMaster Children's Hospital.

The Hamilton Police Service provided support in the planning stages, during and after the event. The resources that attended, including you and your personnel, the ERU, the Mounted Unit, the Auxiliaries, various vehicles and more. The energy and atmosphere from your staff helped to create the exciting event for the patients and families, providing a welcome distraction from the circumstances they currently face.

My first contacts were with Sgt. Allen Schultz, Cst. Meg Ryan and Cst. Ryan Clarke. They provided sound advice, direction and support for planning and were key to the execution of the event.

Your support and appearance on CHCH TV was amazing. You truly are a natural in front of a camera.

Inspector Jim Callender represented the HPS very well and was a hit during the first ever Cool Cars 4 Kids Road Rally. This brought a lot of excitement, smiles and some tears of joy from the kids, their parents, siblings, grandparents and spectators alike. It truly was a moving moment. There were many positive comments about the Police and their involvement with this community event.

The ERU Team of Cst. Fullerton, Cst. Setzkorn, Cst. Tanner, Cst. Desbiens along with "The Beast" was a huge hit with all and especially those who were provided a ride in it.

The Mounted Unit members including Cst. Couse and Cst. Reider who attended to the delight of everyone. Many pictures were taken, and smiles were abundant.

The Auxiliary Officers including Carolyn Blackburn, Lucas Bongers, Salman Joseph all helped to organize and engaged with the public throughout the day, creating many positive contacts.

And I circle back to Sgt. Allen Schultz, Cst. Meg Ryan and Cst. Ryan Clarke who are amazing representatives of the HPS. They were there for the entire day, provided rides, helped to organize and filled in where necessary to make the day go as smoothly as possible. Their names are known throughout the community and are very highly thought of, especially within the car communities.


This event would not have been the success that it was without the community involvement of the Hamilton Police Service. I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to you and through you to all of your personnel foremost for their Service and also their involvement with Cool Cars 4 Kids. There were many relationships built that day. I take great pleasure in saying that the citizens of Hamilton are very well served by the Hamilton Police Service and their personnel.

Not only did you make Cool Cars 4 Kids an amazing event, but you have also contributed to assist Ronald McDonald House, McMaster Children's Hospital and McMaster Pediatric Research financially moving forward.

Together, we all made a difference!!!

Please pass on my appreciation to all those involved. I look forward to meeting you all again in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Brown'.

Hope to see you at Cool Cars 4 Kids 2024 on June 2, 2024.