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COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

(PEMBROKE, ON) – On Saturday October 22, 2022, the Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in collaboration with the Pembroke Lumber Kings (PLK), held a community food drive to collect funds, food and toiletry items for those in need. PLK members were paired with UOV OPP officers and police cruisers were stationed at Walmart, Steven and Julie's No Frills, and Metro Pembroke. With the community's support and generosity \$2,700 in cash and thousands of dollars in food and toiletry items were collected. In total, seven cruisers were filled with all donations going directly to the St. Joseph's Food Bank in Pembroke.

Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Operations Manager Staff Sgt. MaryAnn MacNeil would like to thank the PLK and UOV OPP Uniform and Auxiliary members for their initiative and their efforts towards contributing to the well-being of those in need in our community. Staff Sgt. MacNeil stated, "The food bank continues to see an ever-increasing demand and the community responded with resounding support to help restock their shelves after a busy Thanksgiving period. Our partnership with the PLK for this initiative shows our continued commitment to building relationships with community partners and supporting those in need."

The UOV OPP would also like to thank Walmart, Steven and Julie's No Frill and Metro Pembroke who allowed them to position police cruisers outside their businesses to accept donations. Without this support the event could not take place.

Photos attached.

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