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## North York teacher awarded for dedication to school safety

*Provincial award recognizes leadership and commitment to safety and education*

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**Toronto, ON**, June 2, 2017 – Joe Jarrett has been committed to safety at Lescon Public School for over a decade. That’s why CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) is honouring the elementary school teacher with the Ontario CAA School Safety Patrol® Supervisor of the Year Award.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a Patrol Supervisor that demonstrates leadership qualities, safety skills, dedication, morale building and a desire to advance the educational and safety benefits of patrollers.

“Joe has run the CAA School Safety Patrol program at Lescon Public School for 16 years and has made a significant impact on the school and community at large,” said Leslie Rocha, community relations specialist, CAA SCO. “He is someone who embodies and promotes the core values of the program by fostering volunteerism, teamwork, leadership and a commitment to road safety. Doing so for over a decade is truly a remarkable accomplishment.”

The School Safety Patrol at Lescon Public School maintains a strong presence at 20 to 30 patrols annually. Patrollers can serve on the school bus, in the loading zones or on foot at their local school crossings. Their objective is to keep fellow students safe when arriving and leaving the school.

“Being a School Safety Patroller is often the first job that a student has and gives them their first position of leadership and responsibility,” said Mr. Jarrett. “It also teaches them that volunteering to help others can be a rewarding experience. Patrollers tend to be the leaders of the school.”

Mr. Jarrett is a great program advocate, educating school authorities and the community at large about the importance of safety in school zones. He ensures all patrollers understand traffic dangers and comply with all safe patrol operations. Seen as a true mentor, Mr. Jarrett sets high expectations to help program students reach their true potential as individuals as well as program participants.

The CAA School Safety Patrol program is a joint effort between CAA, the police, school boards, teachers, parents and approximately 20,000 dedicated student volunteers. Those involved give their time to ensure their peers remain safe at road crossings and on school buses throughout Ontario.

Approximately 800 schools in Ontario participate in the CAA School Safety Patrol program and CAA SCO partners with over 55 police services to deliver the program. For more information, visit [www.caaschoolsafetypatrol.com](http://www.caaschoolsafetypatrol.com).



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