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# IMPACT News

Jane will work very closely with Denise Polgar to expand and enhance activities and educational programs aimed at the prevention of children's injuries.

Jane's education includes a BSc (HONS) undergraduate degree in Microbiology & Immunology from The University of Western Ontario and a MSc in Infectious diseases from the London (UK) School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Jane brings with her a broad range of skills developed through her work as a Unit clerk in the VH Emergency Department and as administrative coordinator with the Ecosystem Health Program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. She has also volunteered with organizations ranging from The AIDS Committee of London to the Standardized Patient program.



## New Injury Prevention Educator

Jane Harrington began a new position as a part-time Injury Prevention Educator in the Trauma Program on April 30th - this is a newly created contract position that was made possible with the support of the Children's Health Foundation.

## IMPACT HITS THE ROAD



Historically, a small group of students from each secondary school are invited to attend the **IMPACT program** at the hospital, but recently the police and secondary school teachers came up with an idea to increase **IMPACT's** reach to this vulnerable audience. They felt that more students needed to hear the important message of preventable trauma.

**IMPACT's** goal is to reduce drinking and driving among teenagers and to heighten their awareness to the potential consequences of high-risk behaviour. In order to increase the number of **IMPACT** presentations delivered at Secondary Schools and reach more students, more trained presenters were required.

A group of dedicated volunteers responded to a request for assistance, and agreed to enhance their presentation skills as well as increasing their knowledge and expertise in the field of injury prevention.

# IMPACT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

IMPACT relies heavily on volunteerism for its sustainability, and for this reason, the program continues to acknowledge its volunteers with achievement awards.

OPP Constable Glen Childerley of the Sebringville detachment, Bobbi Waal of LHSC Victoria Emergency Department and Myron Steinmann of LHSC Respiratory Therapy were all presented with awards for their dedication and volunteerism to IMPACT.

Glen was instrumental in coordinating a new peripheral IMPACT program in Perth County that continues to thrive today.

Myron worked with IMPACT to expand the program to include a respiratory therapy component in the CCTC and continues to recruit new RT volunteers. Bobbi has been a valued volunteer with IMPACT for many years and dedicates her time presenting IMPACT at the secondary schools that focuses on the medical consequences of high-risk behaviour. Because of Bobbie and other dedicated volunteers, **our program now reaches over 300% more students!**

The success of the IMPACT program reflects the commitment of its volunteers, and for this, we thank all of the health care professionals that volunteer for this valuable program.

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These individuals have not only increased awareness to those at risk of the devastating consequences of trauma, but have also positively represented the **IMPACT program**, and the organizations they work for.

These individuals have shown exceptional dedication and commitment to the **IMPACT program**, and have given countless hours to learn new skills required in presenting the material, while meeting the demands of the presentation requests.

“The reason I became involved in educating people in injury prevention through **IMPACT** is because as a Paramedic I am only called to help people after a trauma has already occurred. I felt that by becoming active in educating people of the everyday dangers in life, that I might be able to help somebody **BEFORE** they become injured. In my career I often feel as though I am not able to help people significantly after a trauma, so by possibly preventing that trauma from ever happening I get a real sense of accomplishment and pride”. ---**IMPACT** external presenter



From Left to Right, Top to Bottom:  
Murray Girotti, Medical Director, Trauma Program, LHSC  
Glen Childerley, OPP Constable, Sebringville  
Myron Steinmann, Respiratory Therapist, Educator, LHSC  
Bobbi Waal, Emergency RN, LHSC  
Jane Harrington, Injury Prevention Educator, Trauma Program, LHSC



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!