

# "MR. O.P.P. don't allow 'anyone' to block this bridge."

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Hello Gary:

Well let me tell you of my afternoon, it was incredible! Dunnville has heart, I LOVE Dunnville. My sign is fluorescent green, and says "MR. O.P.P. don't allow 'anyone' to block this bridge."

I arrived at the bridge around 2:15pm. I stood on the bridge until 6:00pm. My hubby joined me around 4:30pm.

I was only there about 20 minutes when across the bridge walked 4 OPP officers. I immediately turned my sign around facing the officers so they could see my sign. Things were very pleasant, they told me they received a call that I was there. I was asked my name, address and birth date. I explained that this is what a peaceful demonstration is supposed to be, they agreed. I also informed them that Dunnville will not allow "anyone" to blockade their bridge! They told me that I had every right to be there and to proceed on!

It was funny, at one point as I had my back to the bridge and the officers kind of surrounded me in a horseshoe formation, a few cars stopped on the bridge, I yelled to them, it's Okay I am not being arrested! The officers told me they would be close by in case "anyone" bothered me they would come, as I didn't have my cell phone. I reassured them that on this bridge I would have no problems. I didn't see any police cars, not even in the lot behind the stores where they came from. I wonder if they were watching me all day!

One of the things the officers asked me was where is everyone else? I said it's only me! I told them that only about 6 people knew that I was ever here. I then explained that I was making a statement. "It only takes one person to doing something good, but it also only takes one person to do something bad". I informed them that I would be back tomorrow and Friday!

Just about the same time the officers were leaving a young mother and her three children, had gone to the dollar store, bought a piece of Bristol board and joined me on the bridge for about half an hour. The kids had a ball. I had never met her before!

I was honked at! Thumbs up! Numerous cars stopped and offered me a Tim Horton's Coffee, water, did I need anything. I was yelled at "Go Girl". I was waived at by so many cars and trucks my arms are sore. Oh and hubby got right in there with the waives as well!

I will be back tomorrow around 1:00pm, I hope. I have another appointment at the hospital in Hamilton at 9:00am and should be there about 2 hours, on my way home I will go directly to the bridge until around 4:00pm.

I will be back early Friday morning. I want to do a news release for my blog and have Gary put it on Caledonia Wake Up Call, to ask if anyone wants to join me Thursday or Friday.

But right now I am so exhausted I can hardly think.

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