



## Racing Against Drugs

### What is Racing Against Drugs?

- Racing Against Drugs is a community-based drug/alcohol awareness program for grade 5 and 6 students
- It was developed in 1994 through a partnership of the London RCMP, the Ford Motor Company and the former London Board of Education
- Each event offers up to 25 different learning opportunities or "pit stops" from Police, Public Health, Addiction agencies and many other community partners
- Pit stops will help to demonstrate the link between healthy choices and risk taking through various sports/activities with zero tolerance for drug use
- Pit stops tell students the anti-drug, smart risk-taking story
- Utilizing the sport of auto racing to capture the attention of young people and communicate with them through an exciting and high-profile sport where there is no room for error or impairment from drug use.
- One pit stop may present the reasons why smoking interferes with one's ability to succeed in a certain sport; another pit stop may have young go-cart drivers who will explain their sport and why they don't do drugs; there could also be a RCMP officer who will show students samples of common street drugs and explain their use and harmful effects
- Students listen and absorb the anti-drug message and have fun while doing it