

## Parkway Roundabout Model opens at The Safety Village

Learning how to safely navigate roundabouts became more fun with the opening of a scale model of the [Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway](#) multi-lane roundabout at the [Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County](#).

With the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) acting as project manager and Amico donating their time and associated expenses to design and construct the feature, The Safety Village now provides interactive educational experiences on roundabouts – a traffic feature that is becoming increasingly popular in Windsor and Essex County.

### About the Safety Village

Children's Safety Village of Windsor and Essex County (The Safety Village) is a non-profit community organization that is the recognized leader in providing safety and injury-prevention education programs to residents of Windsor and Essex County, in partnership with area emergency services.

Annually, The Safety Village provides on-site safety education programs to as many as 10,000 elementary school children, and their numbers are growing. Since opening their doors in 2000, they have provided safety programs to more than 95,000 local school children, a figure that does not include the thousands of children and families who attend the numerous programs and events they offer both on- and off- site.

### About Amico

Amico, located in Oldcastle, Ontario is the primary local sub-contractor working with Parkway Infrastructure Constructors and the Windsor Essex Mobility Group to construct the Parkway. Amico provides hands-on experience for five apprentices working toward obtaining their certificates, employs more than 100 LiUNA! members and more than 100 International Union of Operating Engineers members that are working directly on the Parkway on a daily basis. Amico has employed 10 co-op students from the University of Windsor and St. Clair College during the Parkway project and has hired three recent graduates.

### Roundabout Education

Community outreach is an important part of the construction phase of the Parkway. Leading up to the opening of the Parkway roundabout in November 2012, MTO held a Public Education Centre for people to learn general rules on roundabout navigation and have their questions answered. Following the opening, MTO held a second Public Education Centre and posted five educational videos on [www.youtube.com/hgparkway](http://www.youtube.com/hgparkway) all in an effort to give drivers resources to safely navigate the region's first multi-lane roundabout. The educational videos, consisting of both Public Service Announcements and animation, were developed through a partnership between MTO and St. Clair College's Animation and Mediaplex departments. College students gained project management and technical experience while creating these videos that have been viewed more than 2,000 times to date. Educational information about roundabouts is also available at the Parkway exhibit at Canada South Science City, located at 930 Marion Avenue in Windsor.

### Walk-in Wednesdays

The Safety Village is offering free summer safety programs in partnership with the Parkway. The program started on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, and runs to Wednesday, July 28, 2013. Families can drop in from 1 to 3 p.m. free of charge. When visiting, families will be able to tour all emergency vehicles, take bike and jeep rides, view puppet shows and participate in scavenger hunts. During July and August 2013, The Safety Village is offering summer safety visits to groups and camps, by appointment only. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. The Safety Village of Windsor & Essex County is located at 7911 Forest Glade Drive in Windsor.