



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

A monthly compilation of national, provincial and local news stories on road safety

For the Period February 1-28, 2019

87 people lost a vehicle for a week because of cellphone tickets last year

February 28, 2019, SGI (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

“Confessions of a Reformed Distracted Driver” is part of the March Traffic Safety Spotlight

Losing your vehicle for a week for something as trivial as being unable to leave your phone alone sounds pretty terrible, right?

Under The Traffic Safety Act, receiving a second \$280 cellphone ticket within a year triggers an immediate roadside vehicle impoundment. That means the vehicle is towed from roadside and impounded for seven days, while the owner is stuck with the bill for towing and storage (usually at least \$400). It also results in four demerits under SGI’s Safe Driver Recognition program.

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Transport Canada gearing up for automated and connected vehicle tests in Canada

February 25, 2019, Transport Canada (OTTAWA, ONTARIO)

Automated and connected vehicles have the potential to greatly improve road safety and increase mobility, while also offering new economic opportunities and environmental benefits to Canadians. That’s why the Government of Canada has just published...two new, innovative documents released by Transport Canada (which) will help industry accelerate the safe introduction of automated and connected vehicles on Canadian roads.

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What to expect – How Canada's new cannabis legislation affects drivers

February 20, 2019, Calgary Journal (CALGARY, ALBERTA)

Driving may now be a bit more complicated if pulled over for any reason, even if you're not consuming any cannabis products, thanks to new legislation. But despite the new market, officers are relying on familiar field tests to check for impaired driving.

Until new testing technology emerges in the field, Calgary Police Service (CPS) will continue regular checks for levels of consumption...

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40 countries agree cars must have automatic braking

February 13, 2019, Canadian Manufacturing (GENEVA, SWITZERLAND)

Forty countries led by Japan and the European Union—but not the U.S. or China—have agreed to require new cars and light commercial vehicles to be equipped with automated braking systems starting as soon as next year, a U.N. agency said Tuesday.

The regulation will require all vehicles sold to come equipped with the technology by which sensors monitor how close a pedestrian or object might be. The system can trigger the brakes automatically if a collision is deemed imminent and if the driver doesn't appear set to respond in time.

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Alberta farmers say new trucking rules will hurt their operations

February 13, 2019, CTV News (CALGARY, ALBERTA)

Alberta farmers say new rules for training and testing commercial drivers - enacted in the wake of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash - will hurt their ability to grow and deliver crops.

Starting next month, new semi-truck and bus drivers will have to go through extensive classroom and road training, along with a revamped road test.

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City of Surrey launches Vision Zero Surrey Safe Mobility Plan

February 8, 2019, The Indo-Canadian Voice (SURREY, B.C.)

AT the first BC Vision Zero Summit on Friday, the City of Surrey launched the Vision Zero Surrey Safe Mobility Plan. Through data analytics and best practices, the Vision Zero Surrey Safe Mobility Plan sets the City on a path to zero fatalities and serious injuries. Working in close collaboration with the City's partners, Surrey will take equitable, data-driven and evidence-based actions to ensure that city resources are spent where they will have the greatest impact on creating safer streets.

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New impaired-driving laws put specific limits on range of drugs

February 3, 2019, Times Colonist (VICTORIA, B.C.)

Under Canada's new impaired-driving laws, it's a criminal offence to have "any detectable amount" of cocaine, methamphetamine, magic mushrooms, LSD, ketamine or PCP in your blood while driving.

For decades, it has been a criminal offence to drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs or both. Last December, when Bill C-46 came into force, the Department of Justice added specific limits for particular drugs.

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Canadian Events & Conferences in 2019 & 2020

5th Ontario Road Safety Forum

University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario
March 27, 2019

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Vancouver, BC
May 1, 2019

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Ottawa, Ontario
June 2-5, 2019

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Edmonton, Alberta
August 18-21, 2019

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Delft Road Safety Course

Delft University of Technology
The Netherlands
September 8-20, 2019

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Road Safety & Simulation Conference

Iowa City, Iowa
October 14-17, 2019

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CCMTA Annual Meeting

Charlottetown, PEI
May 31-June 3, 2020

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6th International Symposium on Highway Geometric Design

Amsterdam, The Netherlands
June 28-July 1, 2020

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