



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period September 1-30, 2019

Children get lessons in traffic safety

September 25, 2019, Alberta Transportation (EDMONTON, ALBERTA)

Special events across Alberta offer fun and interactive ways to teach children safe behaviours when it comes to crossing the street, getting on and off buses, and walking to school.

Back to school facts - The Government of Alberta and community groups have organized Traffic Safety Day events since 1997.

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Ontario Launches Speed Limit Pilots and Consultations

September 24, 2019, Ontario Ministry of Transportation (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

The Ontario government is launching three speed limit pilots on select highways to explore new ways to improve traffic flow on provincial highways.

Today, Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, announced that on September 26, 2019, the highway speed limit will change from 100 km/h to 110 km/h along three sections of highways in Southern Ontario:

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Pedestrian fatalities disturbingly high for 2019: Manitoba Public Insurance

September 24, 2019, MPI (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

This year could be the deadliest in decades for pedestrian fatalities, according to Manitoba Public Insurance. As of mid-September 2019, there have been as many pedestrian fatalities (12) as in the previous five-year annual average (12), according to MPI.

This year's nine-month count represents the highest pedestrian fatality count in the last 20 years. Currently, the most pedestrian deaths in a single year is 2007 with 16.

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Manitoba Public Insurance and police focus on school zone safety: enhanced enforcement in September

September 12, 2019, MPI (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

Manitoba Public Insurance is once again partnering with law enforcement agencies throughout the province to fund enhanced enforcement activities in and around schools over the month of September.

Now in its seventh year, funding of approximately \$53,000 will assist three police agencies in enhancing their patrols around schools in the mornings and afternoons when pedestrian activity and traffic volumes are heaviest. Participating agencies this year are the RCMP, Winnipeg and Brandon police services.

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\$13 Million In Intersection Safety Improvements Underway In Saskatchewan

September 12, 2019, Saskatchewan Government (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

Major intersection improvements are underway on Highway 1 near Kalium Road, east of Moose Jaw.

The \$5.2 million of enhancements include the addition of high-speed entrance and exit ramps, which will move turns away from the intersection to help travellers make left turns safely. The project also includes extending the turning lanes on Highway 1.

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Transport Canada invests in road safety

September 6, 2019, Transport Canada (OTTAWA, ONTARIO)

The Government of Canada is committed to improving road safety and keeping Canadians safe, which is why it invests in new safety initiatives that can make a difference.

Today, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, announced amendments to the Road Safety Transfer Payment Program that will provide up to \$43.2 million over three years, dedicated to road safety. This is an increase of \$30 million over previous levels.

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Distracted driving remains top priority for ICBC, police and government

September 4, 2019, ICBC (BURNABY, BC)

Distracted driving is responsible for more than one in four fatal crashes on B.C. roads, which is why ICBC, police and government continue to combat this dangerous driving behaviour that claims 77 lives each year.*

Crashes reached a record high in 2017, with many of these caused by distracted or inattentive driving. While cellphone usage rightly gets a lot of the attention, distracted driving includes any activity that impacts your ability to focus on the road while in control of a vehicle.

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Pop Quiz: Do you know how to #KeepKidsSafe?

September 3, 2019, SGI (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN).

September Traffic Spotlight heads back to school zones.

With kids across Saskatchewan going back to school, SGI and law enforcement are shining the Traffic Safety Spotlight on school zones for the month of September.

With that in mind, the teacher's pets at SGI decided to test your knowledge with a special Pop Quiz on School Zone Safety!

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Canadian Events & Conferences in 2020

Ontario Road Safety Forum – 7th

Toronto, Ontario

April 30, 2020

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6th International Symposium on Highway Geometric Design

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

June 28-July 1, 2020

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CCMTA Annual Meeting

Charlottetown, PEI

May 31-June 3, 2020

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