



# Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

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## **MADD: Fatal crash highlights need for stricter impaired driving laws**

September 30, 2015, News Talk 1010 (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

MADD Canada is renewing its push for stricter rules against impaired driving after the fatal crash in Vaughan that killed three children and their grandfather.

Police allege Marco Muzzo was driving drunk when his vehicle hit a van carrying the Neville-Lake family. The accident happened on Sunday at Kirby Road and Kipling Avenue.

It is a criminal offence to blow over 0.08, or 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. In Ontario, if your blood alcohol level is in the "warn range" or 0.05 to 0.08, you face provincial administrative penalties.

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## **Transportation Association of Canada meeting in Charlottetown**

September 28, 2015, Government of PEI (CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI)

The Transportation Association of Canada's annual conference has drawn nearly 1,000 visitors to Prince Edward Island, says Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy Minister Paula Biggar.

"We are pleased to welcome the leading experts in the Canadian transportation sector to Charlottetown this week for the largest conference ever held at the Prince Edward Island Convention Centre," said Minister Biggar. "Prince Edward Island has become a leader in highway safety, so it's fitting that this year's Transportation Association of Canada's conference theme is Getting You There Safely."

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### **3 children among 4 killed after multi-vehicle collision in Vaughan**

September 27, 2015, Global News (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

A 29-year-old man from King Township is facing 18 charges after four people, including three children, were killed as a result of a three vehicle collision north of Toronto late Sunday afternoon.

...Police say the lone driver of one of the vehicles, identified as Marco Muzzo, has been arrested for impaired driving...

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### **Slow down, Saskatchewan! More than 5,200 speeding tickets issued in August**

September 24, 2015, SGI (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

Although commercial vehicle safety was the traffic focus in August, speeders were over-represented, again.

Saskatchewan police issued 6,371 tickets last month. Of those, 5,232 were for speeding and 105 related to commercial vehicle safety, including tickets for exceeding weight and/or height, operating a vehicle with unsecured loads, and failing to maintain daily log books.

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### **New TIRF Project: Drinking and Driving Perceptions and Experiences among Women in Ontario**

September 24, 2015, TIRF (OTTAWA, ONTARIO)

The Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) is pleased to announce that it will undertake a new study to investigate knowledge, attitudes and perceptions among women in Ontario and their experiences in relation to drinking and driving. This project is being undertaken in partnership with the Ontario Women's Health Network (OWHN).

While there has been a substantial decline in alcohol impaired driving rates in Canada over the last 30 years, drinking and driving continues to be a cause for concern...

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## **Cycling projects support active, healthy communities**

September 21, 2015, Government of BC (VICTORIA, BC)

Twenty-five communities throughout British Columbia will receive more than \$6 million in BikeBC funding this year to expand and build cycling lanes, trails and paths for cyclists and pedestrians.

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## **Dozens of officers from across Ontario busted for drunk driving**

September 20, 2015, The Toronto Star (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

More than 60 officers from the Ontario Provincial Police and the five GTA police forces – Toronto, Peel, Durham, York and Halton – have been disciplined for drinking and driving before internal police tribunals since 2010.

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## **Canadian brewers band together in fight against impaired driving**

September 19, 2015, Global News (EDMONTON, ALBERTA)

Some of Canada's biggest brewers are coming together in the fight against impaired driving.

Beer Canada, which represents 32 brewers across the country—including Molson, Labatt and Sleeman, launched its “Partners for Safer Communities” initiative Friday. The joint campaign aims to reduce the number of people drinking and driving by promoting the use of designated drivers.

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## **Government joins partners to bring attention to school-zone safety**

September 18, 2015, Government of BC (VICTORIA, BC)

With a new school year underway, the Province, ICBC and Kamloops RCMP are reminding drivers and parents to help keep children safe in school zones, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone announced today.

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## **The Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) launches new Wildlife Roadsharing Resource Centre to help prevent vehicle collisions with wildlife.**

September 15, 2015, TIRF (OTTAWA, ONTARIO)

Vehicle collisions with animals on and near roadways often result in death and serious injuries for road users and wildlife alike. Between 2001 and 2010, 296 people were killed due to vehicle collisions with animals in Canada and the financial costs associated with these collisions are estimated to be \$200 million annually.

...This web-based resource is easily accessible to both the public and researchers at: [www.wildliferoadsharing.tirf.org](http://www.wildliferoadsharing.tirf.org)

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## **MADD Canada and LCBO deliver powerful sober driving message to more than half a million Ontario**

September 15, 2015, MADD Canada (OAKVILLE, ONTARIO)

School is back and so is MADD Canada with its new, impactful anti-impaired driving program for students.

The 2015-2016 School Assembly Program, titled 24 Hours, begins its year-long tour of Ontario schools this month. MADD Canada and Provincial Partner LCBO launched the new film for students and staff at Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic School in Etobicoke today.

24 Hours shows the fictional story of Michelle, Lainey and Nate as they attend a bush party dubbed “The End of the World”...

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## Province releases school area traffic safety guidelines to ensure students get to school safely

September 8, 2015, Government of Manitoba (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

With thousands of students heading back to school this week, the province is improving transportation safety planning for new and existing schools with the release of the School Area Traffic Safety Guidelines for Manitoba, Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton announced today.

“This comprehensive manual and safety assessment tool kit will provide direction for transportation authorities, school administrations and divisions to better address traffic safety issues within school areas,” said Minister Ashton.

“With more children being driven to school today than in the past, a school’s transportation facilities may not be operating as originally planned.”

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## All Islanders benefit from safe, lawful ATV use

September 3, 2015, Government of PEI (CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI)

As all-terrain vehicle (ATV) traffic increases on Prince Edward Island, the provincial government and the RCMP urge riders to know and follow the rules for their safe use.

“ATV laws exist to keep users and other motorists safe and also to protect property - whether it is farm land, environmentally sensitive areas, the Confederation Trail, or residential areas,” said Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy Minister Paula Biggar. “Proper protective equipment, training, knowledge, and common sense will go a long way to ensure the safe and fun use of ATVs in Prince Edward Island.”

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## Ontario urges drivers to help keep kids safe

September 2, 2015, Government of Ontario (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

As another school year begins, Ontario is asking drivers to slow down near school buses and school zones and to pay attention for children.

There are more than 824,000 students that travel on school buses every school day, and drivers should follow these tips to help keep them safe...

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## School zone safety the focus for September

September 1, 2015, SGI (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

That's the advice of former school bus driver Andy Schwindt, a current manager of Warner Transportation, the busing contractor for the Regina Public School Board. Schwindt knows firsthand the potential dangers of school zones: motorists speeding, disregarding cross walks, driving unsafely around buses, or simply exercising a lack of attention behind the wheel.

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