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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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**Incident: APD Release PSA for Canada Road Safety Week**

**Abbotsford – May 16, 2017**

Canada Road Safety Week is an annual collaborative effort by Canadian Law Enforcement agencies to target high-risk driving behaviours. This year's campaign runs May 16 – 22. The Abbotsford Police Department recognizes that targeting high-risk driving behaviours involves prevention as well as enforcement. The APD has often approached prevention from a multitude of angles and has used actual video footage of crashes to help illustrate the need for improved safety on the roads. Today is one of those times.

We are sharing video from a crash that occurred in our city in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 26, 2015. The APD has spoken with, and received permission from, the victims of the crash. Their hope is that this video will motivate others to make better and safer choices. We sincerely thank the victims and their families for their support of our efforts.

Video link: <https://youtu.be/2oVllvzlj80>

Facts concerning the video:

- All persons involved in the crash (drivers, passenger and the pedestrians) were all aged 20 or under at the time of the crash.
- Miraculously only one person required hospitalization for their injuries.
- Pedestrians were in a marked crosswalk and were crossing with the "walk" signal.
- The driver of the pickup truck stopped for the pedestrians and the red light.
- The driver of the passenger car was impaired, was speeding and did not stop for the red light. He was convicted of impaired driving and leaving the scene.
- The result of this crash could have been much worse. Collectively, we all need to do much better when it comes to Road Safety.

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