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Incident: Abbotsford Police Mark Canada Road Safety Week

Abbotsford - May 17, 2010.

The Abbotsford Police Department will be joining other law enforcement agencies across the country in marking Canada Road Safety Week from May 18 -24. The objective of the national campaign is to improve traffic safety with a view of making Canada's roads the safest in the World.

Since January 1, 2008 there have been 22 traffic fatalities in our City. In 8 of those instances alcohol or drug use by the driver was a contributing factor. Each death represents a tragedy for the friends and family of the victim but also generates pain for the community as a whole.

With summer, long weekend driving and high school graduation events just around the corner the Abbotsford Police Department wants to encourage drivers to reduce risks while driving. Drivers should be alert, sober, driving responsibly and concentrating of the task of driving and free of distraction. To that end the Abbotsford Police department will be deploying extra enforcement in key areas of the city to remind people that safe driving habits reduce injuries and save lives.

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