

OPP lay thousands of charges last week through Operation Safe Driver

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid 3,300 charges last week as officers joined North American road safety partners for Operation Safe Driver.

The annual, week-long enforcement and education campaign focused on commercial and non-commercial vehicle drivers who failed to share the road safely and engaged in risky driving behaviours.

A total of 2,927 charges were laid against non-commercial drivers, with the balance of the traffic-related offences (403) committed by commercial drivers.

Among non-commercial drivers, speeding far outnumbered all other offence categories with 2,032 speeding charges laid. Seat belt non-compliance accounted for 151 of the charges, with 71 fail to obey traffic control, 64 distracted driving and 33 alcohol/drug-impaired charges being issued.

Among commercial drivers, speeding also accounted for the highest number (101) of charges. Ninety-five (95) offences were related to document non-compliance, with 50 seatbelt, 39 speed limiter, 38 defective equipment and 13 distracted driving offences receiving OPP attention. A total of 28 commercial vehicles were taken out of service for various violations.

The OPP is reminding all motorists that the vast majority of collisions, fatalities and injuries on our roads are preventable through safe, defensive driving practices.

Operation Safe Driver (July 11-17, 2021) was led by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) with enforcement and education initiatives conducted throughout North America.

For more information, visit www.cvsa.org