

## Shelburne traffic blitz results

Every long weekend throughout the summer the Shelburne Police Service conducts additional traffic patrols and R.I.D.E. Programs in an effort to promote road safety. Highway 10, Highway 89 and County Road 124 all intersect in the Town of Shelburne.

These highways lead to summer cottages, beaches and camping destinations. This results in a massive increase of traffic through the town during summer long weekends.

The first traffic safety blitz of 2014 took place this past weekend ? Victoria Day weekend. Officers were on the lookout for all kinds of traffic concerns from highway traffic act offences including speeding and distracted driving, to impaired driving by alcohol or drugs.

The increased enforcement took place on the main highways as well as residential roadways. 70 traffic related charges in total were laid by Shelburne Police over the long weekend.

The charges are broken down as follows: ? Careless Driving ? 2 charges ? Driving While Under Suspension ? 2 Charges ? Insurance and Documents ? 2 charges ? Stop Sign ? 2 charges ? Speeding ? 62 charges

The Shelburne Police reminds everyone that when travelling in a motor vehicle; whether to work, shopping or vacation; driving safely must be the top priority.

Expect the unexpected such as children running out from between parked cars, cyclists appearing suddenly from driveways or swerving around potholes on the road surface. Safely avoiding these dangers requires a vehicle to be operated at a speed that allows for a safe response to these incidents. It also requires the drivers' full attention to operating the vehicle not being pre-occupied by texting or talking on a cell phone. Further the driver must have a clear mind that is not impaired by alcohol, drugs or exhaustion.

The Shelburne Police is encouraging all drivers to do their part this summer in keeping our roadways safe for everyone.

If anyone has concerns about a motorist's ability to drive, or their driving manner, call police right away. If there is concern for anyone's safety due to a motorist's actions or ability call 9-1-1 immediately.

The members of the Shelburne Police wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!