

## **MAKING THE MALAHAT SAFER**

### **JUNE 27th CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Nearing the end of the two-week *Making The Malahat Safer* campaign, the number of drivers speeding, and average speeds, are both continuing to drop sharply. The number of drivers and passengers not wearing seatbelts has also fallen significantly.

Each week, officers standing out of sight at the side of the Malahat have been using handheld laser radar units to measure speeds of several hundred northbound and southbound vehicles as they approach different locations.

The percentage of drivers going more than 10kph over the limit has **dropped from 91% to 18%**, while the most dangerous drivers – those going more than 30kph over the limit – has **dropped from 19% to just 1%**. And the number of drivers going more than 40kph over – which garners a \$483 fine for excessive speeding – has **dropped from 8% a week ago, to almost none (1/300)**, with none +60kph over.

<u>Speed</u>	<u>Two weeks ago</u>	<u>Last week</u>	<u>This week</u>	<u>Fine</u>
+10kph over	91%	48%	18%	\$138
+20kph over	36%	9%	4%	\$138
+30kph over	19%	2%	1%	\$196
+40kph over	8%	2/300	<1%	\$368
+60kph over	2/300	0/300	0/300	\$483

**On two occasions on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>, officers had to wait up to 11 minutes before a vehicle was clocked doing more than 20kph over the posted limit.**

**Seatbelts:** using a video-camera set-up on the highway median at the northern and southern ends of the Malahat, of drivers and passengers who could be clearly seen, **fewer than 6% were not wearing seatbelts**. That compares to **11-20% before the campaign began**. Not wearing a seatbelt now fetches a \$167 fine.

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