

Preliminary Results of New Traffic Laws

Media backgrounder – Sept. 2015

COLLISIONS

Collision-related injuries and fatalities in Saskatchewan				
	Four-year average (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2014)	July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015*	Change	% Change
Deaths	158	128	-30	19%
Injuries	6,867	5,619	-1,248	18%

Collisions in Saskatchewan involving alcohol or drugs, distracted driving and speeding				
Contributing Factor	Fatalities		Injuries	
	Four-year average (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2014)	July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015*	Four-year average (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2014)	July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015*
Impaired driving	56	48	653	521
Distracted driving	50	28	2,126	692
Speeding	42	30	1,001	774

*2014 and 2015 numbers are preliminary and will change as investigations are ongoing, and SGI receives additional police and coroner reports. These figures reflect information that is known to SGI as of Oct. 1, 2015.

LICENCE SUSPENSIONS AND VEHICLE SEIZURES

Impaired Driving Roadside Suspensions from June 27-June 26 (2013-14; 2014-15)						
Offence	Low Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)				High Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)	
	New Driver (zero to .08 BAC or drugs)		Experienced Driver (.04 to .08 BAC or drugs)		New and Experienced Drivers (over .08 BAC or refusal)	
	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15	2013-14	2014-15
1st offence	416	387	1,670	866	3,935	3,728
2nd offence	38	34	197	96	0	0
3rd and subsequent offences	0	4	30	8	0	0
Total	454	425	1,897	872	3,935	3,728

Impaired Driving Vehicle Seizures from June 27, 2014-June 26, 2015 (Vehicle seizures did not apply prior to the new traffic laws taking effect June 27, 2014)						
Offence	Low Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)				High Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)	
	New Driver (zero to .08 BAC or drugs)		Experienced Driver (.04 to .08 BAC or drugs)		New and Experienced Drivers (over .08 BAC or refusal)	
	Length of seizure	2014-15	Length of seizure	2014-15	Length of seizure	2014-15
1st offence	3 days	194	n/a	56	30 days	2,035
2nd offence	7 days	12	7 days	45	30 days	574
3rd and subsequent offences	7 days	1	14 days	7	30 days	172
Total	n/a	207	n/a	108	n/a	2,781

High Risk Driving Vehicle Seizures from June 27-June 26 (2014-15)
(Did not apply prior to the new traffic laws taking effect June 27, 2014)

Offence	Length of Seizure	Number of Seizures
Driving as a learner while unaccompanied	3 days*	151
Stunting	3 days*	21
Using electronic communication equipment while driving	7 days*	26
Driving without due care and attention	7 days**	9
Exceeding the speed limit by more than 50 km/h	7 days	252
Exceeding the speed limit by more than double the speed	7 days*	18
Driving an unregistered vehicle	7 days*	600
Contest of speed or race with other vehicles (<i>Traffic Safety Act</i>)	30 days	46
Failing to stop for a peace officer	30 days	15
Dangerous driving while street racing	30 days	3
Driving while disqualified (Criminal Code)	30 days	169
Driving while disqualified (<i>Traffic Safety Act</i>)	30 days	53
Dangerous driving	30 days	55
Impaired driving	30 days	146
Impaired driving causing injury	30 days	2
Flight (Criminal Code)	30 days	38
Criminal negligence causing death	30 days	1
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Leave scene of accident	30 days	6
Dangerous driving causing injury	30 days	1
Dangerous driving causing death	30 days	2
Total		1,615

*On second and subsequent offences within one year

** On third and subsequent offences within one year

Unauthorized Driver Vehicle Seizures
from June 27-June 26 (2013-14; 2014-15)

**(An unauthorized driver is someone who is driving a vehicle
without a valid licence or while their driver's licence is suspended)**

Length of seizure	2013-14	2014-15
30 days	2,357	1,910
60 days	921	765
Total	3,278	2,675