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Traffic sheriffs crack down on unsafe drivers on long weekend

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As part of Operation Impact, a national campaign to make Canada's roads the safest in the world, the Alberta Sheriff Highway Patrol cracked down on unsafe drivers over the Thanksgiving long weekend. Between Friday, October 9, and Monday, October 12, Sheriffs laid 2,271 charges across the province, including:

- 1,163 speeding violations;
- 406 seatbelt infractions;
- 62 child restraint infractions;
- 42 *Gaming and Liquor Act* violations;
- 44 failing to stop at a stop sign infractions;
- 108 other hazardous violations (e.g. careless driving, stunting); and,
- 446 non-hazardous violations (e.g. no insurance, suspended drivers).

Sheriffs also arrested 13 people for outstanding warrants and helped remove 22 suspected impaired drivers from the road.

Sheriffs are continuing to work with RCMP traffic services on integrated traffic enforcement projects in Whitecourt, Wetaskiwin, Olds and Airdrie. Sheriffs and RCMP laid 418 charges in those four areas including:

- 226 speeding violations; and,
- 192 other *Traffic Safety Act* and *Gaming and Liquor Act* violations.

During October, Sheriffs and their road safety partners are focusing their safety message on seatbelts and child safety seats. Using a seat belt is the most effective way to reduce the chance of injury or death in a motor vehicle collision. In Alberta, every person travelling in a motor vehicle must wear a seat belt or use a child safety seat. Operation Impact is a special initiative to remind people that an essential part of enforcement is to save lives and reduce injuries on our roadways.

Albertans are encouraged to let the Alberta Sheriff Highway Patrol know about traffic enforcement concerns, such as speeders or aggressive drivers on our highways. Concerns can be shared online at www.sheriffs.alberta.ca (click on the traffic service request form) or by calling toll-free 1-866-922-3389.

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