

news

SAFE DRIVING

Fighting the resistance to driver accountability

"Icy roads cause two fatal accidents;" "Icy roads cause head-on crash;" "Icy roads cause crashes;" "Slick road conditions cause multiple accidents."

We see headlines like these over and over again during our Canadian winters. Each time I see one, I cringe.

How about: "Two people died because of a failure to adjust speed to

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winter road conditions;" "Overdriving icy road conditions causes head-on crash;" "A bizarre lack of recognition that winter roads can become icy causes crashes;" or

"Drivers fail to adjust speed for slick road conditions, an entirely predictable winter reality."

Which set of headlines is more likely to inspire a higher sense of driver responsibility, and with that, a reduction of winter crashes?

Why does our news media choose to hold naturally occurring and

predictable winter road surfaces accountable instead of those who overdrive them?

We can't be too hard on the media. They are a product of our driving culture.

But why is our culture so resistant about driver accountability, generally?

I've written recently about the insidious use of the word "accident" when referring to crashes and collisions, the word implying inevitability, as in

"accidents happen."

I've invited us to follow the lead of the RCMP. You won't hear an RCMP member use the word "accident" when referring to a crash or collision because they know how preventable they are with a modicum of driver attention and care.

We shouldn't need a law to direct us to adjust our driving speed to take into account winter road conditions, but we do

have one.

Section 144(1)(c) of the Motor Vehicle Act directs that: "A person must not drive a motor vehicle on a highway at a speed that is excessive relative to the road, traffic, visibility or weather conditions."

If each of us followed that very sensible direction, the headlines and the injuries and deaths behind those headlines would stop.

We need to break out of our mentality that

"accidents happen" and take responsibility.

We must realize that posted speed limits apply only to ideal road conditions.

Constant vigilance about the condition of the road surfaces we are driving on needs to be our winter driving focus.

Traction can change from one street to the next and from one section of road to the next.

Temperature drops can change the slipperiness of road surfaces over the course of a journey.

We must simply adjust our speed to anticipate and accommodate those changes.

We might also consider postponing our winter driving on days when road conditions are reported to be more challenging.

Yes, with great care, crashes can be avoided in exceedingly slippery conditions. Why not avoid the risk, though, and go on that errand another day?

Don't stop with your own driving behaviours and attitudes. Become a road safety advocate with those around you.

And news media, how about if you would please adjust crash reporting so as to encourage, rather than discourage, driver accountability and responsibility?

You hold such immense power to shape public attitudes and could choose to proactively use that power simply through the use of language.

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Christmas city hall closure in West Kelowna

The City of West Kelowna's administrative buildings will close for the holidays at 3 p.m. Dec. 24 and re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 4.

Essential services will be provided, some recreational facilities will be open with adjusted schedules and curbside collection of waste will continue as usual.

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Jones St. 717 to 796, Richter St. 651 to 795 Odd, Trench Pl, Trench Cr, Watrod St. 706 to 796

##K04000301 - 49 Papers • Woodpark Cres, Woodpark Cr.

##K04000303 - 73 Papers
Rio Dr. S. 309 to 417, Woodcrest Cr, Woodwind Cr.

##K04000305 - 51 Papers
Avalonia Way, Knightsbridge Way, Lambeth Cr, Rio Dr. S. 299 to 308

##K04000600 - 47 Papers
Clear Pond Cr, Clear Pond Pl, Rialto Dr, Rio Dr. 1232 to 1264, Rodondo Pl.

##K04000702 - 27 Papers
Cara Glen Way, Caramilo Rd. 8 to 20 EVEN, Clifton Rd. S. 523 to 599

##K04001605 - 44 Papers
Long Ridge Cr. 995 to 1284, Long Ridge Cr. 900 to 1018

##K04001606 - 22 Papers
Big Rock Cr, Long Ridge Dr. 307 to 867

##K04005300 - 62 Papers
Bernard Ave. 1640 to 1722 EVEN, Bing Ave, Braemar St, Cherry Cres. E. Cherry Cres. W. Elm St. E. 1579 to 1637, Leaside Ave. 1620 to 1646, Vineland St. 1330 to 1414

##K04020303 - 101 Papers
Breckenridge Cr, Lillooet Cres, Lillooet Cr, Selkirk Dr. 2279 to 2287 ODD

Kelowna South & Mission

##K02006100 - 51 Papers
Abbott St. 1749 to 1894, Lake Ave, Maple St, Riverside Ave.

##K02006300 - 38 Papers
Buckland Ave. 325 to 333, Ellis St. 1715 Only, Harvey Ave. 515 to 633 ODD, Marshall St, Rosemead Ave. 535 to 552, Rowcliffe Ave. 500 to 699, Sutherland Ave. 500 to 699

##K03010602 - 83 Papers
Gordon Dr. 3155 Only, Lanfranco Rd. 1020 to 1152 EVEN

##K03011702 - 20 Papers • Hobson Rd. 4200 to 4397

##K03011901 - 29 Papers
Duke Cr, Eldorado Cr, Eldorado Rd. 402 to 467, Walker Rd. 4308 to 4529

##K03012000 - 37 Papers
Brome Cres, Eldorado Rd. 471 to 569, Swaisland Rd, Swaisland Cr.

##K03012301 - 31 Papers
Bayhill Pl, Carriage Cr, Vintage Terrace Cr, Vintage Terrace Rd.

##K03012500 - 47 Papers
Gordon Dr. 4260 to 4346 EVEN, Paret Pl, San Juan Cr, San Michelle Rd, San Michelle Cr.

##K03013001 - 49 Papers
Anhalt Rd, Gordon Dr. 4500 to 4599, Harmony Cr, Horak Rd, Nathan Rd.

##K03013201 - 57 Papers
Berk Cr, Buck Rd, Darin Cr. 4660 to 4697, Gordon Dr. 4611 to 4695, Vance Ave.

##K03013402 - 45 Papers
Crawford Rd. 1415 to 1535, Mission Ridge Dr. 1383 to 1549, Mission Ridge Rd, Westridge Dr. 4570 to 4590

##K03014201 - 60 Papers
South Ridge Cr. 5026 to 5114, South Crest Dr. 700 to 786, Carina Cr. 700 to 799

##K03014204 - 50 Papers
Barnmore Cr, Benmore Pl, Burnell Cr, Dougherty Ave. 630 to 672, South Ridge Cr. 5161 to 5251

##K03014800 - 26 Papers • Dunsmuir Rd, Maquhna Rd.

##K03015900 - 17 Papers
Gardena Cr, Mahonia Cr, Robinia Cr, Wisteria Cr.

##K03016708 - 37 Papers • Dillon Cr, Dillon Pl, Quarry Ave, Quarry Pl.

##K03017102 - 69 Papers • Crozier Ave, Kulpers Cres, Kulpers Cr.

##K03017202 - 33 Papers
Farron Pl. 5522 to 5533, Hillside Ave, Mountainside Dr. 5733 to 5677

Rutland South & Rutland North

##K05021701 - 63 Papers
Hwy. 33 W 735 to 815 ODD, Balmoral Rd, Barber Rd, Hollywood Rd. S 215 to 285 ODD, Hollywood Rd. S 270 to 546 EVEN, Patch Rd.

##K05022400 - 70 Papers
Crown St, Mission Cr, Mitchell Rd. 945 to 1075, Gulgley Rd, Springfield Rd. 2808 to 2890 EVEN, Timrick Cr, Wayne Rd.

##K05023501 - 44 Papers
Hwy. 33 E. 135 to 399 ODD, Prior Rd. S. 115 to 250, Rutland Rd. S. 140 to 225 ODD

##K05023800 - 79 Papers
Hwy. 33 E. 400 to 599 ODD, Holbrook Rd. E. 305 to 330, Jade Rd, Malloch Rd.

##K05024401 - 46 Papers
Autumn Rd, Fulmer Rd, Lozeth Rd. 1600 to 1799, Lyrnick Rd. 1634 to 1843

##K06028700 - 60 Papers
Hayashi Rd. 1625 to 1700, Homing Rd, McKenzie Rd. 1551 to 1775, Panorama Lane, Stayman Rd.

West Kelowna

##K07000919 - 56 Papers • Marathon Cr, Olympus Way, Pinewood Pl.

##K07001013 - 33 Papers • Horizon Dr. 1991 to 2136

##K07001014 - 27 Papers • Aurora Hgts.

##K07001015 - 48 Papers
Peak Point Cr. 1800 to 1899, Peak Point Dr.

##K07001111 - 52 Papers
Moonbeam Close, Sunview Dr. 2026 to 2233

##K07001113 - 62 Papers
Caledonia Way, Faulkner Cres, Faulkner Cr.

##K07001118 - 86 Papers
Rosealee Cr, Rosealee Lane 1901 to 2068, Roseridge Cr.

##K08001311 - 25 Papers
Derrickson Pl, Manuel Rd, Tomat Ave. 2036 to 2106

##K08001312 - 23 Papers
Abel Pl, Abel St, Tomat Ave. 1996 to 2030

##K08001411 - 20 Papers • Alexander Pl, Michelle Cres.

##K08001412 - 29 Papers • Tomat Ave. 2108 to 2197

##K08001510 - 34 Papers
Bridgeview Rd, Essen Rd, Kelview Rd, Kelview Cr.

##K08001610 - 34 Papers
Hayman Rd. 2200 to 2577, Keefe Rd, Thacker Dr. 2210 to 2438, Thacker Dr. 2215 to 2469

##K08001711 - 23 Papers
Hayman Rd. 2445 to 2505, Stuart Rd. 705 to 760, Thacker Dr. 2448 to 2525

##K08001712 - 42 Papers
Buena Vista Rd, Crestview Rd, Hayman Rd. 2395 to 2415, Issler Rd, Scantland Rd. 618 to 645

##K08001811 - 42 Papers
Boucherie Rd. 2545 to 2555, Brenmaur Rd, Rummy Rd, Sinclair Rd, Stuart Rd. 642 to 995, Winnipeg Rd.

##K08001812 - 31 Papers
Collingwood Rd, Hamon Rd, McKay Rd.

##K08001911 - 23 Papers
Anders Rd. 890 to 930 EVEN, Skyline Rd, Boucherie Rd. 2690 to 2689

##K08002012 - 24 Papers
Anders Rd. ODD, Olala Rd, Stevenson Rd, Teal Rd, Boucherie Rd. 2705 to 2775 ODD

##K08002110 - 36 Papers
Dogwood Rd, Douglas Rd, Hawthorne Rd, Thacker Dr. 2700 to 2805

##K08002210 - 33 Papers
Britt Rd, Franwell Rd, Kerry Lane, Thacker Dr. 2815 to 2925

##K08002410 - 52 Papers
Beverly Pl. 3012 to 3090, Brookfield Cr, Graymar Rd, Ogden Rd. 800 to 999, Thacker Dr. 2927 to 3010, Westbrook Dr, Westview Rd.

##K08002510 - 80 Papers
Boucherie Rd. 3110 to 3191, McCarmy Rd, Montigny Rd, Wales Rd, Thacker Dr. 3015 to 3131

##K08002610 - 38 Papers
Addison Rd, Cox Rd, King Rd, Regal Rd, Thacker Dr. 3137 to 3194

##K08002910 - 50 Papers
Boucherie Rd. 3200 to 3299, Gregory Rd. 1100 to 1199, Mission View Cr, Sunnyview Rd, Vector Dr.

##K08003011 - 38 Papers
Menu Rd. 1105 to 1161 ODD, Neale Rd, Ourtoland Rd. 3000 to 3099, Saturn Rd.

##K08003012 - 53 Papers
McCalum Rd, Menu Rd. 1108 to 1435, Timothy Pl, Topham Rd.

##K08003110 - 14 Papers
Ogden Rd. 1000 to 1099, Ourtoland Rd. 2790 to 2999, Trevor Dr. 1070 to 1129

##K08003211 - 27 Papers
Joyce Rd, Lynden Rd, Michael Dr, Paula Rd.

##K08003212 - 44 Papers
Avondale Pl, Gudi Rd, Trevor Dr. 1133 to 1207

##K08003213 - 47 Papers
Lakewood Cr, Lakeview Cr, Rock Rose Pl.

##K08003310 - 30 Papers
Colleen Rd, Concord Rd, Hudson Rd. 980 to 1299, Thomas Rd.

##K08006610 - 51 Papers
Ridgeway Way, Ridgeway Pl, Sagebrush Cr, Shannon Way 2057 to 2180, Sunset Pl.

##K08006812 - 34 Papers • Alexandria Way

##K10004114 - 47 Papers
Braeburn Cr, Ridge Blvd. 3316 to 3330

##K10005312 - 33 Papers • Carrall Rd, Boucherie Rd. 2130 Only

##K10006911 - 51 Papers • Wild Horse Dr. 2525 to 2672

##K10006914 - 43 Papers
Bridlehill Dr. 3021 to 3037, Saddle Ridge Dr. 2539 to 2660

##K10007210 - 28 Papers
Glen Cr, Glenmount Cr, Glenway Cr, Glenway Rd. 3849 to 3882, Lower Glenrosa Rd. 2805 to 2835 Odd

##K10007310 - 38 Papers
Glenford Rd, Glenview Rd, Lower Glenrosa Rd. 2841 to 2869 ODD, Woodell Rd.

##K10007410 - 30 Papers
Lower Glenrosa Rd. 2816 to 2888 EVEN, Webber Rd. 3591 to 3725

##K10007710 - 36 Papers
Granada Cres, Scotstown Rd.

##K10008110 - 60 Papers
Chives Pl, McIver Rd. 3344 to 3576, McTaggart Rd.

##K10008210 - 80 Papers
McAllister Rd, McCann Cr, McMillan Rd, Webber Rd. 3348 to 3378 EVEN

##K10008311 - 31 Papers
McGregor Rd. 3289 to 3338, McNally Rd, Webber Rd. 3301 to 3338

##K10008410 - 41 Papers
McGregor Rd. 3231 to 3283, McNair Rd, Webber Rd. 3197 to 3284

##K10009011 - 44 Papers • Blue Jay Dr. 3181 ONLY, McLeod Rd.

##K10009012 - 30 Papers • Blue Jay Dr, Canary Cr, Ortole Dr.

##K10009112 - 53 Papers
Chelsea Cr, Corral Cr, Gates Cr, Gates Rd. 3267 to 3329, Regent Rd, Stonegate Cr.

##K10010511 - 27 Papers • Vineyard Dr. 1602 to 1812

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