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Alberta Peace Officers Worried About Increasing Number of Extreme Speeders.

Alberta's community peace officers had a busy month trying to keep the roads and highways safe in April. Peace officers pulled over thousands of motorists and issued more than 3609 speeding tickets. Of particular concern to officers were the high number of drivers caught traveling more than 50 kilometers per hour over the speed limit.

"With the nice weather and better road conditions, we often find that drivers feel overconfident," explains the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers (AACPO) Information Officer, William Norton. "While speeding in school zones, construction zones and past emergencies vehicles concerns us, we have grave concerns about the number of extreme speeders our officers have pulled over. We know that speed is a factor in most fatal collisions in Alberta. Putting the lives of fellow Albertans in danger is reckless and inexcusable behaviour," says Norton

The penalties for driving more than 50 kilometers per hour over the speed limit can include a fine, the loss of six demerit points as well as a mandatory court summons. A judge will determine the fine to be paid by the motorist during the mandatory court appearance. Of the 41 agencies which reported their numbers to the AACPO, a total of 3609 speeding ticket were issued. Fines ranged from \$78 to \$2000.

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The Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers represents Community Peace Officers across the entire province and is responsible for promoting the use of Community Peace Officers. The association works collaboratively with police and other law enforcement agencies to ensure effective working relations and ensures a strong and positive working environment with the Solicitor General of Alberta.

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