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Parkland County Highways Safe on September Long Weekend

Local law enforcement agencies spent the Labour Day long weekend ensuring residents and visitors alike were safe while traveling along regional highways and are pleased with the results.

“We didn’t have any collisions on County roadways and those are the most significant,” said Parkland County Patrol Services Supervisor Pete Morris, noting that the highest number of injuries due to vehicular accidents occur on the Labour Day weekend.

According to Alberta Traffic Collisions Statistics from 2005, casualty rates are highest for people between the ages of 15 and 24 with fatalities occurring most frequently in rural Alberta. With this in mind, Parkland County Patrol and RCMP from the Spruce Grove/Stony Plain and Evansburg Detachments set up six Road Side Inspections and nine Laser/Radar Operations throughout the County.

“We wanted to make sure we had a presence to remind drivers that the rules of the road are there to keep everyone safe,” said Morris.

A total of 57 tickets were handed out, with 48 of them issued to drivers exceeding the speed limit, three due to a lack of occupant restraints and another three for a lack of licensing or insurance. The remaining tickets were issued because of a suspended driver’s license, operator licensing and an Off Highway Vehicle offense, said Morris.

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