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Speeding an issue for women drivers too.

PARKLAND COUNTY, AB. Parkland County Patrol Services is still dealing with speeding on rural roads, including a recent conviction involving a 21 year old woman.

“The young female driver was stopped for doing 153 km/hr in an 80 km/hr zone on Township 532(a),” said Mark Elwood, Parkland County Community Peace Officer. “She was found guilty at her trial on April 24th and fined \$1,955.00 or 20 days in default.”

Speed and inexperience are often cited as major contributors for fatal and serious collisions involving youth. As part of the 2008 Alberta Strategic Enforcement Plan, May was designated Young Drivers Month across Canada. Parkland County Patrol Service, along with the R.C.M.P and the Alberta Sherrifs, have been concentrating on education and enforcement on our local roads and highways.

“Speeding in rural areas is a problem,” said Peter Morris, Supervisor, Parkland County Patrol Services. “What people don’t realize is that speeding is a major contributor for collisions, and that fatal collisions occur most frequently in rural areas.”

The speed limit in rural areas is 80 km/hr unless otherwise posted. In urban areas, the limit is 50 km/hr. Drivers are also cautioned to slow down in school and playground zones and in construction zones. For more information on speed and driver safety, visit the Alberta Transportation website at www.saferoads.com.

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Parkland County is a rural municipality located immediately west of Edmonton. Covering an area of 246,462 hectares (609,007 acres), it is one of the largest in size and one of the highest populated of all rural municipalities in Alberta. Parkland County has grown to a community of over 29,000 people and has seen generations of families continue to enjoy country living.

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