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Teen learns lesson on speeding.

PARKLAND COUNTY, AB. A 17-year old learned an expensive lesson in Evansburg Provincial Court this week when faced with charges of speeding.

“The young male was doing 123 km/hr in a 50 km/hr zone in Tomahawk,” said Dana Brand, Parkland County Community Peace Officer. “He pled guilty to the charge and received a \$1,000 fine and a 90-day license suspension.”

Enforcement agencies across the province have been stepping up their speed enforcement and education campaigns as part of the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan. Statistics indicate that speed-related collisions begin to rise dramatically in April and carry through to the end of the year. Fatal and serious injury collisions involving youth also begin to increase in April and peak in May.

“Speed and inexperience are two contributors of fatal and serious collisions involving youth,” said Peter Morris, Supervisor, Parkland County Patrol Services. “Speed limits indicate the maximum anyone should drive in optimum conditions to ensure the safety of the driver, passengers and others on the road. Young drivers need to be even more cautious as they lack the experience to react quickly if conditions change suddenly.”

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.

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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