NEWS

"IT'S KIND OF PUTTING PEOPLE ON NOTICE," Halton Police set to target speeding in Operation 'Rural Impact'

ALEXANDRA HECK aheck@metroland.com

The Halton Regional Police are putting their foot down on drivers who floor it.

HRPS are launching project 'Rural Impact,' targeting speeding on country roads in Milton and Halton Hills.

Officers in the district will be focusing on speeding issues in the communities during the month of November, targeting problem areas outlined in speeding studies by both the Town of Milton and the Town of Halton Hills.

"We basically work hand in glove," said Sgt. Paul Rudall, of the Milton district response unit.

He says on average, police lay over 50,000 fines for provincial speeding offens-



Metroland File Photo An Erin woman was clocked driving about 65 km/hr above Guelph's Hanlon Expressway's speed limit on Saturday.

es in Halton annually.

For project Rural Impact, Rudall said that they will be taking a "zero tolerance policy" toward speeding and focusing particularly on stunt drivers. That means officers are

advised that if they catch someone speeding, they are to be fined - not given a warning. "It's kind of putting people on notice," said Halton Hills councillor Bryan Lewis, who sits on a rural policing committee, and regularly fields complaints about speeding on country roads.

"They are reacting to what the rural environment has asked for," said Lewis.



