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of the year, there were 79 distracted driving tickets handed out in Halton. That was down from 96 issued during the same period in 2018, a drop of 17.8 per cent.

The message does seem to be finally getting through. As of March 20, Halton police had handed out 327 distracted driving tickets. That's down from 620 over the same period last year, a decrease of 47.3 per cent.

While the numbers are encouraging, Taraso says it doesn't feel that way on the region's roads.

He said distracted driving accounts for almost 40 per cent of all the tickets he's issued in 2019.

And he's seen it all. Someone driving with a dog in one hand and their phone in the other, someone watching a movie on an iPad, people FaceTiming while driving.

Most of the distracted driving tickets Taraso is-

### Halton Region Distracted Driving Tickets

|                 | Thru Jan. 17 | Thru Mar. 20 | Tickets per day thru Mar. 20 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| <b>2018</b>     | 96           | 620          | 7.8                          |
| <b>2019</b>     | 79           | 327          | 4.1                          |
| <b>% Change</b> | 17.7         | 47.3         |                              |

Contributing factors to fatalities on OPP patrolled highways.

|             | DD | Impaired | Speed | No Seat Belt |
|-------------|----|----------|-------|--------------|
| <b>2013</b> | 78 | 57       | 44    | NA           |
| <b>2014</b> | 82 | 52       | 64    | 53           |
| <b>2015</b> | 69 | 45       | 61    | 51           |
| <b>2016</b> | 65 | 45       | 55    | 53           |
| <b>2017</b> | 83 | 46       | 75    | 49           |
| <b>2018</b> | 55 | 56       | 76    | 50           |

Metroland graphic

sues are to people using their phones at stop lights. He often sees people using their phones driving in the opposite direction, but there is not always an opportunity to turn around safely to follow the vehicle.


He said stoplights lead to more tickets because it's

easier to observe and gather evidence when stopped. He's witnessed people on their phone sit at a light for as long as 20 seconds after it has turned green.

But those willing to text at a light, he said, are just

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