

Aggressive, commercial truck drivers on 401 targeted by OPP Operation

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) stopped 1,200 vehicles and laid 385 charges in the 24-hour province-wide initiative targeting.

The campaign began at 6 a.m. Saturday along Highway 401 from Windsor to the Quebec border and on Highway 11/17 in northern Ontario. The OPP used aircraft surveillance in eastern and western sections of the province to support personnel and resources on the ground.

There were two crashes involving commercial vehicles resulting into two fatalities during Operation Corridor. In addition, officers laid 188 speeding charges, 73 seat-belt charges, 62 equipment charges, 25 following too close charges and six charges for failing to move to the left where a cruiser was stopped on the side of the road with its emergency lights flashing.

To date in September, there have been 25 motor vehicle crashes, resulting in 30 fatalities. Commercial vehicles have been involved in 12 of those crashes. Overall, 332 people have been killed on roads the OPP patrols this year, 18 more than 2006.

"There are still too many incidents where drivers don't seem to be getting the mes-

sage," OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino said. "In one instance on Highway 403 yesterday, a tractor trailer passed two cruisers. Not only was it speeding, it failed to move into the left lane as it went past. When he was stopped, officers discovered numerous document issues, as well.

"There have been 12 people have been killed in crashes involving tractor trailers already this month. That's totally unacceptable," Fantino said. "While the truck driver wasn't at fault in every case, we have seen far too many incidences

where truckers are driving aggressively, following too closely or speeding."

Although commercial vehicles were targeted, officers also stopped three motorists going in excess of 150 kilometres per hour, including one woman who was stopped at 5:54 p.m. and ticketed for doing 172 kph in a 100 kph zone, twenty minutes later she was stopped again for going 135 kph in a 100 kph zone. In another case, a westbound driver was charged at 129 kph at 7:45 a.m. and at 136 kph an hour later.



IT'S A BOY: Wellington-Halton Hills MP Mike Chong and his wife welcomed a new arrival to their family on Thursday, September 13 with the birth of a baby boy. Both mother and father are doing well.

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Inside the report is information about Halton's progress on the 2004-2006 Strategic Plan, which was developed by Halton Regional Council at the start of its term in 2003. The Strategic Plan identified the Region's priorities and the actions needed to meet key goals.

The report also features performance measures, which offer snapshots of the Region's successes and opportunities for the future.

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