

Choose your speed, choose your fine, warns sergeant

The speeding laws seem pretty simple. The speed signs have a number on them and if you go faster than that number, you could get a ticket.

The moment someone travels even one kilometre above the posted limit, they have technically committed the offence of speeding. With the offence complete, any increase in speed from that point is all about the penalty.

I have heard speeders argue, "I wasn't going 30 over... I was only going 15 over!" Either way they were still speeding. With today's advanced, accurate and effective speed lasers and radars, I'm going with the 30 over. Remember — when you choose your speed, you choose your fine.

Let's talk tolerance levels for a second. I can admit that I have never written a ticket for one kilometre over the limit (that'll cost you \$17.50 by the way). We do try to be reasonable with how we enforce the laws based on the circumstances surround-



Police beat

with SGT. DEREK DAVIS

ing the offence. I have heard people say, "Just don't do 20 km/h over the limit and police won't bother you." Nice theory, but not true. In some places our "tolerance levels" are extremely low (i.e. 10 km/h over the speed limit or lower).

Good examples of lower tolerance areas are Community Safety Zones (CSZ) and construction zones, where lower speed tolerance and increased fines are the norm. Driving 20 km/h over the posted limit will normally cost you \$95. Doing the same speed in the CSZ on Ontario Street in front of E.C. Drury High School (an area targeted regularly) will cost you

\$180. Drive 30 km/h (or more) over the limit in a CSZ or construction zone where workers are present and you will find yourself summonsed to court explaining your choices to a Justice of the Peace (and the possibility of fines in excess of \$500).

Road safety begins with each driver assuming responsibility and accountability for their actions. Everyone who steps behind the wheel makes decisions about how they drive — their speed, their turn signals, following distances and levels of co-operation with other drivers.

A driver may not be able to control the other cars on the road, but they're certainly in charge of their vehicle, and are accountable for their driving choices. Please choose to drive in a manner that contributes to the overall safety of our community.

Sgt. Derek Davis is the supervisor of the 1 District Response Unit, focusing on traffic enforcement in Milton and Halton Hills.

Youth arrested in swarming

A youth was arrested in connection with the swarming and assault of a man Thursday night at the Carriage Square plaza.

Police said a maintenance worker was cleaning the parking lot of the Main Street plaza shortly after 9:30 p.m. when he observed five or six youths walking.

He saw one of the youths jump on the hood of a vehicle and as they passed him, one

youth kicked his collection bag.

The employee questioned the youths about their behaviour and he was surrounded, punched and kicked. One youth struck the man's head with a beer bottle.

An employee working in a nearby store saw what was going on and came to the aid of the victim, police said, and the youths scattered.

The victim received

minor injuries during the attack; the Good Samaritan wasn't injured.

A 16-year-old Milton youth was arrested and has been charged with assault, causing a disturbance and failing to comply with probation.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at (905) 825-4747, ext. 2411 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Black dog likely stolen

Police are hoping to reunite a family with their beloved pooch after a suspected dog-napping on Friday.

Police said a woman and her children tied their black dog outside the Zellers at Milton Mall while they went inside around 5:30 p.m.

When they returned 40 minutes later, the dog — a black Labrador retriever/bull terrier mix weighing about 50 pounds — was gone.

A passerby approached the family and told them a blond woman who was about 22 years old had said she was going to take the dog to an animal shelter and left with it.

The dog's owner told police she contacted the area shelters, but nobody seemed to have the dog — which goes by the name Sarah.

"I'd like to get this dog back for these children," said Det. Sgt. Murray Drinkwater of Halton police.

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