Operation Roadwise targets main causes of road trauma

During the 2021 Christmas and New Year Holidays, Victoria Police will be conducting Road Policing Operation Roadwise from Friday 17 December 2021 to Wednesday 5 January 2022.

"During this Road Policing Operation, Victoria Police will implement a strategically coordinated and tactically-focused approach, targeting the key contributing factors to road trauma," says Road Policing adviser Sergeant Marty Wallace from Westgate Highway Patrol.

"Police will be targeting the main causes of fatalities and serious injuries in crashes which are excessive speed, driver distraction restraint and seat belt non-compliance, fatigue and alcohol or drug-impared driving.

We're watching your speed. Are you?

Motorists will see numerous police units on major arterial roads during this holiday period, with speed cameras being set up in identified speed and high collision locations throughout the state. Those planning to travel during this period can expect to see an increase in vehicles travelling on our major freeways and highways.

Drivers should plan their trips, be patient and ensure that they have frequent breaks when driving long distances.

Police will be targeting drivers who attend end of year work functions, as it has been identified that there is a risk that some drivers will take risks whilst they are impaired by alcohol and drugs.

Road trauma isn't just about the lives that are lost – it's about the enormous impact on the community from family members, to the emergency service workers who have to deal with these tragedies on a daily basis and to the police who deliver devastating news to loved ones.

All of the community has a responsibility and a role to play in reducing road trauma.

Remember, travel so that you arrive at your destination safely and enjoy your Christmas and New Year Holiday.

Senior Sergeant Leemara Fairgrieve and Sergeant Marty Wallace from Westgate Highway Patrol are urging drivers to maintain high levels of safety these holidays. (Supplied)

RoadSafe Westgate Community Road Safety Council Chairman Mr Jim Giddings says it has been demonstrated time after time that speed is a contributing factor in most road crashes.

Mr Giddings says the work of his group, along with initiatives like Operation Roadwise during the 2021 Christmas and New Year Holiday period, would hopefully reduce the number of serious road crashes on our roads.

Road safety is not everyone else's responsibility. It is yours. If you plan to have a drink, then plan not to drive. The risk of drinking and driving is just not worth endangering your life or those other road users.

Before embarking on any driving trips drivers should check their tyres, windscreen washers, indicators, brakes and lights. So, make sure you and your vehicle are fit for the road.

Report speeding drivers to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

DRIVING IS NOT A GAME!

SPEED KILLS!

Don't make a Grave Mistake

Speed is the largest single factor in fatal road crashes on our roads. RoadSafe Westgate and your local council support reporting speeding drivers to Crime Stoppers.

REPORT SPEEDING DRIVERS

1800 333 000

RoadSafe Westgate Community Road Safety Council is a road safety advocacy group that implements road safety programs and is supported by the municipalities of Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton and Wyndham.

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