



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

A monthly compilation of national, provincial and local news stories on road safety

For the Period June 1-30, 2023

June is impaired driving awareness month

June 01, 2023, The Sault Star (SAULT, ONTARIO)

Over the last five years, Sault police have charged more than 300 drivers with operation while impaired.

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Audit finds National Highway Traffic Safety Administration auto safety defect probes take too long

June 01, 2023, National Post (DETROIT, UNITED STATES)

The U.S. government agency charged with keeping the roads safe is slow to investigate automobile safety defects, limiting its ability to handle rapidly changing or severe risks, an audit made public Thursday found.

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Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) is keeping roads safe

June 01, 2023, Region of Peel (PEEL, ONTARIO)

ASE helps make drivers more aware of the need to slow down.

Speed is a contributing factor in almost one third of fatal collisions in Canada.

Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) is a road safety program that helps make drivers more aware of the need to slow down in school zones and community safety zones.

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New Wisconsin driver's license adds security features

June 06, 2023, Yahoo Sports (WISCONSIN, US)

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles is launching new driver's license and ID cards.

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Wrong-Way Driving Prevention Bill

June 06, 2023, Doingitlocal.com (CONNECTICUT, US)

Sen. Tony Hwang, ranking Senator on the CT General Assembly's Transportation Committee, today applauded the State Senate's passage of HB 6746, which he co-introduced. The bill now heads to the governor for his signature.

The state of Connecticut has already begun installing wrong-way driving technology on several on-ramps of I-84, Route 2, I-95, I-395, Route 291, and I-391. There are also plans to install the technology on I-91 in Windsor at the northbound HOV exit and Exit 42 northbound and southbound.

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E-bikes must have number plates and insurance, MP says

June 11, 2023, Yahoo News (UNITED KINGDOM)

MPs and industry experts call on electric bikes to have number plates and insurance for pedestrian safety.

This is so that things are regulated the same way as other vehicles, given the damage e-bikes can have if it collides with a pedestrian.

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Quebec road report 2022: Disturbing rise in pedestrian fatalities

June 12, 2023, CTV News (QUEBEC, MONTREAL)

Quebec's auto insurance board (SAAQ) reported a worrying rise in the number of road deaths in its 2022 road safety report.

Some 392 deaths are counted in the report published Monday, which is 45 more than in 2021. The SAAQ notes that this represents an increase of 13.2 per cent compared with the average from 2017 to 2021.

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SAAQ reports surge in pedestrian fatalities

June 13, 2023, Insurance Business (QUEBEC, MONTREAL)

Quebec's auto insurance board has released a new report highlighting an alarming increase in the number of road deaths.

SAAQ's 2022 road report disclosed a total of 392 deaths on Quebec roads. This is 45 more than the previous year and 13.2% above the average number of deaths recorded from 2017 to 2021.

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City council to vote on e-scooter use later this month

June 13, 2023, Discover Moose Jaw (MOOSE JAW, SASKATCHEWAN)

Moose Jaw city council will be voting on whether or not to allow e-scooters (electric kick scooters) on city streets at its next regular council meeting.

A proposed Traffic Amendment Bylaw will be considered for all three readings on June 26th, as council approved to move the recommendation forward by a vote of 4-2 Monday night.

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Armstrong road safety study recommends lowering speed limit to 40 km/h in city

June 19, 2023, Kastanet (ARMSTRONG, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

A road safety study in Armstrong is recommending speed limits on city streets be lowered to 40 km/h.

The study conducted by Watt Consulting Group and City of Armstrong staff also recommends traffic calming treatments in school zones and collector streets, and identifies the community's most crash-prone intersections.

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Automatic emergency braking (AEB) mandate proposed for U.S. trucks

June 22, 2023, Truck News (UNITED STATUS)

U.S. regulators are looking to require automatic emergency braking (AEB) systems on heavy vehicles in a bid to reduce the number and severity of rear-end crashes.

News of the initiative emerged June 22 in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking from the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

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US safety agency to require automatic emergency braking on heavy trucks and buses

June 22, 2023, The Canadian Press (WASHINGTON, UNITED STATUS)

The government will require heavy trucks and buses to include automatic emergency braking equipment within five years, the federal traffic safety agency said Thursday, estimating it will prevent nearly 20,000 crashes and save at least 155 lives a year.

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‘A debacle’: Why the Quebec government is suspending a traffic safety project

June 22, 2023, Global News (BROSSARD, QUÉBEC)

Touted as a new state-of-the-art traffic calming measure, the EARL smart traffic light system has been suspended in the city of Brossard.

Less than a month after installation, the Quebec Transport Ministry has pulled the plug on the city’s pilot project.

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Decline in distracted driving screeches to a halt in B.C., new survey finds

June 22, 2023, Global News (VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

What a difference a year makes. In this case, not a very positive one. In our latest survey, 62 per cent of British Columbians report seeing a driver talking on a hand-held cell phone or texting while driving in the past month, up 16 points since 2022. What appeared to be a downward trend has summarily stopped.

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BC residents want steeper fines for distracted drivers: poll

June 26, 2023, Infotel.ca (VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

The majority of BC drivers say they’ve seen someone talking on a cell phone or texting recently and believe fines should be doubled for repeat offenders.

According to a Research Co. Poll, 62% of BC residents said in the past four weeks they’ve witnessed someone talk or text while driving, which is up 16 points since an earlier poll in April 2022.

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Shared e-scooter program launches in Regina

June 28, 2023, Microsoft Start (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

Regina residents and visitors have a new transportation option, after the anticipated shared electric scooter program was officially launched Wednesday morning.

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