

Police shocked at number of speeding drivers on Dundas Street

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A traffic enforcement crackdown in Oakville recently led to a “shocking” number of alleged speeding incidents, including a pair of stunt driving charges and a transport truck travelling almost 30 km/h over the posted speed limit.

Traffic patrols were ramped up on Dundas Street East, near Meadowridge Drive, east of Ninth Line, Feb. 1 after a complaint was received through Halton Police’s online reporting program, RoadWatch.

Despite a posted 60 km/h speed limit, police say almost half of the 39 Provincial Offence Notices handed out were given to motorists travel-

ling at speeds more than 100 km/h — most of the drivers were from Oakville and Mississauga.

“Dundas Street is a very busy street and the speed limits are there for a reason,” said police spokesperson Sgt. Chantal Corner, who encourages drivers to give themselves enough time and not rush by speeding.

“The shockingness is the number (of drivers in these instances) exceeding (the speed limits).”

A breakdown of the motorists travelling at least 20 km/h above the speed limit who were stopped and issued tickets, includes:

- 18 drivers going 90-99 km/h.
- 15 drivers travelling 100-110 km/h.
- One driver clocking 112 km/h, and another at 122 km/h.

The two latter motorists were also charged with stunt driving and had their vehicles towed.

Police said one of the drivers had been charged with two prior alleged instances of stunt driving within the last 18 months.

“The message we’re trying to get out is the more you speed the less time you have to react,” said Corner. “Being such a busy road, there are so many people that can suffer the consequenc-

es of you not making the right decisions.”

Police will continue to monitor the area,

“It is a real problem as we can see by the stats,” Corner said. “This area would be deemed by those traffic officers as a problem area, or a hot spot, and they would try to now consistently patrol that area in order to show police visibility.”

For more on RoadWatch, visit www.haltonpolice.ca/PRC/Pages/ROADWATCH.aspx.

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