

MEDIA RELEASE
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**ROAD USER CHECK STOPS
LOOKING FOR WHO'S NAUGHTY AND NICE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Vancouver Island, B.C. – The BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation is lending its support to the Vancouver Island Road User Checks campaign. Santa won't be the only one checking a list, the Vancouver Island traffic law enforcement agencies will be stringing their own blue and red light displays in strategic locations from Victoria to Port Hardy looking for road users in violation of various laws.

Vancouver Island will see an obvious increased presence of law enforcement officers from the RCMP Vancouver Island District Traffic Services, the South, Central and North Island Traffic Services, Capital Region IRSU, Saanich PD, RCMP Nanaimo Municipal Traffic, Victoria PD, North Island IRSU, Members of RCMP Detachments from Port Hardy to Westshore, Commercial vehicle Inspectors, working shoulder to shoulder to make our holiday roads safer.

"We've been working very closely with the RCMP on various safety initiatives in communities around the province and we fully support a unique and creative approach such as this that will save lives and reduce the damage done by impaired drivers," stated Allan Lamb, executive director, BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation. Last May the Foundation partnered with the RCMP in Nanaimo to create "On The Watch, Drive to Save Lives", a 1-year traffic enforcement and public awareness campaign that is proving to be very successful at reducing the number speeding, seatbelt, and intersection infractions.

The Road User Check enforcement campaign will be looking for impaired by drugs and alcohol, unbelted drivers and passengers, prohibited and unlicensed drivers, occupants with outstanding arrest warrants, stolen property, drugs, defective vehicles, vehicle impound candidates, GLP drivers violating restrictions and other violations.

Skilled traffic members, drug detection dogs, breathalyzer and roadside screening operators, mechanical inspectors and tow trucks will all be employed to remove as many illegal, unauthorized, and unsafe people and vehicles from your roadways. Expect to get checked!

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