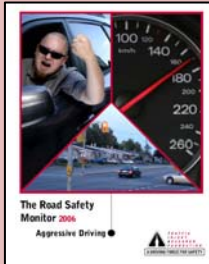




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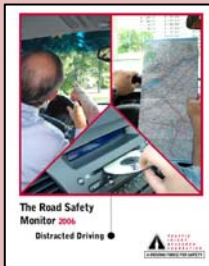
The Road Safety Monitor 2006: Aggressive Driving

Ward Vanlaar, Herb Simpson, Dan Mayhew, and Robyn Robertson

TIRF recently released *The Road Safety Monitor 2006: Aggressive Driving*. The Road Safety Monitor (RSM) examined the aggressive driving behaviours of Canadians, including: excessive speeding, running red lights, honking the horn, taking risks while driving for fun, and tailgating.

Some of the findings from this report included:

- Over two million Canadians displayed aggressive driving behaviours at some point in the last year;
- Approximately 2.7 million Canadians frequently drive in excess of the speed limit;
- Some two million Canadians regularly speed up to get through red lights;
- Approximately 670,000 Canadians admitted to taking risks while driving, just for fun; and
- There were twice as many male aggressive drivers as there were female aggressive drivers.



The Road Safety Monitor 2006: Distracted Driving

Ward Vanlaar, Herb Simpson, Dan Mayhew, and Robyn Robertson

Released in August 2007, *The Road Safety Monitor 2006: Distracted Driving* revealed that an increasing number of Canadians are concerned about distracted driving. Some 70% of Canadians now consider distracted driving a serious problem, up from 40% in 2001.

Other findings from the report revealed that:

- 95.5% of Canadians believe there is more distracted driving on our roads than there was in 2001;
- Distractions outside the vehicle posed the biggest threat for drivers;
- Distraction inside the vehicle posed a significantly higher risk for younger drivers; and
- Although Canadians are making more phone calls while driving than in 2001, the calls they make are shorter.

Financial support for the RSM is provided by Transport Canada, The Brewers of Canada, and Toyota Canada. Both RSM reports are available at: <http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/projects/projectDetails.cfm?intProjectID=35>.

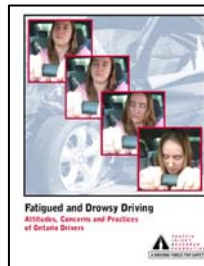


Commercial Vehicle Driver Licensing Standards in British Columbia

Dan Mayhew

Commercial Vehicle Driver Licensing Standards in British Columbia is designed to serve as a high-level framework document that provides priority recommendations and options for improving commercial driver licensing standards in BC and elsewhere.

This work was supported by the BC Trucking Human Resources Planning Committee – formed under an agreement between Service Canada, the BC Trucking Association, and Teamsters Local 31. The report can be downloaded at: <http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com>.



Fatigued and Drowsy Driving: Attitudes, Concerns and Practices of Ontario Drivers

Ward Vanlaar, Herb Simpson, Dan Mayhew, and Robyn Robertson

Released in July 2006, *Fatigued and Drowsy Driving: Attitudes, Concerns and Practices of Ontario Drivers* summarizes the results from a public opinion poll – developed and carried out by TIRF – to examine the issue of fatigued and drowsy driving in Ontario.

The report revealed that nearly 1.3 million Ontarians fell asleep or nodded off while driving at least once in the past year. Of these drivers, more than 100,000 did so on five or more occasions.

In addition, the poll found that Ontario drivers employ several ineffective tactics to overcome drowsiness at the wheel, including such things as opening windows, changing the radio station, drinking caffeine, eating, singing along to music, and even slapping or pinching themselves. Only 14.8 per cent of drivers used the most effective tactic – stopping to nap or sleep.

Funding for this poll and the report were made possible by a charitable donation from TD Meloche Monnex Group (TDMMG). The report can be downloaded at: http://www.trafficinjuryresearch.com/publications/PDF_publications/Fatigued_and_Drowsy_Driving_in_Ontario.pdf.

Staff Activity Update

CACP Traffic Seminar: Robyn Robertson gave an invited presentation entitled, "Persisting and emerging issues in traffic safety." Chilliwack, BC. April 3, 2007.

Hasselt University: Ward Vanlaar served as a guest faculty at Hasselt University and taught a course on traffic safety in the Bachelor program on Traffic Science in collaboration with Hasselt University staff. Hasselt, Belgium. April 18-24, 2007.

I-95 Corridor Coalition meeting: Robyn Robertson and Herb Simpson jointly presented, "Persistent traffic offenders." Washington, DC. April 26, 2007.

CCMTA Meeting: Robyn Robertson gave an invited presentation entitled, "National Survey of Crown Attorneys and Defence Counsel on Impaired Driving." Dan Mayhew also gave a presentation on TIRF projects related to the Strategy to Reduce Impaired Driving (STRID 2010). Edmonton, AB. May 14, 2007.

National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Conference: Robyn Robertson gave an invited presentation entitled, "Continuous Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring." St. Louis, MO. June 4, 2007.

Canadian Road Safety Youth Conference: Peter Parsons gave an invited presentation entitled, "Road Users in Canada." Ward Vanlaar gave invited presentations on "Continuous Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring: An Overview" and "Drinking and Driving in Canada. Results of the Road Safety Monitor 2006." Montreal, QC. June 6, 2007.

Institute of Police Technology and Management: Robyn Robertson gave presentations on "A Drunk Driving Systems Approach" and "Using Technologies: Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring." Naples, FL. June 27, 2007.

Annual Meeting of National Lieutenant Governors Association: Robyn Robertson gave an invited presentation entitled, "DWI System Improvements for Dealing with Hard Core Repeat Offenders." Herb Simpson gave a presentation entitled, "Persisting and Emerging Issues in Traffic Safety." Williamsburg, VA. July 25, 2007.

Alcohol Ignition Interlocks to Reduce Impaired Driving Recidivism meeting: Robyn Robertson gave an invited presentation entitled, "Status and Vision of Ignition Interlock Use." Washington, DC. August 22, 2007.

8th Annual Ignition Interlock Symposium: Robyn Robertson gave an invited presentation entitled, "Developing a National Curriculum on Ignition Interlocks." Seattle, WA. August 27, 2007.

ICADTS Meeting: Dan Mayhew presented, "Trends in the Alcohol-Fatal Crash Problem in Canada." Ward Vanlaar presented, "Drinking and Driving in Canada – Results of the Road Safety Monitor 2006," "Concern about Drinking and Driving and Drugs and Driving," and "Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring." Robyn Robertson presented, "National Survey of Crown Attorneys and Defence Counsel on Impaired Driving." Seattle, WA. August 27-29, 2007.

TIRF Staff

Ward Vanlaar promoted



Ward Vanlaar has been promoted to Research Scientist in recognition of his increasing responsibilities over the past two years at TIRF. Ward's statistical and data analysis background has proved invaluable to several TIRF projects. In addition to his TIRF duties, Ward teaches

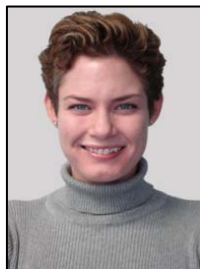
Qualitative Research Methods courses in Criminology in English and French at the University of Ottawa.

Peter Parsons joins TIRF full-time



TIRF is pleased to announce that Peter Parsons has become a new full-time staff member. Peter previously assisted TIRF on a part-time basis. TIRF also congratulates Peter on completing his Master of Arts in Criminology at the University of Ottawa. Peter will receive his M.A. in October.

Dr. Patricia Emery joins TIRF team



TIRF is pleased to announce that Dr. Patricia Emery has joined TIRF as a Research Associate. Patricia has an extensive research background in health psychology, mood disorders, sleep disorders, and she also possesses advanced statistical knowledge and experience. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Ottawa in 2007.

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