



Clarington motorists seem to have gotten the message about buckling up while driving.

The new leader of Durham Regional Police's Clarington Division was pleasantly surprised after a week long seatbelt enforcement campaign resulted in almost no tickets.

Inspector Rolf Kluem was hoping motorists were buckling up as his officers swept across the municipality working numerous busy intersections last week.

"I'm very pleased that the seatbelt message has been well adopted by our Clarington roadway users," he says, "Roadway safety is a top priority for us and seatbelts are an important component of that."

Officers from Community Response Unit and the platoons specifically watched high priority intersections, identified through data analysis from the East Division Traffic Safety coordinator Constable Dave D'Silva.

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The specific locations were: King Avenue / Mill Street in Newcastle; Clarington Blvd / Hwy 2 in Bowmanville; Main Street in Orono; Trulls Road / Yorkville Drive in Courtice; Church Street / Ontario Street in Bowmanville; Sandringham Drive / Windham Crescent in Courtice; Meadowglade Road / Robert Adams Drive in Courtice; Liberty Street North / Church Street in Bowmanville and Taunton Road / Main Street in Orono.

The officers spent time in each of the intersections and observed thousands of vehicles. In most cases, the occupants were complying with seatbelt legislation. Only a few Provincial Offence Notices (less than 10) and several cautions were issued.

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