



Durham Regional Police report that a random one-day distracted driving enforcement blitz in Clarington last week resulted in seventeen motorists receiving offence tickets for various infractions.

On Thursday February 14, 2013, East Division officers conducted an enforcement blitz within the corridor of Liberty Street and King Street East and Highway 2 and Clarington Boulevard, in Bowmanville. This zone had been identified as one of the high collision areas within the Highway 2/King Street corridor, between Boswell Drive and Simpson Avenue. As a result, officers concentrated enforcement and educational efforts during their one day campaign.

Distracted driving was the main focus of the enforcement blitz. Seven drivers were charged with distracted driving, three with seatbelt offences, two with speeding and five drivers were charged with various document-related offences. Police issued one caution for using a handheld entertainment device.

Officers noted they were unable to conduct traffic stops on all of the offences observed due to the volume of the offences witnessed. Distracted driving initiatives will continue throughout the year in this and other areas of the municipality.

Durham Police are reminding the public distracted driving is an illegal and unsafe practice which may result in a provincial offence notice and fine of \$155. They also note that for those who continue to drive distracted, this activity may result in potential collisions involving injuries and/or damages to property.