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Sask. stepping up construction zone enforcement

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People who speed going through orange zones are subject to fines and getting demerit points on their licences. (CBC)

Following the death of a road crew worker from New Brunswick earlier this summer, enforcement of Saskatchewan's "orange zones" is being stepped up.

Saskatchewan Highways Minister Don McMorris said Wednesday that the province will pay the overtime for extra RCMP officers in highway construction zones — also known as orange zones — from now until the end of the road-building season.

Ashley Dawn Richards, 18, and her fiance had recently moved to Saskatchewan from Lakeside, N.B. to start a family.

They both found work on a road construction crew, with Richards working as a flagger. On Aug. 23, she was about 45 minutes into her first shift working near Midale, when a car struck her and she died. Her fiance later disclosed that she had been pregnant.

Police are investigating the incident.

Later, Premier Brad Wall vowed to do something to make orange zones safer, setting the stage for McMorris's announcement Wednesday.

McMorris said the extra enforcement will add to the policing that is already happening.

"We've seen enforcement in the orange zone — 175 tickets roughly annually per year — but obviously there needs to be more enforcement when you hear workers saying that speed is an issue," he said.

The minimum fine for speeding in an orange zone starts at \$140, with an additional \$2 for every km/h over 60.

The province has set aside \$15,000 for the extra policing costs.

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I agree that there should be more enforcement of the law in the orange zone. You cant have enough safety for the workers.

However management of the zones has to imrove as well. Far too many signs are left up when the work is done. You slow down in good faith and you never see a sign. The problem is everybody starts to belive somebody is crying wolf and they start to ignore the signs.

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Put wearable cameras on the flag people. When someone does something stupid get the police involved.

Safety in these zones isn't just about speed. Sometimes the speed limit is to high for what might be happening at the moment. I typically slow to about 30 or 40 k if I pass within a couple meters of any workers. I also give a little wave or nod to flag people so they know I see them.

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Fantastic.

The fines for speeding in the orange could be higher, but as others have posted construction companies should be fined for not covering up signs when no workers are around.

Far to many times I have come up on a construction zone and there are no workers in sight. You tend to ignore them after a while.

Saskatoon is famous for putting up all the signs and pylons, then it is a week or more before you even see a piece of equipment.

I am all for protecting the workers, but some consideration should be given to the motorist as well.

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The enforcement should have been stepped up long before the young lady was fatally injured,as it too little to late for this young lady.

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Excellent news. I have worked road construction in the past, its amazing how little regard drivers have for the safety of the workers.

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