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SVP-MERCI new program

A PROMISING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC AND THE TOWN OF PINCOURT WITH RESPECT TO ROAD SAFETY

The Sûreté du Québec and the Town of Pincourt, announced this morning a new partnership that will better target their interventions, for the Sûreté du Québec as well as for the Town of Pincourt with respect to road safety.

The new program called SVP-MERCI, an acronym for Speed Monitoring Equipment and Measures and Potential Reduction and Control of Impact is the result of a close collaboration between the two organizations and of practical tests conducted by the Town of Pincourt in 2009.

Mr. Yvan Cardinal, Mayor of Pincourt, first highlighted the very close cooperation of officers from the Eastern station of the Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC in the development of this new policy. "This new policy will allow citizens to be at the heart of activities. By being attentive to citizen's concerns, we will be better equipped to respond more quickly and efficiently to mitigate the problems of compliance of traffic standards on our territory."

For his part, Mr. Raymond Gilbert, Director of the Eastern station of the Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC, added: "This partnership is a direct implementation of the Action Plan for sustainable development of the Sûreté du Québec. In fact, we continue to develop and promote a culture of prevention with the goal of strengthening the sense of security for citizens and engage the citizens and community commitment for maintaining security in their living environment."

This program will allow citizens of the Town of Pincourt, either by telephone or through the Town's website, to identify recurring problems of non-compliance with speed limits or mandatory stops on the streets within the limits of the Town. The Town will subsequently proceed to a real-time analysis of the traffic problem in order to determine the exact nature of the situation.

Mr. Cardinal said that the two traffic analyzers acquired by the Town will permit them to establish precisely the type of vehicle, whether it is a motorcycle, car or truck, the vehicle's speed as well as the event date and time. These tests will be conducted during a define period of time. "This will permit us to accurately identify, in the case of recurring problems, at what time of day we find ourselves in the presence of delinquent behaviour." stated Mr. Cardinal.

"These studies will assist the Sûreté du Québec to better target their interventions, with prevention or repression, when faced with delinquent behaviour", clarified Captain Gilbert.

Following police intervention, a comparative analysis will be conducted by the Town. Should there be little or no change, the Town will proceed, thereafter, to the implementation of facilities that will force road users to slow down or to make a complete stop. According to Mr. Cardinal, this formula was tested last year and showed a significant reduction in speed in the areas concerned.

Captain Gilbert would like to remind us that any citizen who witnesses a traffic violation, which requires a rapid and immediate intervention from the Sûreté du Québec, must notify the police via the 514-310-4141 or 911. The SVP-MERCI program is focused on interventions in the short or medium term and is not replacing the use of immediate police intervention when required.

Effective today, citizens are encouraged to actively participate with road safety in their neighbourhoods. Citizens can report any delinquent traffic violations either by telephone at 514-453-8981, ext. 375, or through the Town's website, www.villepincourt.qc.ca. By supplying this information, the Town of Pincourt in partnership with the Sûreté du Québec, will be in a better position to take action to make our streets safer.

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