



## News Release

### **Slow down, pay attention, save lives.**

Sechelt, BC – July 2, 2021 — The title of this news release says it all really, slow down, pay attention, save lives.

That is the message coming from Sunshine Coast Regional District Fire Departments and the Sunshine Coast RCMP as we see our highway getting busier as the summer season continues.

There has been a number of serious motor vehicle incidents recently in the Roberts Creek area that has local Fire Chief Pat Higgins urging drivers to slow down. “In recent weeks our volunteer firefighters have responded to several collisions including one which sadly resulted in a fatality,” says Chief Pat Higgins with Roberts Creek Volunteer Fire Department. “One of the hardest parts of our jobs is attending these scenes and realizing just how totally preventable many of these tragedies can be.”

“In the summer months our highway traffic significantly increases with travellers, construction and wildlife,” says Constable Karen Whitby with Sunshine Coast RCMP. “We ask that you be patient, give yourself extra travel time and leave lots of space between you and other vehicles so that everyone can arrive safely and enjoy their summer.”

So in summary.

- Keep your speed to posted limits
- Stay off your phone and away from distractions when you are driving
- Be aware that there are a number of turnoffs on the highway so be prepared to slow and stop if necessary
- Always make way for emergency services on the highway by pulling to the right and slowing or stopping
- If you are parking at a beach or hiking access point, ensure you are not parking in a manner that obstructs the vision of drivers pulling out onto the highway

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