

Good afternoon,

I was referred to you via SGI's Facebook Page. I hope I can offer some points to consider in regards to getting Saskatchewan to the point of not being afraid to be on the roads, highways, & streets.

I do feel that more consistent fines could make a difference in ALL operators. On one of my days off last year I spent 6 hours just leisurely cruising the city streets of Regina including Lewvan Drive and the Ring Road making notes of minimal infractions, yea my life was really that boring that day :-). They amounted to over 130 infractions such as non signal light users, not stopping at stop signs, illegal and multiple lane changes, speeding, driving in the middle of two lanes, cell phone use while driving, flying through red lights, littering with one making me swerve so I didn't ride over their McDonalds bag, and sadly some of these happened right in front of Police cruisers.

I do not blame the Police in any stretch of the imagination and respect everything about them, but I believe that major crimes are more of a priority than these minor things so I've come up with a solution. Commission me to be a public traffic officer and allow me to hand out an economical \$50.00 fine per offence. With the 130 some infractions I personally witnessed at \$50.00 each that's \$6,500.00 in ONE afternoon. That's almost 5 Million dollars a year if you base it on 12 hours a day, less my 10% royalty! Hire me and 3 of my friends and that leaves you with over 4 Million dollars to hire more Officers! (just kidding about hiring me)

But seriously, why could there not be some strictly "traffic officers" that are hired to do just exactly that. No turning a blind eye and no warnings but a minimal fine absolutely every time? 50 bucks is not gonna break anyone's bank but it's enough for most to think twice before they do that same infraction and eventually they're going to get frustrated and just abide by the law. The excuse of "can't afford to hire more officers" can't come into play when there's a minimal profit of 4 Million Dollars a year coming in from their efforts. The consensus of most people I talk with regarding these infractions is "people do it all the time and almost never get caught". I can understand that because I'd be a liar if I said I've never broke any of the above infractions in the past for the same reasons. I ride a motorcycle, have a car, and a truck and I've seen each and every class guilty of this.

A very important story that I tell everyone is back when the law came into effect about slowing down when essential services have their flashing lights on I was in the middle of escorting my Wife back and forth to Saskatoon for her Cancer treatment. My life was so consumed during that year with all the Cancer stuff that I was completely oblivious to the new law. On one of our trips from the Saskatoon Hospital back to Regina we seen an RCMP Cruiser giving someone a ticket as we drove our normal speed past him. About 10 minutes later he was right behind me with lights flashing. He pulled me over and asked if I knew the reason and I said probably because I was 115 klm on a 110 klm highway and proceeded to tell him everyone was going 5 over. So when he informed me I was almost 60 over because of the new law and was going to be fined like \$500.00 or something my Wife just broke down crying. The Officer looked over and seen her shaved head and all the Doctor papers on the front seat of the car and went back to his car. A few minutes later he came back and explained the reasoning and necessity for that law and let me

go with a warning. The respect I have for that Man will never be portrayed properly so I'll just say that because he stopped me, regardless of fining me or not, I have never gone through a situation like that beyond 60 klm. He may very well be responsible for me not killing someone, or myself; since then. THAT is why I feel each and every time someone does an infraction both big and small they need to be aware of it.

I'm sure I'd probably get one of two of these in the beginning but I won't regret it. 50 bucks to potentially keep me from injuring someone or messing up the countryside with litter is all money well spent in my mind. Billboards make us aware of what we're doing, commercials make us aware of what we're doing, me emailing you and you emailing me back makes us aware of what we're doing, 50 dollar fines make us stop!

Thanks for listening. With all due respect you all have a miserably tough job with little gratitude shown you. This isn't the answer to the problem but I hope some of this may be a start to a correction.

Sincerely,

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