

Excessive speeding carries some heavy penalties

A 41-year-old man from Scarborough is facing stunt-driving charges after Caledon OPP?clocked a minivan going 153 km-h in a posted 80 zone last Tuesday.

Police report an officer from the Traffic Unit was conducting radar enforcement on Highway 10, near Highpoint Sideroad at about 5:30 p.m and spotted a grey 2007 Honda Odyssey going excessively fast.

Upon pulling the vehicle over, the officer discovered eight occupants inside the minivan. The man was charged with racing a motor vehicle. He received a seven-day licence suspension and his vehicle was seized for seven days as a result of the stunt driving charge. Police stated officers throughout the province are confronted every day with drivers who put their safety and the safety of their passengers at risk, not to mention other innocent motorists and road users. Caledon OPP would like to remind motorists that an essential part of the enforcement job is to save lives and reduce injuries on roadways.

What are the penalties from driving 50 km-h over the speed limit?

The pre-conviction sanctions include an immediate seven-day licence suspension and seven-day vehicle impoundment.

Upon conviction, a driver faces a fine of between \$2,000 and \$10,000, six demerit points, up to six months jail, and up to a two-year licence suspension for the first offence. The penalty for a second offence could include a licence suspension of up to 10 years within 10 years of first conviction.