Reducing Our Road Toll In 2009

Acting Chief Minister Delia Lawrie today called on Territorians to take greater responsibility behind the wheel to avoid a repeat of last year’s devastating road toll.

“Driver responsibility is at the heart of reducing our road toll,” Ms Lawrie said.

“This means paying more attention while driving on our roads, wearing seat belts, slowing down and not driving under the influence of alcohol.

“Police will continue to conduct road safety campaigns throughout the year to help keep the road toll down.

“The current Christmas road safety campaign – which began on 19 December and finishes on 27 January – has so far caught 146 drink drivers from a total of 9289 breath tested.

“Each drink driver represents a possible tragedy and I congratulate Northern Territory police on the great work they are doing towards reducing our road toll.

“Alcohol, speed and failure to wear seat belts were all factors in last year’s road toll and I urge Territorians to be sober, slow down and buckle up so they are able to complete their journeys safely.

“More than 2300 drivers have so far been caught speeding during the Christmas road safety campaign and these drivers are putting other people’s lives at risk – this is totally unacceptable.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to improving road safety and reduce the Territory’s road toll, including road safety education and advertising measures as well as targeting drink drivers.”

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