SAFETY FIRST AS SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS INCREASE

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Speeding fines are set to increase targeting dangerous drivers.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the increases were part of a raft of road safety measures the Territory Government was implementing across the NT and would take effect on February 1.

“All motorists want to be able to drive on a safer road network and these new safety measures will help achieve this,” Mr Giles said.

“If you continue to obey the speed limit and the law, then these new infringement increases will not have any effect on you.

“Reckless and dangerous driving is not condoned by our community and these increases will bring the Territory’s speeding fines closer to those that apply across the country.

“As part of our tough stance on road safety, we have introduced lower speed limits where necessary, red light and speed cameras and we continue repair and maintenance of our roads to ensure maximum safety. This is another step to keep motorists safe.”

Mr Giles said drivers in the NT appeared to be taking on board road safety measures, with the latest statistics from 2013 showing the total number of traffic offenders decreased by nearly 22 per cent across the Territory in comparison with the same period in 2012.

“Significantly the number of people killed on Northern Territory roads has dropped by nearly 25 per cent compared to last year,” Mr Giles said.

“In 2013, there were 37 deaths recorded for 2013 – 12 fewer than in 2012 and the lowest Territory road fatality rate since 2009 but we want to see this reduced even more.

“Every death on our roads is somebody’s mother, father, sister, brother, daughter or son – and fatalities are tragic accidents. This is something our community wants addressed.”

The new traffic infringements are as follows. For exceeding the speed limit by:

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<th>Traffic Offence</th>
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Demerit points are unchanged.

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