

Over 2000 motorists reported during dedicated speeding campaign



A week-long dedicated speeding campaign resulted in 2,100 people being reported for motoring offences and another 1,046 given face-to-face warnings to improve their driving.

Among the offences detected between March 7-14 were:

- A vehicle recorded at 104 mph on the A90
- A motorcyclist caught at 59mph on a road with a 30mph limit in Grangemouth;
- A car being driven at 58mph in a 30mph limit in Perth
- A driver caught at 89mph in the 50mph limit at J1A of the M74.

During the campaign, officers conducting speed checks detected 2,081 instances of speeding. More than half the drivers detected were offered suitable advice and warned; the remainder being either reported to the Procurator Fiscal or being issued with a conditional offer of a fixed penalty. In addition to this, the country's safety camera units detected 897 drivers driving in excess of the speed limit.

Head of Road Policing Chief Superintendent Andy Edmonston said: "Hopefully those people we have warned and those who have been reported will take the time to reflect on how they were driving and change their behaviour at the wheel as a moment of carelessness can have a devastating impact on a number of lives.

"This campaign was about reinforcing the need to drive at an appropriate speed for the conditions and reducing the risk of

harm for vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorcyclists, who accounted for almost half of the 200 people killed on our roads in 2014.

“Communities tell us speeding is something we should be helping prevent – this campaign was an example of Police Scotland doing just that as we strive to achieve the Scottish Government’s 2020 casualty reduction targets.

“We need people to realise that speed can kill and recognise their responsibility to drive at an appropriate speed at all times.”

In addition to the speeding offences and warnings, 21 people were reported for dangerous driving, and 47 reports and 96 warnings issued for careless driving.