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Annual checkstops serve as a reminder for motorists to secure loads

Over the weekend, to promote safety, education and enforcement, County Peace Officers, Enhanced RCMP Officers and County Public Works employees issued 15 warnings and four fines for unsecured loads.

A total of 850 vehicles were stopped during the Friday and Saturday checkstops set up around County of Grande Prairie landfill sites.

“All loads, whether they are travelling on County or provincial roads, need to be secured so they won’t shift or blow off from vehicles,” says Steve Madden, County Environment Manager. “Unsecured loads and loose litter have negative consequences – loose debris threatens the cleanliness of our water, open space, natural environment and habitat; and can result in motor vehicle accidents.”

Aside from the four unsecured load violations, the County and Enhanced RCMP issued 33 tickets and 35 warnings for other Traffic Safety Act offences such as speeding, seatbelts and driving with expired drivers licenses; as well, two Criminal Code driver suspensions.

County Peace Officers and Enhanced RCMP officers will continue to monitor and to patrol problem areas.

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