

Radars board sends message

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The Welland Safe Community Partnership was on the job Wednesday, delivering a timely message.

Working with the City of Welland traffic department and the Niagara Regional Police, the group set up a radar message board between Woodland Drive and Quaker Road to address speed-related concerns around Quaker Road School.

"It's the intention of the Welland Safe Community Partnership to work with organizations in Welland to address safety concerns throughout the city," Pat Chiochio, chair of the Welland Safe Community Partnership said.

"One of our goals is to reduce transportation related injuries by 10 per cent over the next year."

A recent "speed study" conducted within the Quaker Road School Zone raised concerns with respect to driver safety.

Speed zones are posted at 40 kilometres per hour due to the increase in child pedestrian activity. There is a direct correlation between vehicle speed and the severity of traffic related injuries, Chiochio added.

Dave Ferguson, traffic and parking



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A radar message board was set up near the Quaker Road School zone Wednesday by the Welland Safe Community Partnership to alert passing motorists to the hazards of speeding. Pat Chiochio, chair of the Welland Safe Community Partnership, clocks a car doing 55 kilometres per hour on First Avenue at the end of the school day.

operations manager for the City of Welland, supports the strategy being embarked upon by the Welland Safe Community Partnership.

"Many drivers don't realize how quickly they are travelling," he said.

"The presence of a radar message board will assist to re-educate drivers of the speed limit and remind them to slow down.

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