

VPD Union says new driving crackdown misguided

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The President of Vancouver's police union says new penalties for impaired driving and excessive speeding eat up police resources, and don't even target the right people.

Tom Stamatakis says the people who represent front-line police officers, like the Vancouver Police Union, were never consulted before new penalties came into effect last month.

If they were, Stamatakis says they would have heard the penalties don't work.

He says the people who cause the carnage on the roads are not going to be captured by these regulations.

He says the point-zero-five driver is not the one creating the problems on the highways.

Stamatakis says to make matters worse, the new penalties force officers to spend time waiting for tow trucks and taxis, creating an unfair burden on resources.