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**BC Police Chief Warns About Excessive Speed**

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**BOULDER CITY** – Boulder City Police Officers say they have been pulling people over at reckless speeds more frequently during the COVID-19 Stay Home for Nevada directive. They believe some drivers are making an assumption that they will not be pulled over, or that with fewer cars on the roads, some drivers mistakenly feel faster speeds carry less risk.

Boulder City Police Chief Tim Shea says that while working to keep our officers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the department must enforce hazardous violations and will ticket violators, as are other law enforcement agencies statewide.

Police issued 365 hazardous driving violations last week. “We are pulling drivers over on Boulder City Parkway going 119 miles per hour,” said Police Chief Tim Shea. “One reckless driver had his young children in the car with him. I’m thankful that our officers stopped him before something tragic happened to him and his children.”

Boulder City Police Department has also been monitoring the speeds in the construction zone on Boulder City Parkway. Many drivers were speeding in the work zone causing hazardous conditions. “Last month, to prevent injury to workers, NDOT lowered the speed limit from 35 to 25 from approximately Gingerwood to Buchanan,” Chief Shea added. “We gave drivers a two week buffer before enforcement started, but speeds continued to increase in the zone. Our patrols have found some drivers continuing to drive at 40, 50, even 60 miles an hour. I do not want to knock on the door of a construction worker’s family to share that a family member was killed. Please slow down.”

Chief Shea adds that Boulder City’s enforcement is being done with other agencies participating in the Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety “Joining Forces” campaign.

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