



# Les nouvelles du PDQ1

**W**E are pleased to present to you « *Les nouvelles du PDQ 1* » for the month of April. This monthly newsletter is tailored to the citizens, partners and elected officials of the 5 municipalities served by Station 1, with whom we wish to share information regarding your priorities.

Let's not forget that the public's safety and security is a shared responsibility by all in our community.

Sharing the thoroughfare in an urban environment is one of the greatest challenges to both road users and the SPVM officers who monitor the roads daily. It is important to remember that pedestrians, cyclists and drivers share the responsibility for accidents leading to death and serious injuries.

Driver distraction is the primary cause of traffic accidents, whether it stems from an object or situation that attracts the driver's attention or using a cell phone at the wheel. Pedestrians also endanger their own safety by crossing between intersections without ensuring they can make it safely to the other side, for example, or failing to obey traffic signals when crossing at a corner. In 61% of pedestrian fatalities, the pedestrian had contravened the Highway Safety Code.

## **Pedestrian Crosswalk**

When the roadway is marked with symbols and signs indicating a pedestrian crossing, the driver and the cyclist must show caution and yield the road to pedestrians needing to cross; not doing so constitutes a violation of Article 410 of the Highway Safety Code.

When a pedestrian walks through a pedestrian crosswalk, the driver of a road vehicle must stop and allow him/her to cross. The same rule applies to cyclists.

## **Infractions and Penalties**

<b>Article</b>	<b>Description of violation</b>	<b>Penalties+fees</b>
410	Driver of a vehicle who did not stop for a pedestrian walking through a pedestrian crosswalk	\$100
	Driver of a bicycle who did not stop for a pedestrian walking through a pedestrian crosswalk	\$15

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