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## **Drug-impaired driving**

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**OTTAWA** –Today, at the 19th Annual Project Red Ribbon Campaign sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that Canada’s New Government will soon introduce legislation to target drug-impaired driving.

Maurice Vellacott (MP Saskatoon-Wanuskewin) said, “Our government recognizes the need to target drug-impaired driving and we are prepared to take action to prevent future drug-impaired incidents. The intent of our proposed legislation is to avoid the unnecessary deaths and injuries of innocent victims.”

Under the proposed legislation, Canada’s Conservative Government will: provide police with more tools to detect drug-impaired drivers; increase penalties for drug-impaired driving; strengthen presumptions of breath and blood tests; and promote awareness about drug-impaired driving with partners like MADD.

Vellacott said, “We are going to provide police and prosecutors with more tools, so that drug-impaired drivers can be more easily detected and convicted.”

Since assuming office, Canada’s new Conservative Government has introduced a number of initiatives to tackle crime and protect the safety and security of Canadians. These include legislation to: impose stricter conditions on dangerous offenders; end conditional sentences for serious offences; implement mandatory minimum sentences for crimes involving guns; raise the age of protection for sexual activity from 14 to 16 years; and crack down on street racing.

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