

## ***Better Safe Than Sorry – Facts and highlights***

### **Key dates**

**2002, 2003, 2004, 2005:** Allan Maki experiences serious episodes of hypoglycemia.

**November 2007:** Mr. Maki renews his driver's licence at a Service Ontario office, receives outdated form that does not ask specific information about his use of insulin.

**June 26, 2009:** Mr. Maki, 40, experiences severe hypoglycemia while driving his SUV in Hamilton. He swerves into a bike lane, striking and killing cyclist **Tong Vi Duong, 81**, then hits a small car carrying newlyweds **Jeffrey Roche, 29**, and **Hanna Gordon-Roche, 27**. Both are killed when their car spins into a pickup truck.

**April-August 2010:** Ministry officials speak with Hamilton police about Mr. Maki's charges.

**October 2010:** Ministry receives Hamilton police letter asking to suspend Mr. Maki's licence.

**January 7, 2011:** Mr. Maki's licence is suspended.

**December 8, 2011:** Mr. Maki is convicted of dangerous driving causing death.

**December 16, 2011:** Mr. Maki is sentenced to three years probation and 240 hours community service; prohibited from driving for 10 years.

**March 19, 2012:** Ombudsman launches investigation

### **Key numbers**

Ontarians living with diabetes: **800,000+** (Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care)

Drivers with diabetes in 2010: **17,456** (Ministry of Transportation)

Number of those considered insulin-dependent: **7,336**

Blood-glucose level considered safe for driving: **5 millimoles per litre** or above

Mr. Maki's level after crash: **2.7 millimoles per litre**

Year reporting of medical conditions became mandatory in Ontario: **1968**

Medical/vision reports on drivers Ministry of Transportation received in 2011: **51,000**

Driver's licence suspensions issued for medical/vision reasons that year: **27,203**

Fatal accidents likely caused by medical conditions in 2011: **33**

Reports for hypoglycemia Ministry received from physicians and police in 2011: **723**

Number of those resulting in Ministry requests for more information from driver: **32**

Provinces that allow concerned citizens to report potentially unsafe drivers: **3**