RIDE results in 37 impaired charges

Halton Police laid 37 impaired driving charges in the recent 2011 Holiday RIDE program.

A total of 17,396 vehicles were stopped across the region during the campaign that ran from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31. Police administered 564 roadside breath tests.

In Milton, Acton and Georgetown police stopped 4,866 vehicles in 22 spot checks and laid nine impaired charges. In Oakville 6,556 vehicles were stopped in 31 spot checks and 10 impaired charges laid, and in Burlington police laid 18 impaired charges and stopped 5,974 vehicles in 31 RIDE spot checks

Police issued 27 three-day driver's li-

cence suspensions in Milton, Acton and Georgetown for drivers who were caught with between .05 and .08 ml of alcohol in 100 ml of blood, 15 in Oakville and 12 and Milton.

Second-time offenders caught within that range face seven-day suspensions. One was issued in Milton, Acton and Georgetown, six in Oakville and 1 in Burlington.

Halton Regional Police Sgt. Dave Cross said impaired driving "is still an issue that remains with the public at large."

He said while there is increased awareness of RIDE spot checks during the holiday season, the actual program is operated across Halton throughout the year.



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