Drunk driving continues to be a problem in Halton

Eight drivers in District driving campaign. One – Acton, Georgetown and Milton - were charged with impaired driving during the Halton police holiday R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program. One of the arrested was also charged with having over 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millilitres of blood. Last year, 12 drivers in One District were charged with over 80 and impaired driving during the December anti-drinking and

Region-wide, Halton police stopped 17,396 vehicles, administered 564 roadside breath tests and made 37 impaired driving offences during the RIDE campaign.

In One District, police stopped 4,866 vehicles at 22 spot checks, and conducted 181 ASD (roadside screening) tests which resulted in 150 passes, 24 warnings and seven fails.

The numbers are "disappointing" according

to Halton police media relations officer, Sergeant Dave Cross, who said on Tuesday that it is "unfortunate" that there still are drivers who drink.

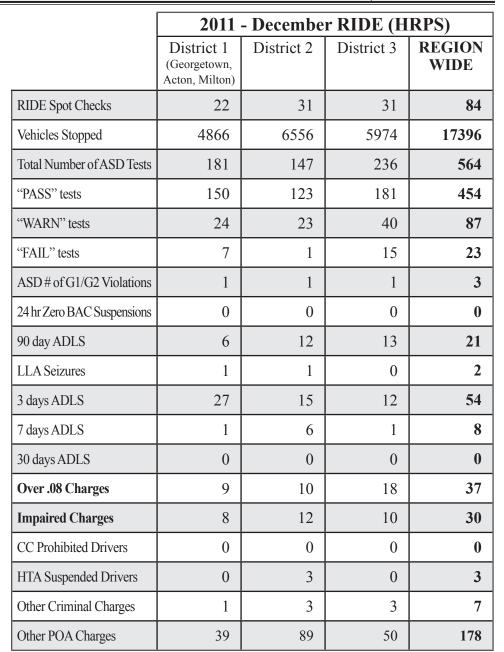
'There's obviously still a portion of society that continues to think that ingesting alcohol and/or drugs and attempting too operate a motor vehicle is safe..." Sergeant Cross said, adding anti-drinking and driving legislation was introduced in Canada 90 years ago in 1921.

Acton firefighters were busy last Thursday with a spate of calls, beginning at 2:40 p.m. They responded to a propane smell call at 60 Main Street South. A multi-gas detector found no trace of any gases, but firefighters did notice a strong smell of cat urine which was responsible for the odour described by the tenant.

When firefighters arrived at the Maria Street apartments at 12:50 p.m., they found water coming out of the smoke alarm on the Fifth floor. They determined that contractors working on the building had cut a hole in a membrane, allowing the water to seep into, and then out of the smoke alarm.

The alarm system could not be reset, so the custodian was put on a fire watch until repairs could be made to the system.

A Brown's Court homeowner was advised to replace their smoke/carbon monoxide if it continued to "chirp" after Acton firefighters were called at 1:07 p.m., when the alarm activated. The homeowner was advised to air out the detector and re-install it.





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