



MADD and Halton Regional Police visited several restaurants and bars in Halton Hills and Milton to administer voluntary breath tests this past weekend.

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MADD, police visit establishments, administer voluntary breath tests

Halton Regional Police officers teamed up with Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada representatives to visit several bars and restaurants throughout Milton and Halton Hills on the weekend to educate patrons on the dangers of impaired driving.

Patrons were provided with information pertaining to legislation changes that took effect earlier this month that extends licence suspensions, vehicle impoundment and remedial measures to those found driving while impaired by drugs.

The public education also included info on factors that lead to impairment and patrons were provided with the opportunity on a voluntary basis to

determine their blood-alcohol concentration prior to leaving the premises.

Statistics released by Halton police note that of the 12 licensed premises visited on the weekend with the MADD volunteers, 140 voluntary breath tests were conducted. Of that total, 68 registered a passing reading, 36 were in the warn range (0.05-0.08) and 36 failed.

Two traffic stops were conducted, which resulted in one driver receiving a licence suspension for providing a breath sample in the warn range.

Despite this outreach over the course of the weekend six people were arrested in Halton Region for impaired driving and a total of 20 charges were laid in connection with those arrests.

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