

Halton police to publicly identify impaired drivers in media releases

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Those accused of driving impaired in Halton Region could face a new level of public scrutiny.

The Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) has begun issuing daily reports of those charged with impaired driving across Halton Region, and will continue to do so moving forward.

The HRPS used to issue similar reports up until a couple of years ago, but has decided to re-establish the practice with impaired driving still a serious concern.

It will remain up to individual news agencies whether to publish the names of the accused, but the reports will be available directly to the public



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The reports will be available directly to the public under the "media releases" section on the HRPS website.

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The initiative is considered a deterrent and preventive measure aimed at reducing impaired driving across the region.

"Despite years of aware-

ness campaigns illustrating why driving a vehicle while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs is dangerous, impaired driving remains the top criminal cause of death in Canada," said media relations officer, Sgt. Dana Nicholas.

The reports will be issued daily with full weekend reports distributed Mondays.

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