

# POLICE LAY 160 CHARGES IN STUNT RACING AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING BLITZ

Two motorists were arrested for alleged stunt driving and a total of 160 charges were laid overall Friday, Aug. 24, when Halton police were joined by a total of 20 officers from Peel, York, Toronto, the OPP and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for a street racing and aggressive driving blitz.

The officers were divided equally among three Halton police districts to patrol in partnership with Halton officers.

This was the fourth such collaborative effort to take place in the GTA this year by officers who work on Project E.R.A.S.E. (which aims to Eradicate Racing Activity on Streets Everywhere). Previously, Halton officers have supported York, Peel and the OPP by assisting them in similar projects in their jurisdictions.

Officers were supported by staff from the respective district response units, whose job it is to target aggressive driving in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills.

Halton police would like to publicly thank its GTA partners for working with us and continuing to combat illegal racing activity on the roads within the GTA.

As with impaired drivers, it is important that our communities feel confident to call the police and report illegal racing



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Officers with the Halton Regional Police Service took part in a multi-agency enforcement initiative to help combat street racing and stunt driving.

and dangerous operation of motor vehicles when they observe it. Each year a number of tragic incidents occur in the GTA where people lose their lives while engaging in illegal racing activities on public streets. Our message will remain, "If you want to race, take it to the track."

The Halton Regional Police Service remains committed to road safety through prevention, education and enforcement initiatives.

Members of the public are reminded that driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol is a crime in progress and to call 911 immediately to report a suspected impaired

driver.

The service's Twitter and Facebook accounts should not be used for this purpose as they are not monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## BLITZ RESULTS

A one-day multi-jurisdictional street racing and aggressive driving blitz netted the following:

- Two vehicles seized for stunt driving.
- Two drivers suspended for seven days.
- One driver arrested and charged for impaired operation.
- 82 speeding charges.
- Eight distraction charges (holding/using a cellphone).
- 53 equipment charges.
- One seatbelt charge.
- 17 warnings issued

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