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NEWS

# Significant spike in impaired driving offences in Halton in 2017

Halton saw a significant increase in impaired driving offences last year over 2016.

As a result of the Halton Regional Police Service's (HRPS's) enhanced tool kit of impaired enforcement tactics:

A total of 2,563 roadside tests were conducted by HRPS officers in all of 2017, more than double the number of roadside tests conducted in all of 2016;

A total of 554 motorists were arrested by HRPS officers in all of 2017 for all impaired driving offences, a 26 per cent increase over total impaired offences in all of 2016. Impaired offences include driving while ability impaired, care and control, driving over 80mgs and failing or refusing to provide a sample;

A total of 527 roadside suspensions were issued by HRPS officers in all of 2017, a 55 per cent increase over

total roadside suspensions in all of 2016;

A total of 514 roadside tests were conducted by HRPS officers during the December 2017 RIDE program, nearly double the number of roadside tests conducted during the December 2016 RIDE program;

A total of 73 motorists were arrested by HRPS officers for impaired offences during the December 2017 RIDE program, a 24 per cent increase over total impaired arrests during the December 2016 RIDE program; and

A total of 83 roadside suspensions were issued by HRPS officers during the December 2017 RIDE program, a 54 per cent increase over the total number of roadside suspensions issued during the December 2016 RIDE program.

"This is one of the greatest risks to public safety that we face," said Deputy

Chief Nishan Duraiappah.

The significant increase in impaired arrests and suspensions can be attributed to the service's efforts to continuously identify and employ new approaches to impaired enforcement, which are supported by an increasingly vigilant community in terms of reporting suspected impaired drivers to police.

"In 2017, road users within our region reported 165 drivers who were subsequently located by police and arrested for impaired driving," said Duraiappah.

"It is remarkable to think that more than a third of our impaired investigations can be attributed, at least in part, to our community. Community safety is a shared responsibility.

"We encourage residents and visitors to continue to work with us to reduce impaired driving."

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