Arrests down, suspensions up during festive RIDE program

Halton police said arrests for impaired driving were down around 45 per cent this holiday season.

During the Halton police December RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign officers stopped more than 15,000 vehicles. During these stops they arrested 31 people for impaired driving, which is down from the 56 impaired driving arrests made last year.

Suspensions issued for blowing a "warn" on an alcohol screening device were up this year with police handing down 46 three-day suspensions.

This is a 65 per cent increase from 28 in 2014.

Despite the reduced arrests police say one impaired driver on Halton streets is too many and noted Halton police would continue to educate the public about the dangers and consequences of impaired driving and would also be conducting RIDE spot checks to catch those who make the wrong decision.

Officers are also thanking residents who called 911 to report suspicious impaired driving activity during this holiday season.

A Halton Regional Police Service officers conducts a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check in this *Champion* file photo.
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