York police arrest 168 drivers during holiday RIDE campaign

Residents urged to call 911 for suspected drunk drivers

York Regional Police arrested 168 drivers for drinking and drug-related driving offences and issued 77 three-day licence suspensions during the Festive Season Enhanced RIDE.

The campaign launched Nov. 17 along with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Project Red Ribbon campaign.

The arrests and licence suspensions stemmed from RIDE spot checks, calls from concerned citizens and regular police patrols.

York Regional Police continues to urge citizens to participate in the #ImTHAT-Person campaign, which encourages citizens to speak out against impaired driving.

Residents also continue to participate in the Safe Roads...Your Call campaign, which encourages citizens to call 911 if they believe a driver is impaired by drugs

Meanwhile, 573 drivers were charged with impaired driving during the Ontario

Provincial Police's recent holiday RIDE program.

The OPP released its results earlier this week on the program that began on Nov. 23 and concluded Jan. 2.

Just over 350 people had their licences suspended following a roadside warning.

OPP say the percentage of people charged with impaired driving is down slightly compared to last year, but said they still consider impaired driving a huge threat to public safety.

In 2015, the OPP laid some 6,000 alcohol and drug impaired driving charges.







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