

Police have been busy with festive RIDE spot checks

Caledon OPP has been averaging 26 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot checks per week during the current festive season campaign, and they are catching motorists who have had too much to drink.

Nov. 12 saw officers on patrol observe a vehicle weaving over the centre line on King Street east of Airport Road at about 1 a.m. A 37-year-old woman from Caledon was charged with driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in her system.

A 70-year-old woman from Caledon was charged Nov. 15 when she was stopped at a spot check on Patterson Sideroad. Officers determined she had been drinking, and she failed a roadside screening device test. She was charged with having too much alcohol in her system.

Police report for the week ending Nov. 16, they administered 27 screening device checks to drivers who had consumed alcohol, but not enough to require further action. There were four drivers who were handed three-day licence suspensions. As well, they issued seven warnings for drug possession and performed one drug-related arrest.

The previous week saw officers conduct 26 RIDE spot checks at various locations in town.

They resulted in three people being charged.

A 51-year-old person from Burlington was charged with having care or control of a vehicle while impaired and with driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system Nov. 3, a 37-year-old man from Orangeville was charged Nov. 9 with driving while his ability was impaired and having too much in his system and the same day saw a 31-year-old Caledon man charged with driving while his ability was impaired and with refusing to provide a breath sample.

As well, the spot checks saw 29 people provide breath samples, but pass the tests. Seven drivers had their licences lifted for three days and two were given warnings for drug possession.

Police also warn that it doesn't take much alcohol to impair one's driving.



Constable Brittany Walsh was participating in a recent RIDE spot Check on Airport Road.