

Ten impaired driving charges in Caledon Festive RIDE

It looks like there are still people driving in Caledon who are not getting the message about drinking and driving. Caledon OPP reports 10 people were arrested for impaired driving or driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol during the Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign.

There were no such charges laid from last year's Festive RIDE campaign.

Provincially, OPP reported significantly fewer impaired driving charges during this year. The campaign ran from Nov. 23 to Jan. 2 and during that time they laid 578 impaired driving charges and issued 481 Warn Range Suspensions throughout the province. Locally, the Caledon detachment initiated 89 RIDE blitzes during the campaign. In addition to the 10 charges, police issued 12 three-day suspensions and one seven-day suspension. There were also seven charges laid under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Community driven programs such as HomeJames has assisted in the decrease of impaired drivers within the Town of Caledon, observed Inspector Tim Melanson. We recognize their efforts in ensuring the community is a safer place to live.

OPP thanks Ontarians who helped carry out a successful campaign by not drinking and driving, not letting family and friends drive while impaired by drugs or alcohol and for calling 9-1-1 to report suspected impaired drivers.