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Increase in Christmas Drink Drive arrests

Bromley Police their annual seasonal crackdown on drink and drug driving between 01 December 2009 and 31 December 2009, in support of the Association of Chief Police Officers' (ACPO) Christmas Drink and Drug Driving Enforcement Campaign. The month long campaign saw police officers and traffic officers out in force combating the seasonal increase in drink and drug drive offences.

During the campaign there were a total of 256 breath tests administered and of these there were a total of 48 breath test failures, an 18.75% failure rate - an increase in both the number arrested for drink driving and in the percentage of those failing the tests.

Chief Inspector Marshall Kent, head of Operational policing at Bromley said: "Despite all of the messages that drinking and driving is dangerous and illegal, some people still do not get the point and once again we have made a number of arrests over the Christmas period. Unfortunately it seems that for the sake of a few drinks some people are still prepared to risk losing their licence, their job and a prison sentence. But the end of the campaign definitely does not mean the end of police vigilance to catch those who continue to flout the law and drink and drive. One death on the roads devastates many families and will always be one death too many. We will continue in our efforts to make the roads safer for all users".



Chief Inspector Marshall Kent

During last years Christmas Drink Dive campaign (2008) there were a total of 221 breath tests administered, of which there were 35 failures, a 15.83% failure rate.