

Media Statement

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Record number of voluntary breath tests

A record 5277 voluntarily breath tests were done by Road Safety Advisory Council volunteers during the three-day Falls festival.

Last year 4208 tests were done.

A spokesperson said 2792 tests -- 53 percent -- were done at information stations some of those patrons might have been tested more than once. The other 2485 were at the Road Safety Advisory Council tent.

The spokesperson said the testing gave people the chance to get an indication of their blood alcohol level before going home. The RSAC wanted to educate people about the amount of alcohol consumed and their blood-alcohol reading.

He said the only way to reduce the blood alcohol reading was time. Drinking coffee, eating mints or exercising did not make any difference.