

Media statement

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Fatality-free festive season good news

Drivers were congratulated today for a fatality-free festive season by Road Safety Advisory Council Chair Jim Cox.

He was commenting on the conclusion of Tasmania Police's Operation Crossroads from midnight 23 December to midnight 1 January.

"There's been an average of two fatalities each Christmas-New Year break for the five years to January 1 2016," Mr Cox said.

"To have none is a great result and shows what can be achieved when people drive responsibly."

Mr Cox said the increase on last year of the number drivers charged with drink-driving was disappointing but the number of speeding offences was down.

"The Road Safety Advisory Council's goal of zero serious road crash fatalities can only be achieved if everyone drives responsibly.

"Each traffic infringement is for a behaviour that could've caused a fatal or serious-injury crash."

Mr Cox said last year's road toll of 38 was concerning. It was five more than last year's and four more than the five-year average.

"The festive season has given us a good start to the year. Let's continue it."