

Media Statement

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3300 voluntary breath tests at Falls

A total of 3344 voluntarily breath tests were done by Road Safety Advisory Council volunteers during the three-day Falls festival.

A Road Safety Advisory Council spokesperson said more than half the tests – 1982 – were done at three information station sites throughout the festival. Some patrons might have had more than one test.

The number of tests this year was 26 percent of patrons, consistent with previous years. Last year there was a record crowd of about 16,000 and a record 5277 tests were done.

The spokesperson said the testing gave people the chance to get an indication of their blood alcohol level before going home. Party revellers can still be above the blood alcohol limit hours after their last drink. The voluntary testing gives them the opportunity to make sure they're below the limit.