

Victoria Police Operation RAID nabs more than 200 drink drivers in just two nights

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A SHOCKING 200 drink drivers have been caught by police in just two nights, it has been revealed.

Victoria Police launched Operation RAID on Friday and have so far nabbed 208 drink drivers. Officers have also found 15 drug affected drivers and 1805 other traffic offences in the road enforcement campaign.

They are:

- 60 disqualified / suspended drivers
- 120 unlicensed drivers
- 237 unregistered vehicles
- 946 speeding offences
- 141 mobile phone offences
- 165 disobey signs / signals
- 23 impoundments
- 113 seat belt offences



A 30-year-old Lalor man had his licence immediately suspended this (Sun) morning after crashing his car and later being found almost five times over the drink drive limit.

"It's believed the man was involved in a collision with another vehicle at the intersection of High Street and Cramer Street in Preston around 1.30am before he allegedly drove from the scene," Senior Constable Marty Beveridge said.

"He was located by police a short time later in Reservoir and after returning a positive breath test was taken to Heidelberg police station where it is alleged he returned a reading of 0.234 per cent," he added.

His licence was suspended and he will face court for a range of charges.

An 18-year-old P1 driver will also be without a car for 10-months after she was caught drink driving.

"It's alleged she was intercepted around 3am with three passengers in her vehicle and after returning a positive preliminary breath test, recorded an accurate reading of 0.105 per cent," Sen Cons Beveridge said.

"She was issued with an infringement notice for \$614 and had her licence immediately suspended for 10 months," he added.

"I think it is very dangerous that young, inexperienced drivers are committing these offences."

The Summer Stay campaign will run across Victoria until 5 January.

Police will be focused on the fatal five factors that contribute to road trauma during the Christmas and New Year period - speed, alcohol and drug driving, fatigue, driver distraction and seatbelt offences.

"Over the 52 day period, police will saturate the state's roads during four different operations in an effort to reduce road trauma throughout the high-risk summer period," Sen Cons Beveridge said.

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Finding the main idea: What is the main idea of this article?
2. Recalling facts and details: What is the name of the current operation conducted by police and how many drink drivers did they catch?
3. Recognising cause and effect: An 18 year old female was caught drink driving. What effect did this have on her?
4. Comparing and contrasting: Of the 10 traffic offences mentioned in this article, make a list (T-chart) with two columns - (1): serious offences, (2) minor offences, and list all ten in the place you think they belong.
5. Find word meaning in context: What do the words listed below mean (in the way they are used in this article?) Give your own explanation...
a) nabbed b) alleged c) saturate
6. Summarise the whole article in two full paragraphs in your own words, making sure you include all of the key points.
7. Drawing conclusions/making inferences: If the police didn't run these operations, what do you think would happen on the roads with so many drivers out there doing the wrong thing?
8. Fact or opinion: List five facts you found in this article and one opinion.