

MEDIA RELEASE

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SHUT OUT IMPAIRED DRIVING THIS SEASON

Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving (OCCID) is collaborating with community groups, police services, public health units, and businesses to “**Shut Out Impaired Driving**”. This holiday season they will distribute 17,500+ home hosting kits at awareness events, parties and some RIDE spot-checks across Ontario.

Throughout December The Beer Store will display the Shut Out poster and all coin-box revenue from customers will support Ontario’s **arrive alive DRIVE SOBER®** campaign. **Awareness days** through December start on the 10th with Toronto Maple Leafs, and continue on the 14th with Ottawa 67’s, the 19th with Toronto Marlies and end on the 29th back with Toronto Maples Leafs. Ontario Hockey League is also participating by sharing materials and using the PSAs.

Materials include “passports to safety”, recipe cards, gift tags, coasters and posters. PSAs feature Ottawa Senator’s Antoine Vermette, along with “party smart” and designated driver messages.

OCCID reminds drivers that:

- a charge of “over .08” this weekend can result in the loss of regular driving privileges for more than two years (until February 2010)
- a conviction costs a minimum of \$20,000
- more than 16,000 drivers are charged each year in Ontario
- drivers are removed from the road even with a BAC of .05 (.02 for G2 drivers)

“Plan a safe ride home” is the advice from Shelley Timms, OCCID President. “Injury and death caused by impaired driving is completely preventable, and we’ll continue to campaign for a shut out.”

Visit www.occid.org for more information.

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Sample dates regarding an over “.08 or refuse” charge

Sample dates regarding an over .08 charge and the road back to being legally licensed in Ontario for a **first-time offender who caused no harm to him/herself or others and no property damage**. A second offender would face a three-year "hard suspension" and then a three-year interlock restriction on their licence, and other consequences. These dates are based on an average of several jurisdictions and will vary depending on court availability in any given region.

Charged with “over .08” December 8th 2007 (no collision or property damage, no other charges, not high BAC, etc.)

- Immediate 90-day licence suspension (until March 8th 2008)
- Plea guilty ASAP – likely date January 4th (licence suspended until January 4th 2009)
- January 2008– apply to take Back on Track – begins with Assessment – assignment to course – 8 hour or 16 hour. Complete course meeting program requirements by July 31st 2008. Have six-month follow up interview by January 2009– get certificate.
- Communicate with Ministry to get licence back. Receive valid interlock restricted licence ("condition i" licence) by end of January 2009. Arrange for ignition interlock to be installed in vehicle (one week?)
- Drive without incident for one year - until February 2010– apply to have interlock restriction removed.



Minimum Costs:

- Fine \$600 (federal)
- Back on Track \$504
- Ignition Interlock \$1,350
- Insurance - increase of \$15,000 (\$5,000 annually for three years)
- Legal Counsel (paid to your lawyer) \$_____

Other Consequences:

- Criminal Record
- Can't drive for work
- Increased insurance premium for three years
- Downgraded from 6-star driving record for total of 6 years