

No easing of rules for drunk drivers, says Dubai policeman

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Dubai: A top cop has denied rumours that drunk drivers will be let off with just a fine.

Major General Mohammad Saif Al Zafein, Dubai Police's Director of Traffic Department, said motorists caught driving under the influence of alcohol will be sent to police stations regardless of whether they had an accident or not.

He said over 150 people were arrested on drink driving charges in the first nine months of this year. Three died during the same period, down from last year's body count of 13. Al Zafein said the drop was due to the crackdown on reckless drivers.

The number of accidents across the UAE fell by 19 per cent. The accident rate dropped lowest in Ras Al Khaimah (around 31 per cent), followed by Dubai (around 26 per cent), Sharjah (nearly 21 per cent) and Abu Dhabi (around 18 per cent).

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