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Road Safety Authority

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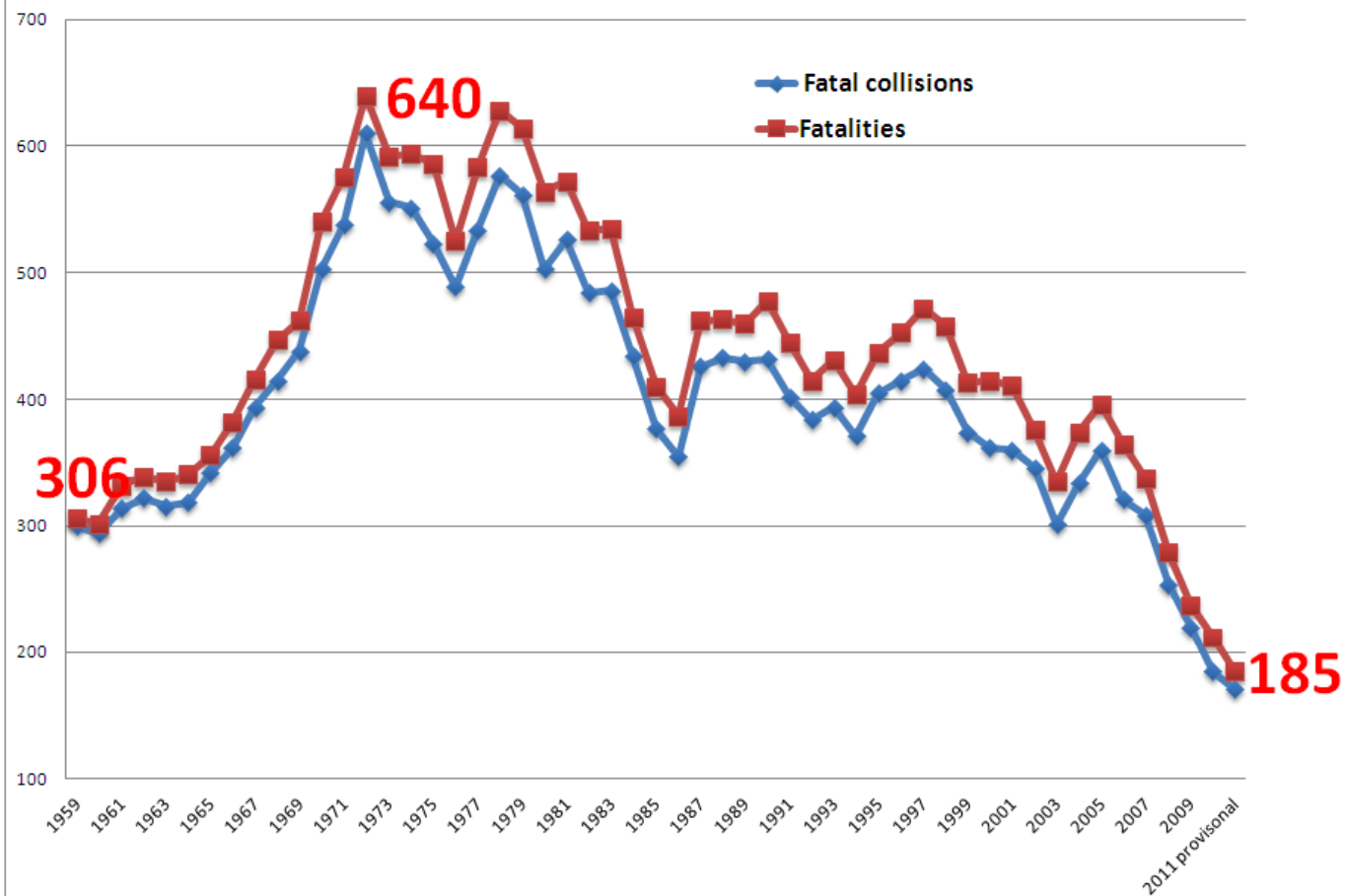
Saving Lives until 2020 Acting Together to Tackle Drink Driving

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Road Fatalities and Road Fatal Collision 1959 - 2011¹



Drink Driving



- Road Traffic Act 1961
- “Davitt Commission”
 - 0.125 BAC
- Population 4.1 m
 - Rural (small villages)
 - Pub – community focus
 - Family owned – not commercially sustainability
 - Pubs strong advocacy group
- Rural isolation
- Loss of employment

Alcohol as a problem



- Harmful consumption pattern
- Average Irish adult drank 11.9 litres of pure alcohol in 2010
 - 482 pints of lager
 - 125 bottle of wine
 - 45 bottles of vodka
- 1.5 m adults in Ireland drink in a harmful pattern

Alcohol as a problem



- 88 deaths per month
- Half suicides
- 60 medical conditions (cancers)
- 2,000 beds nightly
- 1/4 emergency departments
- 7,866 admissions to addiction centre
- Harmful to foetus
- 16% child abuse cases

Mandatory Alcohol Testing

RSA

- Requirement to reduce BAC to 0.05
- Constitution
- Body Integrity
- Public interest



What is required....

- Evidence led
- Public Support and Understanding
- Political Will
- Agency cooperation
 - Enforcement/awareness
- MUST BE PART OF OVERALL POLICY DEALING WITH ALCOHOL WHICH SHOULD BE PART OF OVERALL HEALTH POLICY

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