

Brewfest: Record number attendance and low DUI arrests



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CHEYENNE, Wyo.- The numbers have been calculated and Visit Cheyenne says it's been another successful year for the Wyoming Brewers Festival.



Visit Cheyenne's Jim Walter says they had about 2,000 purchased tickets during the weekend event- that's about a 25-30% increase from the previous year and \$55,000 dollars worth of tickets. The profit will all go toward preserving the historic Cheyenne Depot.

Organizers weren't the only ones excited about the numbers after the festival. The Cheyenne Police Department had their DUI task force out and reports only one DUI arrest and two public intoxication arrests after a busy weekend. They say the previous year had a total of four DUI arrests.

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This year, people who attended were highly encouraged to take a safe ride alternative. With the addition of Uber, Kevin Malatesta from the CPD said, "They have provided free rides in the past, but with Uber, it provided more options. There are a few more drivers than just the taxis alone."

Walter agreed and said they had almost six times as many people taking advantage of safe ride than before, and added, "We definitely saw an increase in the number that took our safe ride home. In past year's, we had difficulty with the volume of people and the validity of cars to take people home."

Overall, Walter said the festival was another great success, saying the brewers and volunteers really "brought it" this year.

Planning for next year's event has already started. The 2018 Wyoming Brewers Festival will take place June 15th and 16th.
