Achieving Compliance with Road Traffic Law – The Police Perspective

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What is this conference about?

- Achieving compliance with road traffic law
  - Where do we think we are?
  - Key issues for us?
  - Where do we need to get to?
  - How might we get there?
Where do we think we are?

- Highly skilled and motivated roads policing officers
- Strong relationships with partner organisations
- Disparate working methods across the country
- Different structures for roads policing delivery
What has been achieved?

- Significant reduction in UK road casualties
  - 2009 – 2,222 deaths
  - 2010 – 1,850 deaths
  - Reduction of over 16%
- Reduction in drink drive casualties
- Development of educational alternatives
- Preservation of road safety partnerships
Key issues facing us

Road Safety

- Young drivers
- Elderly road users
- Motorcyclists
- Drink & drug driving
- Speed
- Distraction
- Seat belts
- Foreign goods vehicles
Key issues facing us

Crime

- Metal theft
- Plant theft
- Drugs
- Misuse of VRMs
- Freight crime
- Illegal immigration
Key issues facing us

Terrorism

- VBIEDs
- Pre-cursor movements
- Training camps
Key issues facing us

Confidence and reassurance

- Anti-social use of vehicles
- Community safety – speeding
- Visibility/on-road presence
Where do we need to get to?

Our strategic goals are:

- Safer roads
- Habitual compliance
- Public confidence and satisfaction
How we get there...
Policing the Roads Strategy - Our Vision

Enhancing the safety and security of all road users
Policing the Roads Strategy - Our Approach

Focused harm reduction that saves lives and prevents crime

- Enforcement based on professional judgement and discretion
- A visible roads policing presence on the Strategic Roads Network
- Intelligence led resources
- Enforcement, education and engineering to affect and influence driver behaviour
Policing the Roads Strategy - Our Priorities

- Reducing road casualties
- Disrupting criminality
- Countering terrorism
- Patrolling the roads
- Combating anti-social road use
Policing the Roads Strategy – Our Approach
Carrot or stick?

- Discretion is key to success
- Use of intelligence to target high-risk drivers
- Government promise of more severe sentencing
- Use education to change attitude as well as behaviour
Enforcement – fixed penalty notices

## Enforcement – fixed penalty notices

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Education courses

- Speed awareness
- Driver alertness
- Ride
- What’s driving us
- Driving 4 change
- Seatbelt online
Key principles of courses

- Offered to appropriate offenders
- Correct course offered
- Course designed to address offending behaviour/attitude
- Course evaluation
## Course attendance

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Our Priorities – Reducing Road Casualties

➢ Financial cost of collisions

➢ Vulnerable road user groups

➢ Key causation factors

➢ Enforcement options

➢ Use of technology
Our Priorities – Disrupting Criminality

- What type of criminality?
- How do we drive activity?
- Partnership working

- ANPR
Our Priorities – Combating Anti-social Road Use

- FPN for Section 3 Due Care
- Education courses
- Vehicle seizure
- Roads policing in community policing
Our Priorities – Countering Terrorism

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Our Priorities – Patrolling the Roads
Our Challenge

- Protecting the vulnerable
- Working together in a wider road safety partnership
  - Government
  - Fire Service
  - Highways Authorities
  - Executive agencies
  - Victim support groups
  - Commercial representatives
On the Horizon

- DfT priorities from the road safety framework
- Changes to HA Traffic Officer Service
- Development of NDORS
- CLEAR initiative
- Consultation on 80mph motorway limits
- 20mph zones/limits
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