



TAYSIDE POLICE

POLICY

ROAD POLICING UNIT

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Owning Department:	HQ – Road Policing Unit

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Policy Statement

Headquarters Road Policing provides a central support function with regard to all traffic related matters for Tayside Police and is responsible for the development and implementation of all traffic related initiatives at a national level. By providing clear indicators of function, successful co-ordination of Force and Divisional objectives will be achieved. Collation of all traffic related statistics will be produced for local and national distribution.

Force Structure in Relation to Road Policing

The Assistant Chief Constable has overall responsibility for all operational traffic matters. Support is given by The Head of Road Policing who has specific responsibility for the successful integration of national objectives and targets with those at Force level. Divisions through their Divisional Road Policing Inspector have responsibility to ensure that objectives and targets set are addressed practically and on an operational level.

Road Safety

Road Safety is a primary function of Tayside Police and research, development and education at both national and local level will be maintained by the Force Road Safety Coordinator who will circulate information through Divisional Road Safety Officers.

Liaison

Liaison between Road Policing and outwith agencies is encouraged at both Force and Divisional level to develop good working practices in respect of education, engineering and enforcement towards road safety.

Crash Investigation

Crash Investigation is coordinated through HQ RPU and provides in-depth analysis of fatal and potential fatal road traffic accidents on a 24-hour call out basis. Call outs must be authorised through RPU Chief Inspector/Inspectors.

Camera Enforcement Unit

Enforcing speed restrictions throughout the force area using automated speed detection equipment is carried out by officers in the HQ RPU Camera Enforcement Unit under the direction of the Head of Road Policing.

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Traffic Enforcement

Divisional Road Policing Units will combine the skills, knowledge and experience of Road Policing Officers with intelligence led policing to educate and enforce in a professional and efficient manner.

Priorities linked to both Force and national objectives will be identified and coordinated by HQ RPU in consultation with Divisional Commanders