



# Chief Superintendent Hilary Sloan Head of Road Policing Road Safety Seminar – March 2025

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# Fatal Statistics – to date

- Provisional figures for 2024 indicate an increase of 8% compared to 2023.
- Analysis shows that peak months have been May and July.
- Majority of deaths have been that of drivers, then pedestrians & motorcyclists
- Older drivers (76 – 88 years) and Young drivers (16 – 25 years) involvement
- Not on track to meet the Road Safety Framework Targets for 2030

# Collaboration

- Transport Scotland/Scottish Government
- Member of Strategic Partnership Board with TS, CoSLA, Scottish Collaboration of Transportation Specialists (SCOTS), NHS/PHS, SFRS.
- Prevention and Education key in conjunction with Enforcement and criminal justice system
- Road Safety is a societal worldwide issue
- Learning from other countries?
- What can we do differently together?



# Road Policing Priorities

## Fatal Five:

- Drink & Drug Driving
- Speeding
- Seatbelts
- Mobile Phone / Distraction
- Careless Driving



# Drink/Drug Festive Campaign 2024/25

- 1 December 2024 to 19 January 2025 - extended by 17 days
- Proactive patrols took place across Scotland as officers responded to concerns, carried out targeted patrols and organised road checks.
- There were 4,779 breath tests and 963 drug wipes conducted.
- Pilot in Shetland with Local Policing officers concludes in June 2025 with an evaluation.
- Road Safety partnership work both locally and nationally – lived experiences impactful.



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# HMICS Review of Road Policing – What will the future look like?

In November 2024 HMICS identified 13 Recommendations and 13 Areas for Development:

- How we will police the roads – Safety Camera Unit
- Education, deterrence and Enforcement – Journey Cam, Road Traffic Diversionary Courses
- Technology, Fleet and Equipment – Distracted Driver technology
- Governance – Performance Framework to deliver 2030 targets
- Court abstractions and Recruitment/Retention



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# Road Policing Priorities

## ROAD POLICING DELIVERY PLAN 2025/26



**Our Vision**  
**Our Purpose**  
**Our Values**

| Policing for a safe, protected and resilient Scotland  
| The purpose of policing is to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland  
| Fairness | Integrity | Respect | Human Rights

### Strategic Police Priorities

This delivery plan has been developed to align with Police Scotland's strategic priorities and Transport Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030

### Priorities for Road Policing

Reduce road casualties in collaboration with our partners

Protect Vulnerable Road Users

Ensure the wellbeing of our officers and staff

#### What We Will Do

#### How We Will Do It

##### Effective patrolling of the roads

- Create regional, safety camera unit and Transport Scotland tactical plans to drive operational activity on priority routes and maximise resource effectiveness
- Conduct analytical work to identify factors in collisions and take steps to mitigate these and respond to emerging trends
- Identify areas to improve performance and prioritise activity whilst ensuring value for money and increased sustainability

##### Influence driver and road user behaviour

- Work with key stakeholders to collaboratively educate road users, and deliver on our evidence led Campaign Calendar
- Commit to delivering on Police Scotland actions with the Transport Scotland Delivery Plan
- Carry out enforcement activity, focusing on Fatal 5 offences and specialist legislation

##### Detect and deter all types of criminality on our roads, and combat the threat of terrorism

- Act on intelligence to target the right people at the right time, collaborating with Specialist Crime Division / Local Policing
- Utilise Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to detect and deter criminal activity
- Support the planning and delivery of safe and secure public events

##### Support our people

- Ensure the wellbeing of our people is at the centre of what we do, and they are supported and listened to
- Provide our people with appropriate training and equipment to enable them to conduct their role safely and efficiently
- Provide opportunity to develop our people in their roles and for future career/continuous personal development

### How We Will Know

Throughout 2025/26 a bespoke performance framework will be created to align reporting to national priorities, as well as enabling continual review of the effectiveness of the Road Policing Delivery Plan.

A plan will be created to review the HMICS Inspection into Road Policing in Scotland recommendations against current and future operating models. This will shape the format of the Delivery Plan going forward and how performance is reviewed, governed and delivered on operationally.



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# National Calendar of Road Safety Activity 2025/26

<b>1</b> April	Fatal Five Campaign (NPCC) 1 - 28 April  Motorcycle Safety Campaign (PSoS) 21 March - 26 September	<b>2</b> May	
<b>3</b> June	2 Wheels Campaign (NPCC) 2 - 15 June	<b>4</b> July	Operation Spotlight (NPCC) 1 - 31 July <i>incorporating</i> Summer Drink Drug Drive (PSoS) 30 June - 13 July
<b>5</b> August	Drug Driving Week (PSoS) 18 - 24 August	<b>6</b> September	Young Drivers Fatal Five Campaign (NPCC) 22 September - 5 October
<b>7</b> October	Operation Dark Night - Pedestrians (NPCC) 27 October - 9 November	<b>8</b> November	Operation Drive Insured (NPCC) 10 - 16 November
<b>9</b> December	Festive Drink Drug Drive Campaign (PSoS) 1 December - 18 January	<b>10</b> January	
<b>11</b> February	Commercial Vehicles Campaign (NPCC) 26 January - 8 February	<b>12</b> March	



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# Questions?



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