

## Tackling Criminality

The Roads Policing Unit has adopted an intelligence led approach towards policing to help tackle criminality on the roads.



Through the use of Automatic Number Plate Reading (ANPR) Technology the RPU makes it harder for criminals to use the road network without the fear of being detected by police. Research has shown that criminals are often guilty of either minor or serious road traffic offences ranging from no vehicle excise license through to causing death by dangerous driving. By denying these people the use of the road network the RPU is helping to make roads safer, as well as helping to tackle criminality across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

## Providing Public Reassurance

Providing public reassurance is a key policing function, and a high profile police presence on roads across the two counties provides a visible deterrent, encouraging people to drive more carefully and within the law.

Over the last 20 years there has been a significant reduction in the amount of fatalities seen on roads across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, however, Hampshire Constabulary and its partners are committed to building on this achievement to cut casualties further.

By using intelligence led patrol plans police presence can have a positive effect on known casualty routes, as well as deterring criminals from using the road network.



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## Reducing death and injury on our roads



Hampshire Constabulary's Roads Policing Unit plays a fundamental part in providing a high quality policing service across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Actively focusing on reducing road casualties, tackling criminality on the roads and providing public reassurance the RPU works in partnership with other agencies, organisations and community representatives in an effort to create an environment where everybody can use the roads with confidence, free from the fear of death, injury and crime.



### **Casualty Reduction**

Every year thousands of people are killed or seriously injured on roads across the country. Over the last 20 years there has been a huge reduction in the number of fatalities seen across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, however there were still 110 people killed on roads across the two counties in 2003. The Roads Policing Unit is committed to reducing these figures further in line with the government 2010 targets:

40 percent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured  
50 percent reduction in the number of children killed or seriously injured  
10 percent reduction in the number of people slightly injured

Education plays a vital part in reducing the number of collisions on our roads. Changing the behaviour and attitude of road users can dramatically reduce collisions.

Current educational initiatives include: **Bikesafe** – a national project aimed at reducing the rising number of motorcyclists killed and injured on our roads. During 2003 a third of the fatal collisions across the two counties involved motorcyclists. Bikesafe is designed to



educate motorcyclists in a safe, professional and conflict free environment, encouraging them to hone their skills through further training, therefore creating safer riding, and reducing casualties.

**Driver Improvement Scheme** – a two day theory and practical course for drivers/riders that drive carelessly or inconsiderately, or who have been involved in a blameworthy collision. The course can be tailored to meet individual needs and is used when it is more appropriate to address the driver/rider's attitude and behaviour rather than put them before a court.



**Think Campaigns** – Campaigns are carried out on a monthly basis according to casualty and intelligence data. A partnership approach is often taken to these initiatives. Recent campaigns have included Drink Driving and the use of seatbelts.

**The Safety Camera Partnership (SCP)** – established to reduce the number of people killed and injured on sites/routes that have a speed related casualty history. speed cameras are widely publicised, along with information about how speed reduction plays a vital role in reducing casualties.