

Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	8 August 2019
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Subject:	Police Scotland - Lanarkshire Division Road Safety Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Roads Safety Forum on forthcoming campaigns
- ◆ consider ongoing national and local campaigns

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Roads Safety Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the information set out in this report in relation road safety campaigns be noted; and
- (2) that the update regarding these road safety campaigns be noted.

3. Background

3.1. In terms of the remit of the South Lanarkshire Road Safety Forum, it has been agreed that Police Scotland will provide routine updates on national and local issues and campaigns relating to keeping people living and working in South Lanarkshire safer on our roads.

4. Criminal Use of The Roads Team

4.1. Lanarkshire Division's Criminal Use of the Roads Initiative has been running since 18 February 2019. The focus of the operation has been to adopt a preventative approach in deterring, disrupting and detecting crime by high visibility robust proactive policing focussing on criminal's use of vehicles throughout the Division. This has involved a small team of Divisional officers working together in partnership with Road Policing resources focussing on the criminal use of the roads network by those involved in violence disorder and antisocial behaviour, serious organised crime, road crime and acquisitive crime. This has encompassed the use of intelligence and analysis of emerging crime trends to task officers effectively.

Results have included the following:-

- ◆ 29 persons reported for dangerous/careless driving
- ◆ 13 persons reported for drink driving offences
- ◆ 16 vehicles seized for no licence/insurance
- ◆ 11 stolen vehicles recovered

- ◆ 69 persons reported for drugs supply offences
- ◆ 501g of Cannabis seized
- ◆ 204g of Cocaine seized
- ◆ 4.4g of Heroin seized
- ◆ 2g of Methamphetamine seized
- ◆ over £20,000 in cash seized
- ◆ weapons, including knives and sword seized

5. National issues

5.1. The following National and Local campaigns are scheduled to take place between July and October 2019:-

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| ◆ 12 to 14 July 2019 | Motorcycle Weekend of Action 4 |
| ◆ 3 to 5 August 2019 | Motorcycle Weekend of Action 5 |
| ◆ 10 to 16 August 2019 | Elderly Driver Engagement |
| ◆ 24 to 26 August 2019 | Motorcycle Weekend of Action 6 |
| ◆ 7 to 13 September 2019 | Insurance Enforcement Week 1 |
| ◆ 30 September 2019 | End of Motorcycle Campaign |
| ◆ 21 to 27 October 2019 | Get Ready For Winter |

5.2. These campaigns will involve engagement and proportionate enforcement. Social media will be used to launch events and provide information to the public.

5.3. Lanarkshire Division along with partners is committed to ensuring the road network is safe and the Road Safety Governance Board has oversight of reviewing all road crashes and offending to provide a proportionate response to any concerns, trends or patterns identified.

6. Summer Drink/Drug Driving Campaign

6.1. The campaign ran from 24 June until 7 July 2019 and was conducted through a combination of intelligence led high visibility policing patrols and static road checks. During the two week period, 3076 breath tests were carried out with 238 of those drivers over the limit. 29 of those detected were caught “the morning after”.

7. Employee Implications

7.1. There are no employee implications.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. There are no financial implications.

9. Other Implications

9.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

10.2. There was no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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