

Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	22 June 2021
Report by:	Lorna Hinshelwood, Local Authority Liaison Officer Police Scotland

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
- ◆ discuss ongoing national and local campaigns

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The 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 verbal update regarding these road safety campaigns be noted.

3. Background

3.1. In terms of the remit of the South Lanarkshire Roads 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. Local and National issues

4.1. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Road Policing Campaign Calendar has been suspended although officers are continuing to target the issues that the campaign would be addressing. These campaigns will involve engagement and proportionate enforcement. Social media will be used to launch events and provide information to the public, including:-

- ◆ January to March 2021, national mobile phone campaign, seat belts and speed
- ◆ April 2021, local road safety on motorway network
- ◆ Operation Closepass, has just been completed, promoting driver behaviour in relation to cyclists. Five vehicles were stopped for driving too close to cyclists, drivers warned and provided with appropriate advice

4.2. Due to the pandemic, stop checks have not taken place and there has been no statutory road checks with partners. Campaigns will resume in the next quarter as regulations ease.

- 4.3. South Lanarkshire Road Safety YTD figures cannot be truly reflected against the previous year due to the pandemic and the initial reduction of traffic on roads. Table below is a synopsis of 2020/2021 and 2019/2020 stats. The increase in Driving Licence offences and Insurance offences can be attributed to officers now having a personal hand held mobile device, allowing easier access when checking vehicles and within a quicker timescale as they can make checks themselves rather than rely on a PNC operator.

Road Safety South Lanarkshire			
	April 2020 – March 2021	April 2019 – March 2020	% change
Speeding	733	1216	-39.7%
Disqualified driving	78	64	+21.9%
Driving Licence	378	317	+19.2%
Insurance	924	709	+30.3%
Seat Belts	59	65	-9.2%
Mobile Phone	68	70	-2.9%

- 4.4. Lanarkshire Division are committed to ensuring the road network is safe along with partners 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.

5. New Driver Early Intervention Scheme

- 5.1. A new online training input has been created where SLC Campus Officers and Community Safety Officers will participate in training on 27 May 2021 allowing Lanarkshire Division to continue with presentations on virtual platforms ensuring Road Safety messages are still being delivered to new and nearly new drivers age 16 to 25. Social Media will be used to publicise the scheme. SFRS have also developed an online Road Safety input to be delivered in partnership with Lanarkshire Division. Once officers are trained, Education will be offered the inputs. Work is still ongoing to identify businesses who have new drivers as staff members and College students involved in car mechanic courses.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no employee implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no financial implications.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and environmental issues associated with this report.

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 not requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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Previous References

Road Safety Forum – 11 November 2020

List of Background Papers

None.

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