

Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	1 March 2022
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. With the lifting of pandemic restrictions and traffic levels returning to pre-COVID-19 level, focus remains on driver engagement through education and where necessary enforcement.

4.2. Lanarkshire Road Policing Festive Drink/Drug Driving Campaign ran from December 2021 until 3 January 2022. Officers highlighted the risks, educated drivers and discourage them from drink/drug driving through road checks and high visibility patrols while using enforcement where necessary. Lanarkshire Road Policing carried out a total of 70 breath tests, where 6 were positive for alcohol, and 67 drug wipes where 38 drivers were positive during the campaign. Drug wipe tests only detect cannabis and cocaine.

4.3. The following campaigns are scheduled:-

- ◆ 21 February 2022 – a week long Mobile Phone campaign
- ◆ 14 March 2022 – Commercial Vehicle campaign (launch)

4.4. Community policing officers to be trained in speed detection device. This has previously been done but due to turnover of personnel this required to be undertaken again.

4.5. Synopsis of stats below:-

Road Safety South Lanarkshire			
	April 2021 to Dec 2021	April 2020 to Dec 2020	% change
Speeding	559	602	-7.1%%
Disqualified driving	54	61	-11.5%
Driving Licence	237	288	-17.7%
Insurance	554	715	-22.5%
Seat Belts	41	41	Same
Mobile Phone	49	58	-15.5%

4.6. Lanarkshire Division is committed to ensuring the road network is safe along with partners and the Road Safety Governance Board who 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. Across South Lanarkshire, an additional 235 young people have received the New Driver Training Scheme input at Routes to Work Cambuslang and Lanark. Schools receiving the inputs include Calderglen and Duncanrig High. The total stands at 250 young people receiving the input. We will continue to offer the scheme to schools across South Lanarkshire.

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 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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2 February 2022

Previous References

- ◆ Roads Safety Forum – 30 November 2021

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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