

Policing our Roads Together

A 3 year strategy 2018 – 2021

Our Vision

Policing Together for Safe, Secure and Efficient roads



Our Objectives

Working together to achieve:

- Safe roads, free from harm
- Secure roads free from the threat of serious crime and terrorism
- Efficient roads that promote public confidence and satisfaction

Our Approach

We advocate the adoption of a Safe System approach as its ultimate goal is to prevent any road user being subject to a fatal or serious injury event.

We will work together to adopt flexibility and pooling of resources to deliver the most efficient and effective outcomes through intelligence-led approaches.

We will focus our enforcement efforts on those most deserving to support improved levels of compliance.

National Lead for Policing the Roads



Chief Constable Anthony Bangham

I am pleased to introduce this three year refreshed strategy, "Policing our Roads Together 2018-2021"

I want us to have the safest roads in the world and this new ambitious programme seeks to improve both road safety and security providing all police officers and staff with the necessary tools, knowledge, training, technology and equipment to make a real difference.

I will do all I can to ensure that we prioritise, through an intelligence-led approach, the business of road safety compliance; this is what we do and the public expect us to deal with those who break the law to help reduce road risk and increase safety.

By undertaking joint working with our partners there is a clear spirit of shared responsibility which increases our productivity and performance. The broader range of skills that we possess as a collective can be applied to almost any problem, whether it be periods of adverse weather or seasonal drink drive initiatives.

I believe we can improve by focusing on marginal gains by making small incremental improvements in road safety which, collectively, deliver better safety outcomes and improved security from those criminals who use the roads.

The adoption of a safe system with our partners will underpin our efficiency and approach with the national operations calendar providing a focus for compliance activity so that all roads users think twice before they break the law, taking risks with people's lives.

I am genuinely excited about the next three years and the improvements that we can collectively achieve for all road users.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.E. Bangham', enclosed in a white rectangular box.

Anthony Bangham
Chief Constable, West Mercia Police
National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) lead for Roads Policing

Strategic Objectives

We will adopt the principles of the Safe System for policing the roads. Such a strategy will transform the level of ambition. The safe system approach opens up new potential for improving performance by addressing all elements of the road transport system together and finding synergies for trauma reduction, safer road and vehicle design, speed limits and compliance with road laws are addressed together.

The 'fatal 4' offences will be prioritised in all that we do and our own objectives for policing will be organised under each of the following strands: Safe Roads; Safe Speeds; Safe Vehicles; Safe Road Users and an additional 5th strand of Post-Crash Response.

Safe roads

We will be clearer in identifying high harm routes and will use automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) to detect and disrupt criminals who use the road. We will continue to embrace the use of technology.



Safe speeds

We will adopt the principles of intelligent enforcement and engage with the public to improve awareness and shared expectation of the dangers of excessive speed. We will enforce safe speeds especially on those high harm routes and hot spot locations.



Safe vehicles

We will explore and utilise appropriate technology to help reduce the numbers of collisions and persons killed or seriously injured. We will ensure that the police service embraces safe vehicle technology where operationally practicable to do so.



Safe road users

We will work with partners as part of a safe system approach to protect the most vulnerable who use our roads. We will look at the best ways to share space and to encourage compliance to enhance safety for all e.g. safe pass scheme for cyclists.



Post-Crash response

We will ensure that collisions are responded to, reported on and investigated effectively. We will develop the Forensic Collision Investigation Protocol 2017 and our Family Liaison Officers will continue to support families and work alongside victims of road crashes.



Policing Principles and Delivery

We will undertake our activities in accordance with our policing principles of accountability, fairness and we will fully comply with the code of ethics. Our working group leads will support intelligence and operational delivery. The NPCC road policing board is responsible for the strategy which is delivered through the working groups and our intelligence and operations forum.

National Roads Policing Delivery



Action Plan 2018/2019

Communication

We know that we cannot achieve our safety improvement ambitions alone so we have to be clear of our role within a safe system approach to help deliver safe, secure and efficient roads. We will ensure that we are clear in all our communications so that the public understand why we are enforcing road traffic laws to ensure greater levels of compliance and thus keep road users safe as we strive to achieve the safest roads in the world.

Enforcement

We will proactively enforce the law - the public expect us to do that as we seek to reduce the threat of serious crime and achieve safe roads. Our focus will be on the high harm, “fatal 4” offences of drink and drug driving; the non-wearing of seat belts; excess speed and driving whilst distracted. We will publish the annual national roads policing operations calendar, which will determine priority areas of threat and risk for all forces.

Technology

We will work with government to develop an effective national collision recording system (CRaSH) that enables mobile data capture to better inform where our unsafe roads are and better inform the risks that lead to collisions.

Intelligence

The National Roads Policing Intelligence Forum (NRPIF) provides a structured mechanism to facilitate joint working between UK police forces and other key stakeholders that impacts on all critical areas of business in reducing road casualties and disrupting criminality.

The Specialist Capabilities Programme is one of the five work strands, under the Police Reform & Transformation Board, contributing to the delivery of the Policing 2025 Vision. Under the Roads Policing strand we will seek to explore a proposal focused on intelligence sharing, joint planning and coordination between agencies and organisations involved in assuring the safety, security and efficiency of the strategic road network. We are also looking to reorganise the delivery of collision investigation services with national standards, delivered locally.

We will adopt the PIER (Prevent, Intelligence, Enforce and Reassure) approach as we seek to identify improved and efficient ways of working to successfully deliver reductions in the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads and a reduction in the ability of criminals to use the roads when committing crime.

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