

National HGV road safety project 'Operation Tramline'

Three plain white HGV tractor units have been loaned out to police forces by Highways England to help improve safety for drivers on the strategic road network in England. The contract for the unmarked HGV cab national project aims to change driver behaviour and discourage non-compliance.

The elevated position of the HGV cabs allows police forces to drive alongside vehicles to film any unsafe driver behaviour taking place. Since the initiative began Operation Tramline has stopped 9,674 vehicles resulting in 10,926 offences with 11,338 interventions being dispensed.

Top three offences detected through Operation Tramline are:

1. Mobile phone use
2. Seat belt offences
3. Driver not in proper control

Operation Tramline is supporting Highways England's road safety Key Performance Indicator (KPI) target of a decrease of at least 40% in the number of people killed or seriously injured on the strategic road network.



Due to Operation Tramline running the previous week, word has spread amongst the roads community. This is also positive because very few no seatbelt offences were detected and a clear message is being sent to the community regarding road safety.

Wiltshire police

The three HGV cabs operate in the following areas with participating police forces

North	Midlands	South
Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Merseyside, West Yorkshire, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Humberside, Cleveland and Durham	Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, West Mercia, Central Motorway Police Group, Warwickshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, South Wales	Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Hampshire, Thames Valley, Dorset, Wiltshire, Gwent, Devon and Cornwall, Avon and Somerset, Essex, Gloucestershire, Suffolk



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