

# TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

29 January 2001

Report by the Chief Constable No. PB 8/2001

**SUBJECT: ACPOS ROAD POLICING STANDING COMMITTEE – FESTIVE SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

**Abstract: This report advises the Board of the statistics both nationally and locally following the ACPOS Road Policing Standing Committee Festive Safety Campaign 2000/2001.**

## 1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The Board is requested to note the statistics following the Festive Safety Campaign 2000/01.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Chief Constable, Chairman of the ACPOS Road Policing Standing Committee, launched a national campaign on Monday 11 December 2000 in Edinburgh. The campaign was of four weeks duration and ended on Monday 8 January 2001.

Tayside Police acknowledged the benefits of a nationally co-ordinated approach to tackle these issues which also linked directly to the force goals.

**ROAD POLICING** - to make our roads safer, free from injury, death, damage and crime

**PUBLIC REASSURANCE** – To confront unlawful and anti – social behaviour and provide public reassurance

The local strategy that was devised, utilised a number of methods to highlight the offences that would be targeted - DRINK DRIVING, SPEEDING AND SEAT BELTS. Local press, television and radio were all very supportive and assisted greatly in raising the public awareness of all the issues and consequences surrounding these offences. The Crimestoppers Freephone number was activated and widely publicised in order that the public could report persons they suspected of committing these offences.

## 3. CURRENT POSITION

### 3.1 Statistics

The attached statistical tables detail the National and Local Campaign returns and the percentage differences relative to the particular offences. Included are details of the total number of breath tests conducted within Tayside throughout the duration of all the campaigns.

### 3.2 National returns

- Less persons detected for drink driving following a collision – 6%  
Summer Safety Campaign – 11.5%
- Fewer drivers detected speeding – 17%
- Increase in seat belt offences detected – 14.4%

### 3.3 Tayside Returns

- Against national trend an increase in Tayside of drink driving offences detected following a collision – 6.5%  
Summer Safety Campaign – 3.3%
- Overall reduction in number of drink drivers detected – 1.3%  
1999 Festive Campaign – 1.5%  
Summer Safety Campaign – 3.9%
- Reduction in speeding offences detected - 32%
- Fewer seatbelt offences detected - 35.8%

## 3. CONCLUSION

Tayside Police will continue to work with the community and other partners to target these offences throughout the coming year. The overall aim being to reduce the number of collisions, injuries and associated suffering caused as a result of these incidents. The continuance of a co-ordinated and focused approach to these issues will assist Tayside Police and their partner agencies to meet the 2010 Government casualty reduction targets.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

**ACPOS ROAD POLICING STANDING COMMITTEE  
FESTIVE SAFETY CAMPAIGN 2000/01  
NATIONAL RETURNS**

	DRINK DRIVING							
	Injury Collisions		Breath Tests in collisions		No. positive breath tests		% positive breath tests	
	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC
<b>Campaign Total</b>	451	732	1381	3329	159	199	11.5%	6%

Duration - **SSC** - Summer Safety Campaign 2000 - 3 weeks  
**FSC** - Festive Safety Campaign 2000/01 - 4 weeks

SPEEDING											
	Non Camera				Camera				Campaign Totals		
	BUA		Non BUA		BUA		Non BUA				
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	% change
<b>Total</b>	5973	5384	1177	1238	3156	1840	721	694	11027	9156	-17%

BUA - Built Up Area  
Comparisons are with Festive Safety Campaign 1999

SEAT BELTS													
	Adult						Child				Campaign Totals		
	Driver		Front		Rear		Front		Rear				
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	% change
<b>Total</b>	5636	6715	836	744	178	164	30	26	53	56	6733	7705	14.4%

Comparisons are with Festive Safety Campaign 1999

## TAYSIDE RETURNS

	DRINK DRIVING							
	Injury Collisions		Breath Tests in collisions		No. positive breath tests		% positive breath tests	
	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC
<b>Campaign Total</b>	23	82	215	474	7	31	3.3%	6.5%

Duration - **SSC** - Summer Safety Campaign 2000 - 3 weeks  
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SPEEDING OFFENCES - DETECTED									
	BUA			Non BUA			Campaign Totals		
	SSC	FSC	%	SSC	FSC	%	SSC	FSC	%
<b>Total</b>	1304	1181	-9.5%	1058	417	-60.5%	2362	1598	-32%

SEAT BELTS													
	Adult						Child				Campaign Totals		
	Driver		Front		Rear		Front		Rear				
	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	SSC	FSC	%
<b>Total</b>	387	252	45	34	14	5	1	3	19	5	466	299	-35.8%
<b>% Change</b>	-34.8%		-24.4%		-64.3%		200%		-73.7%				

TOTAL AMOUNT OF BREATH TESTS CONDUCTED - TAYSIDE				
	Positive	Refusal	Negative	% of Positive & Refusals
<b>FSC `99-`00</b>	50	11	3896	1.5%
<b>SSC `00</b>	37	8	1114	3.9%
<b>FSC `00-`01</b>	43	4	3584	1.3%