

INSPECTION OF ROADS POLICING

PRESENTATION TO DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONE DPP



CONTEXT

- **Thematic inspection – multi agency with PSNI as main focus**
- **Recommendations to PSNI and DOE**

Methodology

- **Joint and collaborative (HMIC; GSI)**
- **Comparative (e.g. ACPO; Garda)**
- **Research; SA; stakeholders)**



STRUCTURES & ACCOUNTABILITY

- **Complex (4 ACCs) with a need for clear ownership and combining of policy and operations**
- **Accountability through NIPB/DPPs and NIA – support a road safety committee within NIPB and local sub committees in DPPs**



REDUCING ROAD CASUALTIES

- **Twice as many deaths on roads as Troubles (106 in 2008)**
- **Comparisons with GB is unfavourable despite falling deaths (e.g. road deaths per 100k pop; 10k motor vehicles; 100 million veh km; child deaths)**
- **Dungannon**
 - **F District is worst for deaths and serious injuries in last 3 years**
 - **8-7-8 deaths in Dungannon in last 3 years (consistently grouped with other border areas of Newry and Fermanagh)**
 - **44-59 people seriously injured in Dungannon in last three years (33 in a 6 month period in 08)**



REDUCING ROAD CASUALTIES

Causes

- **Excess speed (25% of KSIs)**
- **Impaired driving (19% of KSIs)**
- **Careless driving (up to 50% of KSIs)**
- **Non wearing of seatbelts (95% compliance but over 50% of vehicles occupants who die may not have worn a belt)**



REDUCING ROAD CASUALTIES

Solutions

- **Balance between technology/officers**
- **Reduction of speed thresholds (FPPC)**
- **Simultaneously introduction of any new lower drink drive limit on both sides of border**
- **RS Strategy (targets)**
- **PSNI to set example on seat belts**
- **Foreign registered drivers**



DENYING CRIMINAL THE USE OF THE ROADS

- Integrating traffic and tackling crime functions
- Better utilisation of technology (ANPR) and investment
- LEA partnerships (within NI and with ROI)
- Cooperation with Garda is positive – strengthen and formalise (2 reports)



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- **Not ‘core business’ but big impact on public (many complaints from public)**
- **Effective collaboration and implementation of coordination arrangements (e.g. on road closures)**



INVESTIGATION OF RTCs

Expert comparisons, case review, observation & stakeholder views show:

- **Poor quality of investigation**
 - **No or inexperienced SIOs**
 - **Delays through use of single specialists**
 - **High costs**
 - **Inadequate equipment**
 - **Health and safety concerns**
 - **Poor prosecution judgments**



INVESTIGATION OF RTCs

Recommendations

Achieve increased professionalism:

- **Dedicated crash and collision investigation unit (operational within 2 years)**
- **Cadre of highly trained RTC SIOs**



ANY QUESTIONS ?

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