

# GWENT POLICE POLICY ROADS POLICING



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Police

## 1.0 Policy

The principle and scope of this policy is to ensure that procedures and activity within Gwent Police, especially within the Roads Policing Unit (RPU), the Armed Response Unit (ARU) and the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) unit are carried out in line with the objectives contained within the following documents:

- ACPO / Home Office / Department for Transport Roads Policing Strategy
- HM Government Community Safety Plan
- Wales National Strategic Assessment for Roads Policing
- Road Safety Strategy for Wales
- Wales National Roads Policing Strategy
- National Policing Plan
- Gwent Police Policing Plan
- Gwent Police Roads Policing Strategy
- "U" Divisional Policing Plan

We will also aim to achieve the objectives of:

- Denying criminals use of the roads
- Reducing road casualties
- Tackling the threat of terrorism
- Reducing anti social use of the roads
- Enhancing public confidence and reassurance by patrolling the roads
- [Reducing congestion and delay \(amended Dec 2009\)](#)

Gwent Police will use a range of tactical options to address the issues of road safety. The will include education and enforcement.

All forms of criminality on the roads will be addressed including drink driving, disqualified driving, speeding, dangerous and careless driving and behaviour that is threatening to other road users.

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Force, National and International road safety campaigns will be supported fully by Gwent Police.

It will be the policy of Gwent Police to use road safety information and intelligence as part of the National Intelligence Model to identify where and when roads policing resources should be deployed.

Gwent Police will work with partners and other agencies to highlight issues to the community and road users through Road Safety campaigns.

## **2.0 The Legal Basis and Legitimate Aims**

Road Traffic Act 1988 and Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 legislation  
The Police Act 1996

The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

PACE

Anti-Terrorism Legislation

Criminal Law Legislation

The legitimate aims of this procedure include:-

Public Safety

The protection of health and morals

The prevention of disorder and crime

The protection of the rights of others

Protection of the economic wellbeing of the country

As stated by the Human Rights Act 1998

## **3.0 Human Rights Certification of Compliance**

This policy has been checked for compliance with the Human Rights Act; with particular reference to the legal basis of its precepts: the legitimacy of its aims; the justification and proportionality of the actions intended by it; that it is the least intrusive and damaging option necessary to achieve the aims; and that it defines the need to document the relevant decision making process's and outcomes of actions.

## **4.0 Compliance with The Welsh Language Scheme**

This policy aims to comply with the organisations Welsh language Scheme in terms of dealing with the Welsh speaking public, impact upon the public image of the organisation and the implementation of the language scheme.

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## **5.0 Risk Assessment and health and safety Considerations**

The Gwent Police Service Dynamic Assessment should be applied as necessary. A training package in the use of risk assessment will be provided to all police personnel if requested or required.

## **6.0 Policy Identification Section**

**Policy Title: Roads Policing Unit Policy**

**Reference: 301/10 a issue 2**

**Chief Officer Lead: ACC**

**Service Area Owner: Operational Support**

**Department Responsible: Roads Policing**

**Links to other Policies/Procedure:** Abnormal Loads, Emergency Vehicles – offences detected by automatic enforcement cameras, Hand Held Speed Devices, Speed Complaints, Management of Vehicles Pursuits, Police Vehicle Collisions, Road Death Investigation, Road Traffic Collisions, Testing and examination of Vehicles, Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme, Use of Police Vehicles, Policing of Fast Roads, Motorway Downgrading of Incidents,

**Policy Implementation Date: July 09 amended December 09**

**Policy Review Date: Two years from implementation**

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