Improving Road Safety: Saving Lives and Protecting Responsible Drivers

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday 12th November 2013
10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

Public Policy Exchange holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.
Overview

Tragically there were 32,955 road deaths between 2000 and 2010, and approximately three million people were injured on our roads causing suffering, life changing outcomes and economic loss to those affected. According to Government figures road collisions are a leading cause of death for young adults aged 15-24, accounting for over a quarter of deaths in the 15-19 age group.

Despite these statistics, road fatality rates in Britain have been declining for the last 30 years and, according to data compiled from the International Road Traffic Accident Database (IRTAD) and the EU Community database on Accidents on the Road in Europe (CARE), British roads are ranked fourth in the world’s safest roads, behind Malta, Sweden and the Netherlands.

This is a testament to the good work of service providers, the police, local authorities, road safety professionals and the majority of road users. However, with still over 2000 road fatalities each year the Government published its Strategic Framework for Road Safety in May 2011, to ensure that Britain remains a world leader on road safety and to further reduce fatalities, especially amongst high risk groups.

Two years on from the publication of the Strategic Framework for Road Safety, this is an opportune time to consider recent Government action and the progress being made on the three main areas below:

• Free local councils to make their own decisions on how best to make their roads safer
• Improve public education and training
• Penalise the minority of offenders who drive dangerously

This special symposium provides a timely opportunity for local authority and road safety practitioners and policymakers to assess strengths and weaknesses in the present road safety framework and explore the next steps in how service providers, local authorities, the police, road safety professionals, the voluntary sector and road users can build upon a road safety record that is the envy of the world.

Today’s announcement is part of a wider crackdown by this government that will save lives and protect the vast majority of responsible, good drivers from the few that disrupt and endanger them. For example, we have already legislated to make drug driving an offence, made it easier for courts to seize vehicles following serious motoring offences and ensured that the most dangerous drink drivers have to pass a test to prove they are fit to drive and non-dependent on alcohol before being allowed back on the roads.

I am proud to be part of a government that is taking the tough, practical action needed to prevent the kind of inexcusable driving that can ruin lives. There is never room for complacency when it comes to safety on our roads. But today, we can be pleased that those roads will soon be that little bit safer”

- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, June 2013

Why Attend?

✓ Evaluate the campaigns to improve road safety education for children and cyclists
✓ Examine upcoming legislative changes designed to reduce drink and drug driving incidents
✓ Explore the work underway to improve how drivers and riders are trained
✓ Review the implementation of the Strategic Framework for road Safety’s action plan
✓ Discuss the progress made on the three core areas of road safety outlined in the Strategic Framework for Road Safety

Who Should Attend?

• Local Authorities
• Police Services/Officers
• Driver Trainers
• Road Safety Managers
• Road Safety and Accident Prevention Officers
• Road Safety Partnerships
• Road Transport Lawyers
• Health Authorities
• Health Promotion Professionals
• Occupational Health and Safety Professionals
• Highway Engineers
• Highway Maintenance Leads
• Schools and School Transport Providers
• Education Professionals
• Teaching Organisations
• Third Sector (Charities/Voluntary Organisations/ Social Enterprises)
• Trade Associations/Unions
• Special Interest Groups
• Motoring Organisations
• Fire and Rescue Services
• Civil Enforcement Officers
• Local Authority Traffic Managers
• Community Safety Managers
• Vehicle Recovery Operators
• Local Authority Parking and Traffic Management Teams
• Parking Management Contractors
• Town Centre Managers
• Public Service Transport Operators
• Traffic Commissioners
• Deputy Traffic Commissioners
• Goods Vehicle Operators
• Transport Managers
• Emergency Service Professionals
• Traffic Signs and Signalling Providers
• Transport, Access and Safety Leads
• Operational Service Planning Managers
• Transport Planning and Review Officers
• Highway Network Managers
• Traffic and Design Managers

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Programme

09:30   Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15  Chair’s Welcome and Introduction
10:30  Panel Session One:
       Delivering the Strategic Vision for Road Safety
       • Do local councils have the freedom to make their own decisions on how best to
         make their roads safer and how can this be improved?
       • Improving public education and training – are we developing the required skills
         and attitudes?
       • Penalising the minority of offenders who drive dangerously – do we have the right
         mix of targeted enforcement and sanctions?
       • Implementing the Strategic Framework for Road Safety’s action plan – Where are
         we now?
11:15  Morning Refreshments
11:30  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30  Networking Lunch
13:30  Panel Session Two:
       Improving Road Safety Together – The Next Steps in Targeting Dangerous
       and Irresponsible Drivers
       • Drink and drug driving – Working through upcoming legislative changes to
         reduce these incidents
       • Speed limits – Understanding the revised and reissued speed limit guidance
       • Assessing the campaigns to improve road safety education for children and
         cyclists
       • Driver and rider training – reviewing the work underway to improve how drivers
         and riders are trained
       • Sharing best practice on preventing unlicensed driving, increasing motorcycle
         safety, and improving the way driving and motorcycle riding instructors are trained
         and assessed
14:15  Afternoon Refreshments
14:30  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30  Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments
15:40  Networking Reception
16:30  Close

**Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice**

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8th October 2013

Child Protection in the Digital World: Safeguarding Young People Online
9th October 2013

Training and Skills: Widening Participation in Community Learning
10th October 2013

Beyond the Horsemeat Scandal: Restoring Public Confidence in Food Standards
15th October 2013

Dying with Dignity: Improving End of Life Care
16th October 2013

Biodiversity 2020: The Challenge for Local Authorities and Public Bodies
16th October 2013

From System to Service and Support: Putting Victims of Crime First
17th October 2013

The Role of Local Authorities in Dealing with Rogue Landlords
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24th October 2013

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24th October 2013

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6th November 2013

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27th November 2013

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