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Application

- **When?** This Policy applies with immediate effect.
- **Who?** All police officers and police staff, including the extended police family and those working voluntarily or under contract to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) or the Commissioner must be aware of, and are required to comply with, all relevant Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) policy and associated procedures.
 - Police Officers, Metropolitan Special Constabulary and police staff who are either currently, or wish to become, authorised drivers
 - Supervising officers of any of the above
 - Heads of units or (Borough) Operational Command Unit (B/OCU) commanders
 - Fleet managers
 - Safe Driving Managers
 - Members of the police volunteer program

N.B. This list is not exhaustive

- **What?** The policy relates to the driving of any vehicle in the possession of the MPS for whatever reason (including vehicles temporarily in the possession of the MPS).

Policy Principles

Officers undertaking driving duties are expected to do so in an environment that is both demanding and dangerous. It is therefore necessary for the Service to

take measures to maintain current high driving standards by supporting, educating and supervising police drivers beyond the initial driver training course.

The MPS requires that its vehicle fleet be operated safely and maintained in a safe condition.

All employees must fulfil their obligations under the Road Traffic Act, Health and Safety legislation, any policy, procedures, best practice guidelines or publications issued on behalf of the Commissioner.

B/OCU and Branch heads and managers are responsible for ensuring that all staff:

- have received sufficient training
- adopt safe driving practices
- are in adequate health to carry out driving and operating tasks
- have enough knowledge about drugs and alcohol to appreciate the effects these may have on their driving and operational capabilities
- perform only those tasks and use only those vehicles for which they are authorised

B/OCU Commanders/Heads of Branches are responsible for the deployment and operational control of vehicles allocated to them.

Purpose and Benefits

The policy establishes safe operating and driving practices to reduce the risk of collisions involving police vehicles. It also benefits the public of London by contributing to a reduction in road casualties; minimising the devastating human and financial costs.

Associated Documents and Policies

- Roads Policing Toolkit
- Police Driver & Vehicle - General Principles Standard Operating Procedures
- Police Driver & Vehicle - People Standard Operating Procedures
- Police Driver & Vehicle - Vehicles & Equipment Standard Operating Procedures

- Police Driver & Vehicle - Pursuits Standard Operating Procedures
- Police Driver & Vehicle - Polcolls & Driving Standards Standard Operating Procedures
- Police Driver & Vehicle - Use of MPS Official Vehicles for Home to Work Journeys Standard Operating Procedures
- Police Driver & Vehicle - Police Response to Incidents on Motorways and other Fast Roads Standard Operating Procedures
- Police Driver & Vehicle - Escorting of Vehicles Standard Operating Procedures

Notices to be Cancelled / Amended

Cancel:

Item 5, Notices 38/10, 15 September 2010,

Item 1, Notices 08/11, 23 February 2011

Item 3, Notices 16/12, 18 April 2012

Item 1, Notices 17/14, 23 April 2014