

Road Safety News

From the **TTC Group**



A newsletter for road safety professionals

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OBE for Road Safety Pioneer

The TTC Group are proud to announce that TTC co-founder Graham Wynn was awarded the OBE for services to road safety in the New Year Honours List.

Graham, with his wife and fellow director Jenny, set up TTC in 1993 to trial a new Government initiative to educate convicted drink drivers about alcohol.

The award winning company has seen phenomenal growth with its training programme praised for reducing drink drive re-offending rates across the UK. TTC is now the largest provider of alcohol education in the UK putting on 800 courses for 9,500 offenders in 14 counties each year.

Mr Wynn (56), a member of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, travels the country raising awareness about drink driving and road safety at seminars and conferences for businesses, road safety professionals and magistrates.

The TTC Group has expanded its training programme into the workforce to encourage businesses to "change attitudes" and ultimately improve road safety among the nation's employees.

"I'm bowled over by the award. But it is all down to our hard working team of professionals who together have helped to



TTC Group Director Graham Wynn awarded the OBE

put the TTC Group on the map. More importantly they have successfully got over to thousands of people that we can and do have safer roads by educating people."

Drink Drive Limits 'Flawed'

Driving a 10 tonne truck along a busy motorway is perfectly legal for someone who has drunk a couple of pints or so – with blood levels of up to 35 micrograms of alcohol.

Yet train drivers and pilots are grounded at just nine micrograms, revealed TTC Development Manager John Price.

"This anomaly highlights just how ridiculous our drink drive limits are. Someone can legally drive a juggernaut along the M6 but they are deemed unfit to pilot a plane or train.

"You should not drink alcohol at all if you are going to take control of any vehicle, be it a car, truck, plane or train."

Pre-driver Training

Derbyshire County Council road safety officers' are working together with TTC to make future drivers safer when they take to the road.

TTC Group trainers are delivering a series of seminars on drink and drug driving to sixth formers at secondary schools in the county.

Alan Prosser, the council's Road Safety Manager, said it was particularly important to make young people aware about the problems of alcohol as there was an increase in drink driving in Derbyshire.

"Casualty rates among young people are high. With TTC's help we are raising the knowledge and awareness of teenagers who are just starting to drive cars and ride mopeds. This is valuable information."

The TTC input is part of a series of road safety courses for teenagers organised by Derbyshire County Council in schools' involving police, magistrates, fire officers, paramedics and road safety officers'.

Colin Pettener, of the TTC Group, said: "We are using the skills of our professional and experienced trainers who delivers drink driving education in a visual and informative way so that young people will be more aware and safer when they start driving."

ROAD RAGE

Road rage is something that can happen to anyone, said Reg Byewater who delivers TTC courses on anger management as part of Managing Occupational Road Risk (MORR).

"We all get angry. It is what we do with the anger that is important," said Reg, who is often called upon to provide courses to industry as part of corporate road safety initiatives.

Using role play and drama, Reg gets



course attenders to look at themselves and work out what makes them angry and how to control it.

He is currently involved in educating UK publicans in a series of TTC seminars for the Union Pub Company.

TTC on EU Road Safety Route

The TTC Group has signed up to the European Road Safety Charter as part of its campaign to improve road safety.



Through education across the UK, the not for profit training organisation wants to cut the number of UK drink drive offences; improve driving skills; encourage speeding motorists to slow down;

and improve road safety in the workplace and schools.

A variety of educational courses are being held to cut the number of road accidents including road safety in the workplace and awareness education in schools as well as our core business delivering drink drive rehabilitation courses. A total of 10,000 leaflets are to be distributed to UK schools and companies with information about alcohol and road safety.

TTC Road Safety liaison officer Colin Pettener said: "Road safety is an important issue for us all. We wholeheartedly want to contribute to the aim of the charter to halve the number of road deaths by 2010."

By joining the EU road safety initiative, TTC will be able to swap ideas and information on methods of improving road safety with organisations across the EU.

A spokesman for the EU Charter said road safety had become a priority in Europe, with institutions, associations and companies undertaking initiatives to reduce the number of road accident victims.

IRSO Praise



IRSO north west chairman Julie Dagnall praised the TTC Group for helping their annual conference "run so professionally."

"From the planning stage we all knew how good it was going to be and everyone played an important part in making it a success," said Julie, who with TTC's help ran a training day for RSO's and other professionals on alcohol, drugs and the effects on driving.

"It was a pleasure to work with TTC and I hope this will be the start of future initiatives."



Essential Training

A total of 2,500 magistrates are being educated about alcohol and road safety as part of a programme to reach JP's from 14 counties.

They are attending seminars on TTC's highly praised rehabilitation course for drink drive offenders.

Magistrates say it is a very rewarding course and an "eye-opener" for many. One said it was a "super insight into drink related matters."

One JP said he now understood about alcohol units, rates of absorption and effects on driving ability. Another said the TTC course was recommended for "both professional and personal reasons."

"I've had a very positive reaction from all the courts. They say it is essential training for all magistrates," said TTC's Mel Hughes.

ENSURE YOU ARE INSURED

It's not just speeding drivers who have to tell insurance providers about points on their licence – now convicted drink drivers are in danger of losing their house insurance if they fail to tell all.

A small number of drink drivers attending our rehabilitation courses say they face problems with getting covered and some are being refused.

"We advise people to always contact their home insurers to report details about a criminal conviction. It is necessary now to ensure that they are covered in case of a future claim," said TTC's Jenny Wynn.

"Those who asked for help following a refusal found that insurance companies who work with TTC have covered them."

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