



More Powers For Magistrates

Post court road safety interventions for convicted traffic offenders are welcomed by the TTC Group, recognised specialists in driver education programmes.

The Road Safety Bill completed its passage through Parliament and received Royal assent on 8th November 2006. This will allow new driver educational courses to be developed in the future.

The new courses will be another option for magistrates when sentencing motorists for an offence that may result in the loss of their driving licence. This involves offences of careless and inconsiderate driving, failure to comply with traffic signs, breaking the speed limit or breaches of motorway regulations.

It will be the fourth education initiative promoted by the Government following on from drink drive, speed awareness and driver improvement courses.

"The model for the new course could be based on those offered to drink drive offenders,"

said Graham Wynn OBE, director of the award winning TTC Group which is the UK's largest provider of drink drive courses praised for reducing re-offending rates.

"We applaud the Government for this action which will increase magistrates' powers in dealing with motoring offenders. It is another proactive step in the right direction towards reducing the death and injury toll on our roads – which is the ultimate aim of the TTC Group."

TTC also runs the National Driver Improvement Scheme in Kent and is operationally prepared to provide speed awareness courses throughout the UK. Despite being recommended nationally by police chiefs, speed awareness courses are currently only available in a few areas.

Magistrates' Conference

The Magistrates Association Conference 2007 in Manchester on May 12 has a wide variety of driving topics on the agenda.

Have None 4 The Road And Much More is the title for the event at Salford University which will be introduced by TTC Group Director Graham Wynn OBE.

Expert witness Bob Jackson will start the first session with a health warning followed later in the day with a workshop on accident scene investigation.

Dr Rob Tunbridge will talk about drug driving and TTC's National Training Manager Malcolm Jones will discuss Police Diversionary Schemes and the speed awareness programme.

The value of driver education will be the issue for JP Elliott Griffiths, a member of the MA Road Traffic Committee.

Up to date information on police roadside testing and impairment tests will be discussed by TTC's Development Manager John Price while Traffic Commissioner Beverley Bell will relate her role and responsibilities.

The drink drive update from TTC will include alcohol units, absorption and elimination and driving the next day.

"It promises to be a very full



and interesting day with formal presentations and workshops which will keep magistrates up to date on the latest driving issues," said Mr Wynn.

TTC TOPS 10,000

TTC topped the 10,000 mark for convicted drivers attending a rehabilitation course in 2006. The figure is a record high – up 10% - reflecting repeated TTC efforts to follow up referrals from magistrates.

End of year figures reveal that a record 10,165 successfully completed a training course – up 902 on the previous year. An extra 31 courses were introduced to cope with the increase in demand.

TTC is the main provider of courses educating one third of all those convicted of a drink driving offence in the UK.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Year	Courses Run	Numbers completing*	*of these females
2001	42	387	33
2002	40	454	72
2003	55	621	87
2004	67	745	116
2005	62	704	121
2006	62	771	131

*Current course locations: Burton upon Trent, Hanley, Leek, Lichfield, Newcastle, Stafford, Tamworth, Uttoxeter

OFFENDERS REFERRED TO TTC GROUP COURSES

Court	Referrals 2003	Referrals 2004	Referrals 2005	Referrals 2006
Burton On Trent	90	76	81	98
Cannock	146	38	42	220
Lichfield	Combined with Tamworth			
Mid Stafford	136	284	310	72
Newcastle/Lyme	243	487	532	522
Rugeley	-	-	-	-
Seisdon	-	-	-	-
Staff Moorlands	1	4	3	-
Stoke On Trent	379	64	17	21
Tamworth	146	184	198	221
TOTAL	1141	1137	1183	1154

CRIMESTOPPERS CALL

TTC Group Director Jenny Wynn is calling on magistrates across the UK to support the fight against crime with Crimestoppers.

The businesswoman who helped set up the TTC organisation 14 years ago is an avid supporter of the Crimestoppers organisation which has been acclaimed for bringing criminals to justice.

As chairman of the West Mercia Crimestoppers board she has initiated many projects which have achieved the aim of catching criminals and getting stolen property returned to the rightful owner.

"I want to urge magistrates, many of whom are involved in other organisations, to promote Crimestoppers. If we can spread the message far and wide it will be an effective way of combating crime which touches us all," said Jenny.

"All you have to do is contact

either myself or the national Crimestoppers website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org for more information about how you can help.

"We need to publicise the Crimestoppers number of 0800 555 111 as much as possible and tell people how Crimestoppers can help us all."

Every day across the UK, 20 people are arrested and charged as a result of calls to the independent UK-wide charity working to stop crime.

"One way or another crime has affected everyone at some point in their lives. It's easy to feel that there's nothing we can do but to do nothing lets criminals get away with it, causing more grief and fear for



TTC Group Director Jenny Wynn – a champion of Crimestoppers

innocent victims."

For more information call Jenny on 0845 270 4380 or visit the Crimestoppers website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.



Calls Cut Crime!

More criminals than ever before are being caught through Crimestoppers as people make that all important call giving police the important leads they need to bring offenders before the courts.

Crimestoppers is the crime fighting key which unlocks people's despair at rising crime, said Jenny.

"Now they really can do something about the vandal they see damaging a school, the motorist who refuses to tax their car, or the work colleague who steals."

"Crimestoppers puts the ball firmly in the court of the law abiding citizen who is sick of those who cause misery for everyone else."

Raising the profile of Crimestoppers even further is the next step in the successful fight against crime, she says.

In West Mercia, Jenny is chair



A police officer supported by Halfords staff launches a Crimestoppers poster campaign at work

of the Crimestoppers board made up of fellow citizens who come up with creative ideas to raise the profile of Crimestoppers especially the telephone number – 0800 555 111.

They have launched a number of successful initiatives such as a wristband campaign raising awareness of criminal damage among school children which resulted in a fall in school vandalism, a poster campaign

aimed at cutting petty thefts in the workplace, and a beer mat publicity project to raise awareness for the Crimestoppers phone number.

They have launched numerous publicity campaigns such as the one to convince people to write down their personalised imei number which, if activated, results in their mobile phone being switched off once stolen, making it useless to thieves.

Fund raising events have also been launched to finance the charity's reward system for callers.

"Crimestoppers is a most effective way of cutting crime. Businesses suffer multi million pound losses through crime at work. We put up posters in

WHAT IS CRIMESTOPPERS?

Crimestoppers operates to help identify, prevent, solve and reduce crime. This invaluable community service enables anyone with details of criminal activity to pass them on anonymously, without fear of exposure or retribution. Every call is treated with absolute anonymity so that nobody will know the identity of the caller. Rewards are also available and paid without compromising a caller's anonymity.

Set up in 1988, Crimestoppers was launched to break the "wall of silence" surrounding most crime and exploited by criminals to avoid arrest. The anonymous number provided a lifeline to people who had information that they wanted to share but felt at risk from retribution.

It's a simple, secure service that allows Crimestoppers operators to put the police in the picture without anyone knowing who provided the information that brings criminals to justice.

It is a highly effective system, built on integrity and trust that works for everyone - except criminals.

businesses which had suffered badly from thefts and it resulted in a reduction in work related crime.

"By simply posting the Crimestoppers message and 0800 555 111 phone number on walls and doors in their factory, it gave a dramatic drop in crime.

"Thieves realised that they could and probably would be shopped by their working colleagues which subsequently resulted in a sharp drop in petty thefts. All they did was put up a few Crimestoppers posters."

CHARITY VENUES CAMPAIGN

Magistrates have reacted "magnificently" to our appeal for suitable venues to hold drink drive rehabilitation courses which specifically raise money for charity.

"JPs from the 14 counties plus north and mid Wales responded magnificently to our recent appeal," said TTC director Jenny Wynn. Premises should offer a good sized training room for up to 15, enough space for small group exercise and a kitchen or a kettle. If you have a suitable venue in mind please call Nicola Rees on 0845 2704380 or email nicola.rees@ttc-uk.com.



Wigan magistrates with TTCs Mel Hughes

DRINK DRIVE COURSE FOR MAGISTRATES

Magistrates are urging colleagues to attend alcohol seminars run by TTC in courts across the country. Over the past two years, up to 1,000 JPs have volunteered for the seminar - a summary of the 18 hour course attended by convicted drink drivers.

Magistrates said the course had improved their knowledge especially about alcohol strengths and measures.

Wigan magistrate Gwenda Thompson said: "The talk from TTC was absolutely superb. We were riveted by the information we received. It was useful in our role as magistrates as we are now better informed."

TTC manager Mel Hughes has presented 33 seminars to JP's in the north-west, Cheshire, Derbyshire and Wales. He will continue to visit courts in Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Cumbria, Nottingham, Staffordshire and the West Midlands. The training will be rolled out to reach 2,500 magistrates and senior courts staff.

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT DRINK DRIVING

Students from Shropshire, South Wales and the south west were given lessons on the dangers of drink driving by TTC.

The sixth formers learned about alcohol units, how long alcohol stays in the body, drink

drive limits, and how binge drinking is leading to liver damage.

Magistrate Ray Soper, a Telford College lecturer, said the "excellent" course was over subscribed as soon as it was announced.

THE LOST GENERATION

A generation of young people have been "lost" to alcohol, says TTC which is calling on the Government to introduce quality education into schools and colleges.

More education about the risk of excessive drinking is essential to bring about a culture shift in young people," said Jenny Wynn.

"I do believe we have lost a generation of young people to alcohol because there hasn't been enough quality education. Alcohol is the largest drug problem facing the UK today," she said.

Strategy to Tackle Alcohol Abuse

Government departments must work together to combat the widespread problems caused by alcohol, says the TTC Group which has launched a new strategy to encourage health, transport and Home Office departments to join forces to reduce the impact of alcohol on society.

"We want to encourage the Government to see alcohol as a cross departmental issue and to tackle its effects in a co-ordinated approach. Alcohol does not just effect road safety but has serious implications on the nation's health and public safety," said Director Graham Wynn OBE.

Solutions must be found to the consequences of alcohol which had resulted in a 28.5 per cent increase in drink drive deaths over six years with more drivers killed aged 17 to 29.

"Alcohol leads to disruptive behaviour in our city centres taking police away from other duties. More needs to be done to reduce the drink drive statistics and to tackle alcohol consumption which causes health problems and results in anti social behaviour."

There also needed to be more education in schools to raise public awareness about the dangers of alcohol.

MP SHOCK AT DRINKS DEMO

Shadow Road Safety Minister Owen Paterson is calling for more public education on alcohol after witnessing a "shocking" drinks demo from TTC.

He told MPs in Parliament about his surprise at how stronger drinks are now being served in larger measures.



Shadow Road safety Minister Owen Paterson (left) with TTC Group Director Graham Wynn OBE

"It was striking to see the different sized glasses lined up and how alcohol strengths have increased," said the MP, who is advocating education for all drivers.

The MP has since invited TTC to provide information on their successful nationwide public education courses for a Green Paper he is preparing aimed at reducing the death and injury toll on UK roads.

"The TTC Group is at the forefront of alcohol education. Their demonstration was very graphic and I won't forget it," said Mr Paterson.

Moment of Madness

A policewoman lost her job, home, and ended a relationship with her partner – all due to drink driving.

The experienced traffic officer was arrested by colleagues when she crashed her car after uncharacteristically drinking a whole bottle of sherry while suffering severe stress at work.

"I've lost everything. I wish I could turn the clock back to stop one moment of madness. The drink drive course though was brilliant and everyone should go on it regardless of whether they are convicted of an offence."



Driving forward the education for industry programmes are, left to right, Malcolm Jones, John Price and Colin Pettener at the new TTC HQ

Drink Drive Education Expands Into The Workplace

More than 100,000 convicted drink drivers have been made more aware about alcohol, drugs and driving since being sent onto our education programme by magistrates.

Fleet drivers, bus, coach and lorry operators as well as those who drive as part of their job have now been attending our courses which have been extended into the workforce.

A National Training Manager has been appointed to oversee the development of new courses in both the corporate and public sector.

Malcolm Jones and a head office team have initiated specialist courses for UK industry educating thousands of employees in factories, business and offices as part of a Managing Occupational Road Risk programme.

The National Driver Improvement Scheme in Kent is run by our Road Safety Division. We have trainers prepared for running speed awareness courses across the country as well as the latest new education programmes for drivers appearing before the courts as outlined in the new Road Safety Bill.

For more information call our team on 0845 270 4363 or visit www.ttc-uk.com

FLEET DRIVER TRAINING

TTC has won a £185,000 contract to train 3,200 staff at a major pharmaceutical firm.

“The company wants to help the workforce improve their driving skills in today’s busy traffic environment. We are very pleased that they benefited from our initial training course which they now want rolled out nationwide,” said Malcolm Jones

ROAD RISK AIDS HOSPICE

“Road risk” training for car dealership staff is raising funds for a hospice. Alcohol, drugs and road safety were on the agenda for staff from Mitsubishi and Honda showrooms. TTC offered its skills free of charge in aid of the local hospice.

MALCOLM JONES – A PROFILE

National Training Manager Malcolm Jones and his team are co-ordinating TTCs national expansion into specialist driver education in the workplace.

With 18 years experience in driver safety, Malcolm (41) was one of the first instructors for the NDIS. As a county council Road Safety Officer, he helped set up one of the first speed awareness courses.

He has helped implement the NDIS scheme in Kent for TTC and is now involved in developing top quality training courses with some of the best professionals in the industry for a variety of businesses. Up to 100 new instructors have been trained.

“We have changed many

people’s views on drink driving through our rehabilitation courses for drink drivers. Our latest courses are continuing to have an effect on both employees and employers.

“Not only do we want to reduce road deaths and injuries but we also want to help businesses run more safely and help them increase profits by managing their at work road risk.”



TTC National Training Manager Malcolm Jones

- QUALITY TRAINING -

TTC trained instructors on how to present the 2 hour theory section of speed awareness courses in Kent and is also running the county’s NDIS scheme.

“It’s quality training,” said Steve Horton, of course provider Kent County Council who praised the high standards of both courses.

Education Roadshow

TTC are educating 4,000 LGV and PSV operators in nationwide training sessions at 25 UK venues. The first, in May 2006, was attended

by 110 operators in Wakefield, the final session will be in London in March 2007.

The course covered alcohol, drugs, prescribed medicines, recreational drugs and company policies.

TTC trained 70 LGV drivers who distribute food to M&S stores in UK and Ireland. Manager Martin Macleerie said: “I would definitely recommend it.”

Corporate Training Benefits

Everyone wins in the new corporate training philosophy embodied by the TTC Group.

Employers show they care about staff by giving them quality training which, one day, may save their life while employees gain skills on driving, health, alcohol and drugs.

The corporate sector also benefits with fewer vehicles off the road due to minor bumps, reduced fuel consumption and cheaper insurance for better trained staff drivers.

“There is a strong financial reason to do the training. Our courses have real financial benefits for companies. They pay for themselves within the first year,” said Malcolm Jones.

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