



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.

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Year	Courses Run	Numbers completing*	*of these females
2001	72	662	93
2002	72	700	95
2003	79	870	108
2004	85	912	130
2005	76	789	103
2006	73	899	128

*Current course locations: Evesham, Ludlow, Hereford, Kidderminster, Redditch, Shrewsbury, Telford, Worcester, Leominster, Oswestry, Whitchurch

OFFENDERS REFERRED TO TTC GROUP COURSES

Court	Referrals 2003	Referrals 2004	Referrals 2005	Referrals 2006
Bridgnorth	37	33	1	0
Drayton/Whitchurch	43	41	55	43
Ludlow	23	18	16	5
Oswestry	66	69	62	52
Shrewsbury	119	148	155	137
Telford	297	309	300	332
Redditch	178	202	156	210
Herefordshire	205	151	247	212
Kidderminster	140	103	154	174
South Worcester	318	302	349	331
TOTAL	1426	1376	1495	1496



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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