

## **Case Study: JCC Officer**

### **Alan Jones Inspectors Central Committee**

I Joined South Yorkshire Police in March 1975, and spent almost 19 years in a variety of traffic roles - joining the Federation at a local level in 1994 as the Traffic Inspectors rep – not a popular choice back then! These were the days when my Chief Inspector was Bernard Hogan-Howe, my Superintendent, Norman Bettison, and causing great confusion was another Inspector Jones - Ken – the now ACPO president.

The Joint Central Committee (JCC) works on behalf of all police officers through a variety of forums from seminars, conferences and lobbying activity to consultation responses and research. The Federation seeks to develop good relationships with key stakeholders, creating opportunities to influence, providing consultation on pertinent issues, learning and sharing good practice and gaining understanding and a wider appreciation of the social, political and economic landscape that affects and impacts upon policing.

Aside from the work I do for the Inspectors Committee, the central cut and thrust of work I do is on roads policing matters and fighting to ensure roads policing officers get a voice.

Anything from wheels to traffic legislation comes under my jurisdiction. I represent traffic officers on numerous ACPO groups, and was instrumental in setting up the Federation Roads Policing User Group, where regional traffic representatives meet four times a year. In the summer this meeting takes place at the House of Commons where we invite Members of Parliament from all parties to get involved and discuss the issues that matter.

In November we host a Roads Policing Conference – last year co-hosted with ACPO which brings together a host of stakeholders from MPs to associated policing bodies and road safety charities to discuss pertinent issues and share good practice. After this conference we launched a traffic newsletter, 'Roads Ahead', to improve communication across the Country.

All that we achieve is only possible because of the great support from traffic reps and traffic officers. Two of our main priorities presently are;

- To ensure there are national standards for traffic officers vocational needs
- National standards for police vehicle specification

I'm also Chairman of the Professional Development subcommittee. We have a great team and have really moved things forward in the last two years. Our most recent achievement is to establish a professional development lead on all Joint Branch Board's – a great example of the success that can be achieved by the national and local Federations working together.