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Welcome to the 2020 National Roads Policing Conference

This conference is always a valuable opportunity to meet - not only to share our experiences as roads policing officers and discuss best practice, but also to steer the direction of roads policing for many years to come. This is why our focus this year is the future of this vital and highly visible aspect of policing.

Over the next two days we will be hearing from key figures, including Chief Constable Anthony Bangham, the National Police Chiefs’ Council Roads Policing Lead, and Steven Toall from the Policing Powers Unit at the Home Office. We’ll also be hosting panel discussions with representatives from the IOPC, RAC and AA on topics such as Smart motorways, with the opportunity for you to get involved in the Q&A sessions. I’m also really excited about our fourth confirmed panel member, Dr Helen Wells, Director of the Roads Policing Academic Network, who’ll be joining us on day one’s discussion ‘What is the role of a Roads Policing Officer?’

There will also be discussion of recent and upcoming changes to police driver training legislation and collision investigation, and how the Federation is continuing to push for change and challenge laws that are too often used to prosecute officers who are simply doing their jobs.

The conference is also an opportunity for those who have niche interests in roads policing to visit one of our breakout sessions, covering some new and emerging areas; drones for roads policing, commercial vehicle units and off-road motorcycles to combat anti-social use of these vehicles.

We received a number of very worthy nominations for this year’s ‘Outstanding Contribution to Roads Policing’ award and will be announcing the winner on Tuesday evening.

Finally, we have a wonderful array of sponsors and exhibitors this year so please take the time to browse the exhibition area to check out what’s on offer. Without them, this conference wouldn’t be possible.

Thank you for making the journey to join us in Kenilworth and I hope you enjoy the conference.

Gemma Fox
National Board, Police Federation of England and Wales
Day one: Tuesday 28 January 2020

9.30am  Registration opens
         Tea/coffee and opportunity to meet the exhibitors

10.30am Welcome and introductions – Ché Donald, PFEW National Vice-Chair

10.35am PFEW National Chair – John Apter

10.45am National Police Chiefs’ Council Roads Policing Lead – CC Anthony Bangham

11.05am Ministerial Address – Kit Malthouse, Minister of State for Crime, Policing and the Fire
       Service, Home Office

11.30am A word from our sponsor – Paul Farley, National Police Liaison Officer, Motor Insurers’
       Bureau

11.40am Operation Tutelage update – Derek Roberts, West Midlands Police

11.50am Collision investigation – Frances Senior, National NPCC Capability Manager, Forensic
       Collision Investigation Network

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Project Servator for Roads Policing – Roads Policing Unit, City of London Police

2.15pm *Breakout sessions*
       Drones for roads policing – South Yorkshire Police
       Anti-social use of Off-Road motorcycles – South Yorkshire Police
       Commercial Vehicle Unit – Metropolitan Police and Hampshire Constabulary

3.00pm Tea/Coffee

3.30pm Panel Discussion – ‘What is the role of a Roads Policing Officer?’
       DCC Terry Woods, National NPCC Lead for Police Driver Training
       Michael Collins, College of Policing
       Simon Hill, PFEW
       Dr Helen Wells, Keele University

4.40pm NPCC Portfolio Introduction – DCC Terry Woods, National NPCC Lead for Police Driver
       Training

4.45pm Welcome and close – Ché Donald, PFEW National Vice-Chair

7pm        Welcome drink – sponsored by Sister Gordon

7.30pm     Awards dinner – sponsored by Mylinkmitchell

Day two: Wednesday 29 January 2020

9am       Welcome – Ché Donald, PFEW National Vice-Chair

9.05am Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) – Steve Noonan, Deputy Director and
       Gary Wright, IOPC

9.25am Recognising Police Driver Training in Law: Legislative Change Update – Steven Toal,
       Policing Powers Unit, Home Office and ACC Steve Barry, NPCC Pursuit Lead

9.55am Panel Discussion: Pursuit Investigation
       Inspector Craig Clifton, PFEW Roads Policing Group Chair
       Steve Noonan and Gary Wright, IOPC
       ACC Steve Barry, NPCC Pursuit Lead

10.55am Driver Training – Sgt Tim Rogers, PFEW and Roger Gardner, Lancashire Constabulary

11.10am Tea/Coffee

11.30am Review into Roads Policing – Glyn Wallis-Jones, National Police Liaison Officer,
       Department for Transport

**Closed Session – 109 Mobile Data Terminals**

12pm CRaSH – Katherine Williamson, Department for Transport

12.35pm Panel Discussion – SMART Motorways
       Edmund King OBE, President, Automobile Association
       Nicholas Lyes, Public Affairs Manager, RAC
       Highways England
       Sgt Tim Rogers, PFEW

1.15pm Results of Live Police Operation (Fatal4) – Inspector Jeremy Mountford, Warwickshire
       Police

1.25pm Summary and Close – Ché Donald, PFEW National Vice-Chair

1.30pm ‘Grab and go’ lunch

Please note this agenda may be subject to change
Ché has been a police officer with Sussex Police since 2002 and a Police Federation representative for nearly 14 years. He has been leading and driving a crucial piece of work looking at the links between demand, capacity and welfare. This work is bringing together decision makers and key stakeholders in policing, to find solutions to improve conditions for police officers and allow them to deliver a better service to the public. He has also nationally led for the Police Federation on Taser, Firearms and Police Officer Mental Health & Wellbeing, while also founding and delivering the popular Police Federation Post Incident Procedures (PIPs) Seminars.

John is a constable and joined Hampshire Constabulary in December 1992. Prior to joining as a regular, John was a Special Constable. He is passionate about fairness, which is one of the reasons he became a police officer. John has worked tirelessly to highlight the reality of violence against police officers and staff, and has created the ‘Seven Point Plan’ to ensure officers and police staff, assaulted at work, are treated as victims and given the support they fully deserve. John was also instrumental in helping to lay the foundations for PF EW’s ‘Protect the Protectors’ campaign and in ensuring that emergency service workers are now better protected from assault.

CC Anthony Bangham has strong connections with West Mercia, having grown up and lived within the force area his whole life, while also having the distinction of serving at every rank within the organisation prior to taking his current post in August 2016. He joined West Mercia Police in 1991 as a constable, working his way up the ranks in Herefordshire, Avon and West Somerset, and West Mercia, where he was appointed Chief Constable in 2016. Anthony is also the NPCC lead for Roads Policing with eight chief officers supporting him and leading on police pursuits, motorcycles, pedal cycles, police vehicle fleet, operations and intelligence.

Rob has been a Metropolitan Police Officer since 1995. In 2006 he transferred to the North East London Traffic Base in the role of Garage Sergeant until 2011 when he transferred to the Commercial Vehicle Unit. Rob was instrumental to the introduction of Graduated Deposit Fixed Penalty Notices (GDFPN) in 2012 and in 2018 reviewed policy to fall in line with the DVSA stance. Rob has developed simple toolbox talks for drivers and transport managers and has delivered talks to several companies, including large blue chip companies with the aim of enhancing road safety. Rob is particularly passionate about introducing the concept of ‘The Normalisation of Deviance’ into road safety with a view to seeking behavioural change from all road users.

Craig joined South Yorkshire Police in 1993 working in a number of different roles throughout his career. In 1997, Craig joined his Force traffic department and was promoted to Sergeant in 2001. In 2006, after a further promotion, he worked as the response team Inspector where he introduced the concept of ‘The Normalisation of Deviance’ into road safety with a view to seeking behavioural change from all road users.
Michael Collins joined the College of Policing in October 2018 as a Roads Policing and Stop and Search Adviser. His role is to draft and develop evidence-based standards in roads policing and stop and search, by consulting with and advising police forces, other agencies and stakeholders and embedding professional practice across policing. Michael spent 39 years working for West Yorkshire Police, predominantly in Roads Policing. His time with the force included 11 years as a Traffic Law and Forensic Collision Investigation trainer. He also worked as a Driver Trainer and was responsible for the training of Driver Trainers for 12 years.

Paul Farley joined the MIB enforcement team after 30 years’ experience with West Midlands Police. During his time with the force, Paul led teams across several portfolios including Traffic and Air Operations policing in addition to managing the West Midlands Casualty reduction team. During the latter part of his policing service he performed the role of tactical firearms commander in the Birmingham area. Paul explained: ‘I have a real passion for protecting people from harm and capitalising on my policing experience. Working for MIB across a multitude of different forces has brought some great success to date in reducing uninsured and untraced driving on UK roads. Police Federation members play a large part in making this difference to the public and we are really grateful for their support.’

Simon Hill
Metropolitan Police Federation
Simon joined Bedfordshire Police in 1995 and moved to the Metropolitan Police in 2002. He was one of the original officers posted to the proactive Islington Motorcycle Crime Unit, dealing with all aspects of crime associated with mopeds and motorcycles. Later moving to Traffic OCU, he became a Federation representative and has represented numerous officers in a wide range of areas, predominantly misconduct and driving matters, especially in relation to pursuits. Simon is Roads Policing Lead for the Metropolitan Police Federation and sits on PFEW National Roads Policing Group.

Paul Keasey
Head of National Roads Policing Intelligence Forum
Paul has more than 20 years policing experience in West Midlands Police, the second largest metropolitan police force undertaking operational, intelligence and criminal investigation roles in various ranks. As a previous head of the Central Motorway Police Group in the UK, he was responsible for the security and safety of more than 400 miles of the strategic road network. Paul is the UK representative on TiSPOL (European Roads Policing) and a member of the UK ANPR National strategy board. He is the national lead for the Roads Policing Intelligence NPCC Specialist Capability Programme of work.
Edmund King has been President of the Automobile Association since 2008 and is also a Visiting Professor of Transport at Newcastle University. He has written several reports on transport and often appears as a transport commentator on radio and television. He was awarded an OBE for ‘services to road safety’ in the 2016 Queen’s New Year Honours. He was runner-up in the Wolfson Economics Prize 2017 alongside his wife, Deirdre, for their thesis on ‘Road Miles’. He is also a high-level advisor for Climate Assembly UK.

Nick was appointed Head of Roads Policy and public affairs lead in January 2015. He is responsible for the RAC’s overall public affairs campaigns, Government relations and policy, taking a lead in measuring motoring opinion and devising the organisation’s public policy positions on motoring related issues. Nick also oversees much of the RAC’s research work which aims to make motoring safer, cheaper, greener and more enjoyable. Nick is a regular contributor and spokesperson on local and national news programming. Prior to this, he worked as a political adviser in the housing sector and started his career off as a political consultant for DeHavilland.

Kit Malthouse is a British politician, businessman and occasional writer serving as Minister of State for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service since 2019. A member of the Conservative Party, he has been the Member of Parliament for North West Hampshire since 2015.

Steve was an Acting Deputy Director in the IPCC and then within DMI when the IOPC was created. He has been an Operations Manager in the Sale Office working with Forces in the North West of England and on national initiatives. Prior to joining the IOPC Steve served with the Royal Military Police for 23 years working in a variety of response roles and latterly with the Special Investigations Branch (SIB) investigating serious offences around the globe involving service personnel.

Derek joined the National Roads Policing operations and Intelligence (NRPOI) Team in 2018 after over 30 years’ experience in law enforcement with Staffordshire Police. Derek has led teams across several portfolios including Roads Policing and Armed Response policing in addition to working regionally within the Central Motorway Police Group (CMPG) as the Strategic Development lead up until the end of his police service. Derek was responsible for implementing what still remains the largest Strategic Road Network ANPR infrastructure in the UK and was heavily involved in national work to develop and embed ANPR as an operational tool across policing. Derek currently leads on developing Operation Tutelage, a national vehicle compliance programme to tackle uninsured driving.

Tim Rogers joined West Midlands Police in 1995 and spent two decades in roads policing, initially as a traffic officer and then as a collision investigation specialist. He helped establish a regional collision investigation team on which he led shifts for eight years. Tim was elected as a Police Federation representative in 2004, a year after his promotion to sergeant. He joined the West Midlands Joint Branch Board full time as Deputy Secretary and later served on the PFEW national board for three years, until 2018.

Simulators adapted to each reality

Police officers are confronted every day with the most extreme risk situations, and their proper training is crucial.
Frances Senior  
NPCC Capability Manager - Forensic Collision Investigator  
Frances has 24 years of experience working for the Police service, and is the National Police Chiefs’ Council Capability Manager for Forensic Collision Investigation. Using her forensic background and strategic knowledge of collision investigation she currently leads a national project to raise standards and achieve ISO accreditation for the profession, while being committed to improving the services provided to victims and families of fatal and serious road traffic collisions.

Steven Toal  
Home Office  
Steven is currently in the Police Powers Unit at the Home Office leading on roads policing including police pursuits. Steven joined the civil service in 2015 and has worked in a number of policy roles across Whitehall with the Department for International Development, Cabinet Office and, more latterly, in prison reform at the Ministry of Justice.

Helen Wells  
Director of the Roads Policing Academic Network  
Dr Helen Wells has been researching roads policing topics for the last 20 years and has completed work for a variety of local, national and international funders on topics including distracted driving, ANPR, speed cameras, uninsured driving and Police and Crime Commissioner attitudes to roads policing. She is also the Director of the Roads Policing Academic Network, an interdisciplinary network of over 80 academics from Universities in the UK and beyond who have an interest in roads policing issues.

Katherine Williamson  
Department for Transport  
CRaSH lead  
Katherine has been a government analyst for over 15 years across the Home Office, MoJ, and DfE. Currently in DfT she is working on road safety as the lead for CRaSH and analysis to support the Road Policing review, and the Road Collision Investigation Project.

PC Wes Turner  
South Yorkshire Police  
PC Turner has 13 years service in the police following two years as a Special Constable. He first joined Thames Valley Police and after three years moved to South Yorkshire Police where he has been an officer for the past ten years. Wes has worked within Firearms and Roads Policing for the last six years. PC Turner has also for the last 12 months been a Drone Operator for the force having obtained a PfCO from the CAA.

Glynn Wallis-Jones  
Department for Transport  
Roads Policing Support  
Glyn served for 30 years with the Metropolitan Police retiring as a Detective Chief Superintendent in September 2014. During his service he was involved in borough and public order policing. He was a senior investigating officer running a murder investigation team and a borough crime manager. His final operational posting was as the operational head of roads policing for London. In January 2015 he joined the Department for Transport and is now the head of the Roads Policing Support Team. He is leading the Roads Policing review which is a joint project between the DfT, Home Office and national Police Chiefs’ Council.

DCC Terry Wood  
Lancashire Constabulary  
Terry has enjoyed a wide and varied career serving the public across many areas in Lancashire on a number of departments including Response, Road Policing & Motorway, Operational Support Unit, Child Sexual Exploitation Teams, Neighbourhood and Change Management. Terry is an accredited Counter Terrorism Commander, Specialist Strategic Firearms, CBRN, Public Order and Multi Agency Commander. He has commanded many large scale operations over a number of years including firearms and counter terrorism operations, and civil emergencies including flooding, demonstrations and football matches.

Gary Wright  
Roads Policing Subject Matter Network  
Gary joined Surrey Police in 1990, serving mainly in the Traffic department, which then became the wider Roads Policing Unit. With qualifications and experience in advanced driving, TPAC, vehicle examination and other specialist skills, Gary moved in to the force Serious Collision Investigation Unit in 2008, leading numerous complex investigations, qualified as a detective, headed the force Family Liaison Unit and was responsible for police driving standards until retirement. Gary then moved to a role within the IPCC developing a Roads Policing function along with policy and legal colleagues during the transition into the IOPC. He now works as the Operational Lead within the Roads Policing Subject Matter Network.
Speakers

PC Bruce Yacomeni
South Yorkshire Police

PC Yacomeni is a Police Officer with 20 years experience, 15 years of which in Roads Policing including 6 years in the Road Crime Team. For the last 12 months Bruce has been a Drone Operator for the force having obtained a PfCO from the CAA.
Progress in roads policing but much work to be done

2019 was definitely a breakthrough year in terms of roads policing. But, this only came as a result of tireless Federation campaigning on behalf of its members, the hard-working officers who if not policing our roads were definitely being used to police our communities.

After years of campaigning, we finally got a commitment from the Government to change legislation so that police drivers’ expertise and training is recognised in law. Cross-party support for a change to legislation means that we will no longer be judged against the careful and competent driver that is the expected standard of drivers. But then we don’t expect your average ‘careful and competent driver’ to be going through red lights, crossing the carriageway or exceeding the speed limit to get to an emergency call. All too often police drivers have found themselves facing months, and sometimes years, of legal and conduct proceedings simply for doing their job.

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2007 R v Milton was a significant case which confirmed no account whatsoever can be taken of a police driver’s specialist skills and training. He was initially acquitted on the basis that his driver training allowed him to do what he was doing on the night in question. Of course, on appeal, the law was then correctly applied and he was convicted of dangerous driving. The judgement here helped frame the solution we proposed in 2019, introducing the new test of a careful and competent police trained driver.

Two years later, the 2009 R v Craig Bannister case was a stark reminder of the issue at hand when Bannister was convicted of dangerous driving. There were numerous other cases that focused the campaign including Holden and Houghton et al these led to the introduction of the 2012 Crown Prosecutor’s Guidance. This was useful when applied but, with the then Independent Police Complaints Commission taking most killed or serious injury (KSI) cases, the guidance was ignored, meaning the law was applied and leading to officers being prosecuted.

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The bill hit some snags along the way but in 2018 the Government launched a consultation on the proposed changes to the law and by August that year I was confidently saying we were almost there although it was not until May 2019 that a ministerial statement was issued, announcing plans to change the law to give police drivers better protection from prosecution. Now, with the General Election out of the way, the Government has made a firm commitment to implement the new legislation during this Parliamentary calendar year as it was part of the Queen’s Speech. I am grateful for the support received from the Department for Transport, the Home Office and Her Majesty’s Government in making this significant progress.

While the success of this campaign represents a major breakthrough for the Federation, I am equally pleased that our calls for a comprehensive review of roads policing have also met with Government backing. The review has eight key strands and marks a huge step for roads policing and a massive opportunity to improve things since the Government seems to be conceding the 10 years of cuts have impacted on our ability to keep our roads safe. I am pleased that many of the national leads from the NPCC will be speaking at this year’s conference on these key areas. You will also hear from the Home Office regarding the new legislation.

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I am also keen to ensure we look at officer safety in more detail. Too many officers are getting killed or seriously injured by people prepared to use a vehicle as a weapon. We are training people to the point that we stop the vehicle, tactical contact, boxing, tpac and so on but have nothing by way of tactics for officers once they are out of the vehicle. We need the NPCC to mandate a consistent approach so that officers can have as much detail as possible.

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Passions and priorities for the future

I volunteered to chair PFEW’s Roads Policing User Group alongside my regular role as a Roads Policing Inspector in South Yorkshire Police, a position I have held for the last 11 years, because I have a passion for all things roads policing (or ‘traffic’, as us oldies call it).

I’m currently responsible for managing roads policing and other support departments, which includes the introduction of two exciting new teams in South Yorkshire: a new road crime team and an off-road motorcycle team. My current role includes reviewing force-wide pursuits and police involved collisions. I am also the force lead on vehicle hollow spiked stopping devices and represent the North East region on the National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC) pursuits working group. In addition, I sit on the strategic NPCC driver training group as well as representing the national Police Federation Roads Policing Forum.

Between 2011 and 2016, part of my role was to perform staff officer duties for DCC Holt, who was then the national pursuit lead. During that time, I was responsible for chairing working groups, reviewing pursuit guidance and the subsequent transition to the current pursuits authorised professional practice. One of my main aims was to reduce the number of injury related pursuits and fatalities with the aim of improving safety and the overall management of police pursuits, an issue that’s very close to my heart and that I continue to fight for.

Reducing fatalities and fighting for justice

I’m proud to say that during this time the national pursuits group saw a reduction in pursuit related fatalities to its lowest level since 2004. This was mainly due to the group’s commitment to improve standards and encourage forces to adopt the national guidance. We also worked hard to increase the use of ‘pre-emptive’ tactics, negating the need for pursuit wherever intelligence and information supported pre-emptive intervention.

In addition to this, DCC Holt and I were heavily involved in initial campaign to support the Federation in providing additional protection from prosecution to officers who were engaging in police pursuits.

My colleague and friend Tim Rogers has since taken up the fight, and has made great headway in achieving protection for our members so they can simply do the job expected of them. I’d like to congratulate Tim on his achievements, which have been nothing short of outstanding and we’re all confident of a change in legislation very soon.

As you can see, there’s much to be thankful for and excited about in roads policing, from the development of new pursuit tactics to the upcoming Department for Transport roads policing review, led by ACC Steve Barry. This review will hopefully seek to identify the gaps that have developed in the national capability to deliver roads policing effectively due to cuts and austerity. It seems the effects of the cuts are now starting to be recognised and finally we have some light at the end of tunnel with reinvestment into the role across many forces nationally.
Exhibitors

Stand 15
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As always, we have been given the tremendously difficult job of deciding on a winner for this year’s Outstanding Contribution to Roads Policing award. Here are snippets of the nomination stories, all proving their incredible value to the world of road policing.

PC Stu Block and PS Stacey Elliot, Sussex

PC Stu and PS Stacey were both involved as two of the roads policing unit tactical advisors for Operation Foreland, a major operation between Surrey and Sussex police surrounding a large international gathering of Hells’ Angels in the Crawley area.

They were both nominated due to the way they assisted in the development of new tactics and their deployment in order to deal with the issues that were being faced throughout this operation. It showed a great willingness for collaborative working to address problems and develop suitable tactics in response to changing circumstances.

DS Andy Cox, Metropolitan

As co-chair of the Vision Zero steering group, working with Transport for London (TfL), Andy adopted a co-coordinating group structure aiming it specifically at road danger and bringing together the middle management leads who were going to be overseeing the work on the roads of London. Representatives from roads policing and TfL coordinate work to target dangerous roads, dangerous behaviours and dangerous offenders.

Andy’s dedication to the group has been invaluable and although it is far too early to say that they are on course to get to zero fatalities and serious injuries on London’s roads by 2041, 2018 saw a promising start with the lowest ever recorded figure of fatalities.

Essex SCIU Department

Essex Police Serious Collision Investigation Unit (SCIU) was nominated for their “professionalism, drive and work towards reducing collisions on the roads of Essex”.

The team of 12 Detective Constables and four Detective Sergeants have been commended for their passion, working above and beyond to get the results for families involved in fatal collisions and serious life-changing crashes. Essex Police has seen a number of changes and challenges, but the SCIU always step up and are always at the end of the phone.

PC Christina Lane, Sussex

Christina was called in to assist the major crime team with Operation Oxbridge where two officers were hit by another vehicle during a routine traffic stop, causing serious injuries to them both. Christina was used in her advanced interviewer role and worked tirelessly for very long hours whilst remaining methodical and diligent, impressing her superiors with her resilience, knowledge and calmness. Coming in early the next day, Christina remained incredibly proactive in dealing with the suspect effectively and compassionately.

PC Craig Davies, Avon & Somerset

PC Craig Davies, a very experienced Family Liaison Officer based at Almondsbury, was nominated because of his assistance and support of the family of a 14-year-old boy who was killed when struck by a car travelling at excessive speed. Craig committed himself to making the needs of the family his priority, with calm and dignified authority for over a year. It was an excellent team effort for all involved, however, those who nominated him felt that Craig should be formally recognised for the significant part he played.

Sgt Julian Ditcham, Suffolk

Julian Ditcham is the ‘go-to’ person for all roads policing matters within Suffolk Constabulary. Over the past 10 years, Julian has taken on the responsibility for planning and organising the force’s response to national and international roads partnership campaigns and has developed enforcement operations to include partnership agencies such as Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC), Trading Standards and Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA). These campaigns have produced significant results in terms of enforcement and driver education and thus provides worthy cause for this nomination.

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Lincolnshire SCIU Department
This small Serious Collision Investigation Unit (SCIU) works tirelessly to meet demands posed by the relatively high number of road deaths. Their professionalism has been recognised by the newly appointed coroner, who has praised the department on numerous occasions. Their workload to staff ratio is phenomenal with many of the team double-and-triple hatting to ensure that families are supported and provided with the answers they need. In 2019 they dealt with over 57 life-threatening or fatal collisions, more than average for their neighbouring forces. The department deserves recognition for their resilience, determination to obtain answers for the families of victims, and continuous professionalism.

DS Kevin May, Essex
The passion Kevin holds for improving the roads of Essex is unquestionable and continuously strives to provide the best service to the families he represents. He was instrumental in the development and national roll-out of a new roads policing Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) course, which is hoped to become the basic standard for detectives investigating collisions. Kevin has been part of the national strategic serious collision world for a long time with his knowledge and experience is very highly thought of. Kevin has been the ‘go-to’ person for many people at all stages of their road policing careers.

PC Geoff Newman, Surrey
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PC Martin Tranmer, Cleveland Police
As a key member of his team, Martin has an incredibly impressive work ethic. A Family Liaison Officer (FLO), Martin has been exposed to some extremely distressing situations but continues to demonstrate unquestionable professionalism, compassion and empathy to all cases he’s involved in. Martin also carries out the fitting, diagnostic, upgrades and support for Cleveland’s Automated Number Plate Reader (ANPR) system (clear tone). This has saved Cleveland thousands of pounds- Martin does this for free and in his own time. As if that wasn’t enough, he also uses his spare time to mentor new traffic officers. He’s a credit to Cleveland Police and to all those he works with.

PC Lou Phipps, Avon & Somerset
A road traffic collision in December 2009 led to the death of Matt Pott whose car collided with another travelling at excess speed. PC Lou was assigned to Matt’s case and despite the fact that she formally exited the role at the close of the court case, continued to be available to take calls from Matt’s mother, Wendy. Some years later, Wendy contacted Lou to ask if she could contact the Family Liaison Officers (FLO) working with the families of the Manchester Arena attack earlier that year. Wendy was a member of a group of mothers who had lost children through various circumstances, and had been knitting ‘mourning blankets’ to give to the families who lost loved ones in the attack. On the group’s behalf, Lou contacted Greater Manchester Police and a date was set where Wendy delivered the blankets as a gesture of solidarity. Lou’s level of commitment is truly inspiring and certainly deserves to be noted.
Charities up and down the country are providing assistance to current and former police officers and their families. Rehabilitation and assistance after injury, supporting loved ones of officers who die in service and providing financial help are just some of the ways they help. Police Charities UK is a consortium of police-related charities which meet with the Police Federation of England and Wales to find ways to collaborate to help benefit police officers and their families. It is not a merger of charities and the PFEW does not influence any of the charities, but is certainly proud to support their vital work.

**Sarah Johnson, Chair, Police Charities UK**

**Avon and Somerset Constabulary Benevolent Fund**
Created in 1974, the registered charity provides financial help to existing Avon and Somerset Constabulary officers and retired colleagues.

**The Blue Lamp Foundation**
PC David Rathband's Blue Lamp Foundation helps support serving members of the emergency services who have been injured whilst on duty.

**Care of Police Survivors (COPS)**
Providing practical and emotional support for families of police officers and staff who have lost their lives on duty.

**Christian Police Association**
Founded in 1883 by Catherine Gurney, OBE, the Christian Police Association acts as a national voice to encourage and support Christians in the police service.

**The Gurney Fund**
The Gurney Fund offers support relating to the education and development for children of police officers, where a parent has died or retired on ill health grounds.

**Metropolitan and City Police Orphans Fund**
Supporting children in full-time education of serving and former officers of the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police forces who are either deceased or retired on pension.

**National Police Memorial Day (NPMD)**
Founded by Sergeant Joe Holness after fellow Kent officer, Constable Jon Odell, was killed in 2000, the aim of NPMD is to remember officers who have been killed or died on duty.

**North West Police Benevolent Fund (NWPBF)**
The North West Police Benevolent Fund provides services for members and their immediate family and surviving partners.

**The Police Arboretum Memorial Trust**
The Trust was founded in 2015 to establish a new UK Police Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire where the UK’s year-round centre for remembrance, ceremony and quiet reflection resides.

**Police Care UK**
Charity for serving veteran police officers and staff, volunteers, and their families offering access to confidential practical, emotional and financial support.

**Police Firearms Officers’ Association (PFOA)**
Managed by serving and retired police officers, the PFOA provides discreet welfare support to officers and families involved in firearms operations.

**Police Medical Welfare Service (PMWS)**
Provided by the Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS), PMWS provides support to officers and police staff with medical needs with the aim to improve recovery time, wellbeing and resilience across the force.
The Police Memorial Trust
Formed in 1984 by Film Producer Michael Winner after the fatal shooting of police officer Yvonne Fletcher, the trust’s objective is to erect memorials to British police officers killed in the line of duty.

Police Pensioners’ Housing Association (PPHA)
Founded in 1968, the PPHA provides sheltered, warden-assisted accommodation for police pensioners and their spouses, their widows or widowers who are over sixty years of age.

Police Rehabilitation Centre, Flint House
Flint House focuses on assisting serving officers back to full duties using sophisticated and specialised programmes of treatments and therapies.

Police Roll of Honour Trust
Founded in 2000, the Police Roll of Honour Trust pays tribute to some 5,000 British police officers who have been killed or died on duty since the first recorded death on duty of an unknown Constable in 1680.

The Police Treatment Centres (PTC)
PTC is a registered charity which provides treatment and support, including intensive, police-specific, physiotherapy and rehabilitation, for injured and ill police officers and retired officers.

Scottish Police Benevolent Fund (SPBF)
The official charity of the Police Service of Scotland, the aim is to deliver high quality benevolent & welfare service to improve the quality of life of its membership who are in conditions of need.

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