

Metropolitan Police Roads and Transport Policing Command (RTPC)

The RTPC, established in 2014/15 is a partnership between us and the MPS that provides for around 2,000 officers focusing on London's roads, bus network and taxi and private hire services. TfL funds approximately 65% of the Command under a special services agreement with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) to the value of around £100m.

Objectives include: safeguarding, public transport reliability, improving staff and customer confidence, road danger reduction, international/domestic terrorism and transport crime.

Team	Purpose	Example activities
Safer Transport Teams (Police officers and Police Community Support Officers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide neighbourhood policing teams for TfL's public transport network with coverage in every London Borough - Focus on prevention, problem-solving, reassurance and engagement, visible presence on network - Provide some capability for real-time response to incidents on bus network - Focus on crime and more serious antisocial behaviour - Investigation of lower-level crime - Support Vision Zero enforcement and engagement activity - Support all the Command's priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patrolling transport hubs / key bus routes at key times (e.g. after school) - Policing operations (robbery, violence, sexual offences, Safer Travel at Night) - Support for revenue protection activity (joint exercises with CPOS operational staff) - Attend bus garages for briefings on work-related violence - Public engagement (e.g. at mosques to provide reassurance about crime) and crime prevention - School visits and supporting London Transport Museum education sessions - Provide support for transport strikes - Reassurance patrols to prevent bus service withdrawals - Road traffic enforcement and supporting NPCC roads policing campaigns - Community Roadwatch, working with volunteers, to identify speeding vehicles
Taxi and Private Hire Policing Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevention and investigation of taxi and private hire journey-related sexual offence allegations - Deterring, disruption and detecting illegal taxi and private hire activity (unlicensed, touting/unlawful plying for hire) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uniformed and plain clothes patrols to identify touts and illegal TPH activity - Targeted policing operations in hotspot areas - Support for Operation Safer Travel at Night (vehicle and driver checks, public engagement)

(Police officers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Police traffic enforcement of TPH vehicles (taking unroadworthy vehicles off the road) - Supporting TfL's on-street compliance activity to drive up standards - Customer safeguarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with the TPH industry to improve safety standards for drivers and customers (e.g crime prevention advice) - Vehicle roadworthiness checks and road traffic enforcement - Monitoring of known offenders - Investigate large-scale operator and driver fraud allegations
Red Route Teams (Police Community Support Officers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enforce parking and loading offences on the TLRN on behalf of TfL - Provide traffic management support for unplanned incidents and events - Support inspection and reporting on TLRN roadworks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issue Penalty Charge Notices to drivers contravening red route parking and loading controls - Provide coverage across London with a focus on areas with higher levels of non-compliance or when non-compliance is causing safety risks
Cycle Safety Team (Police officers on bicycles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the safety of cyclists by enforcing vehicle and cycle offences - Road traffic enforcement in support of Vision Zero - Working with TfL to reduce barriers to cycling - Provide expert advice and training on cycling and other forms of micro-mobility and managing risks (including training for MPS teams and new recruits) - Attend cycle fatal collisions and make recommendations to highway authorities on how to prevent cycle-related collisions - Support for TfL's cycle hire scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Run close pass operations (identifying vehicles that are driving too close to cyclists (plain clothes police officers on cycles), issuing a ticket or education intervention) - Run Exchanging Places initiative (cyclists have an opportunity to sit in HGV and see blind spots) - Part of project team for TfL's e-scooter rental trials - Private e-scooter enforcement and seizures - Support to TfL's Cycle Hire scheme to recover missing/stolen bikes - Enforcement patrols on bicycle in hotspot areas / support the introduction of new cycling infrastructure - Attend cycle fatalities to make recommendations
Motorcycle Safety Team (Police Officers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the safety of powered 2 wheelers by enforcing vehicle and motorcycle offences - Road traffic enforcement in support of Vision Zero - Provide expert advice on P2W safety issues (including training for MPS teams and new recruits) - Run training courses for motorcyclists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patrol key corridors enforcing risky P2W behaviour or traffic offences putting P2Ws at risk - Run over 600 Bikesafe London (urban riding) courses a month (aimed at most-risk groups) - Engagement with gig economy and delivery companies to keep riders safe

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend P2W fatal collisions and make recommendations to highway authorities on how to prevent cycle-related collisions 	
<p>Commercial Vehicle Unit</p> <p>(Police Officers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on construction and waste and heavy goods vehicles to reduce road danger and the risk of fatal and serious injury collisions - Work in partnership with other enforcement agencies (e.g. DVSA) to identify and investigate rogue, serially non-compliant and high-risk operators, vehicles and drivers and remove them from the roads - Provide expert advice to TfL and wider MPS on the management of risks relating to heavy good vehicles - Enforce construction and use regulations - Attend scene of fatal collisions involving HGVs where expertise is needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevention of and response to incidents at Blackwall and Rotherhithe Tunnels and across other key road tunnels - Stop sites at key locations (checking vehicle and safety standards, driver's licence and compliance with working hours etc) - Compliance checks for TfL-set standards and initiatives – Direct Vision Standard, Safer Lorry Scheme – and passing intelligence to TfL - Developed and deliver award winning 'Toolbox talks' for industry, delivered to over 40k drivers in last year - Identify and take action against unauthorised abnormal loads and overweight vehicles, particularly at vulnerable structures - Targeted roadside enforcement based on TfL/partnership analysis - Part of project team for Silvertown Tunnel
<p>Roads Policing Teams</p> <p>(Traffic Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead responsibility in the MPS for policing London's roads (reducing road danger and denying criminals the use of the road) - Proactive traffic enforcement focussing on Vision Zero priority offences (speeding, mobile phones, dangerous/careless driving, drink/drug driving unlicensed and uninsured etc) - Provide 24/7 emergency response to incidents on the road network (with a focus on safety and reducing traffic disruption) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Police Community Support Officer deployments of mobile safety cameras to deal with speeding - Large-scale policing operations to reduce road danger - Operation Revoke – working with DVLA to remove licences from high-risk drivers (including for medical reasons) - Problem-solving interventions to close down car meets and reduce illegal car racing - Monitoring of high-risk drivers (multiple driving disqualifications etc)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide skilled pursuit capability for MPS - Provide traffic management support and road closures for major and ceremonial events and public order/protests - Support collision investigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enforce parking and loading contraventions on the red route and carry out inspections on behalf of TfL for our lane rental scheme - Undertake Environmental Visual Audits at high risk/problem locations to inform interventions - Traffic planning advice and road engineering guidance - Minimising congestion for planned and unplanned events on London's roads including demonstrations and sporting events
Serious Collision Investigation Unit / Forensic Collision Investigation Unit (Police Officers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate fatal, life changing and life-threatening road traffic collisions - Communication and support for bereaved families (undertaken by trained Family Liaison Officers) - Ensure learning from collision investigation is passed to Traffic Management Officers for dissemination to relevant authorities - Provide expertise and guidance to investigators of serious and slight injury collisions 	-24/7 call our response to fatal and complex road traffic collisions
Traffic Management Office (Police officers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide traffic management and engineering expertise and feedback on behalf of the MPS – it is a statutory obligation for Highway Authorities to consult with the emergency services) on planned changes to the highway. - Act on behalf of the coroner, attending the scene of fatal/catastrophic injury collisions and making engineering/infrastructure recommendations to relevant highway authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review plans from TfL/local authority for road schemes and make recommendations (from both a road safety, crime prevention and emergency response perspective) - Work with highway authorities to make improvements identified through the investigation of fatal/catastrophic injury collisions
Police Driving Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set standards and develop policies for MPS drivers (including response and pursuit) for safe driving practices - Develop tactics and guidance for MPS drivers 	- Support the investigation of police-related traffic collisions

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MPS Safety Camera Enforcement		
TfL funds the MPS to undertake enforcement of its extensive safety camera network across London. The is making excellent progress on the commitment to build capacity to enforce 1m speeding offences by 24/25 (up from 160k in 2018/19).		
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Safety camera enforcement (Police officer and police civilian staff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribute to Vision Zero by enforcing speed and red-light offences detected through TfL's safety cameras. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process offences, issue a Notice of Intended Prosecution or offer of a Speed Awareness Course. - Attend court where drivers have pleaded not guilty - Work with us to ensure that the safety camera network is enforceable (commissioning of sites, logging of fault repairs/maintenance issues) <p><i>This team provides other important traffic criminal justice functions that are outside of the special services agreement with TfL but make a valuable contribution to tackling road danger.</i></p>