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Policy owned by Operational Services**Carriage of Dangerous Goods****1. Policy Purpose and key drivers**

The carriage of dangerous and hazardous substances by road poses obvious and real dangers to members of the public. To ensure the highest standards of safety a comprehensive and world wide system of legislative restrictions is in place. The legislation in the European Community is virtually standard across all its member states, but it can only be effective when backed by an effective system of enforcement.

The potential for criminal activity including terrorism to be involved in the carriage of dangerous and hazardous substances is proven also approximately 70% of all vehicles travelling on the road networks of the United Kingdom will also carry some form of dangerous goods. Changes in The European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) also encompass smaller loads and implements the requirements for small load carries to have suitable training in place.

This provides an illustration of a need to enforce and educate carriers of dangerous and hazardous goods by road to assist with road safety alongside public and environmental safety.

The involvement of vehicles carrying hazardous substances in collisions or equipment failure, resulting in actual or potential leaks is highly likely and Staffordshire Police through this policy intend to respond efficiently and professionally to such incidents.

The carriage by road of hazardous substances is commonly abbreviated to 'Hazchem' or 'Hazmat'.

In the United Kingdom the responsibility for enforcement of Hazchem legislation lies with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). However, in April 2002 following agreement between the HSE and ACPO the powers of inspection and prohibition were devolved to the Police.

Due to the associated dangers, only officers who have received training are authorised to examine vehicles carrying dangerous goods and engage in such activities.

This policy details the requirements for training, enforcement and recording to ensure that Staffordshire Police has a robust system of enforcement.

The aim of the policy is to ensure that officers apply the legislation in a manner that is robust and ethical.

Related Documents

Links to related

[Carriage of Dangerous Goods – Action On Receipt Of Reported Incident](#)

documents: (Procedure)
 Carriage of Dangerous Goods – Identifying Common Hazards, Vehicle Identification Methods & Documentation (Procedure)
 Carriage of Dangerous Goods – Safe Stopping of Vehicles & Completion of Documentation (Procedure)
 Carriage of Dangerous Goods – Training, Prohibition Powers & the role of the HAZCHEM Liaison Officer. (Procedure)

Gatekeeper - the Author suggested the following Procedure document(s) to link to.
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Relevant Dates and Review Period	
Effective Date:	29/04/2016
Review Date:	01/05/2018
Review Frequency:	Annually

Policy Basis and Implications

- 2. Legal Basis: The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2007 (Carriage Regulations);
 The European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR);
 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

- 3. Management of Police Information (MoPI): **MoPI Policing Purpose:**
 Protecting Life and Property, Preserving order, Preventing the commission of offences, Bringing offenders to justice, Any duty or responsibility arising from common or statute law
MoPI Review, Retention and Disposal addressed as follows:
 Following each vehicle being stopped for a Carriage of dangerous goods check Form 10-500 will be completed by a trained Officer and submitted to the HLO. If the vehicle requires a deferred or immediate prohibition Form PN (Prohibition Notice) will also be submitted.

 Once received paperwork will be submitted by the HLO into the public register which can be found in the Roads Policing Office. Each submission will be easily identifiable as to the level of enquiry. All paperwork will be retained for 5 years from the date of issue.

 All records will be reviewed by the HLO. They will be retained in accordance with the above HSE guidelines to comply with national policy. Paper records will be retained in secure storage within the Force Roads Policing Team. Disposal will be by secure shredding by the HLO. On submission of all paperwork the HLO will be responsible for checking the accuracy of all electronic records. SPIN (Staffordshire Police Intelligence Network) will be weeded after a maximum of 12 months.

- 4. Associated Benefits: The benefits of this policy will be that best practice and adherence to National policy and HSE guidance in this area of legislation will be adhered to ensuring a high standard of enforcement and ensuring the Communities of Staffordshire are safer.

- 5. Consultation: TSD Senior Management;
 TPU (Contingencies);

- 6. Financial Implications: The funding for the training and implementation and development of CDG enforcement is supplied by the Division each trained officer is attached to.
 The implementation of this policy does not effect that funding.

- 7. Human Resources / Training is sourced through external organisations and approved by

Training: Force training.

Details of officers authorised at the identified levels should be recorded on their respective Force Human Resources, in order that ready access can be obtained in the event of an incident requiring their expertise.

8. Associated Policy: None

FOI, Human Rights and Equality Impact Assessment

Indicators

FOIA:	Release to Public		
ECHR:	Compliant with proportionality test	Articles engaged:	Article 6 Fair Trial; Article 7 No Punishment without Law; Protocol, Article 1 - Protection of Property
EIA:	Compliant	Compliant with Code of Ethics:	Yes

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