



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Now 'Police Chiefs PLC' cashes in on speeding drivers

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ACPO will earn millions from the 'retraining' of drivers caught breaking the speed limit

Britain's most powerful policing organisation has set up a private company to cash in on its own orders to send speeding drivers on retraining courses.

The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has told all police forces that from April hundreds of thousands of motorists should be sent on Speed Awareness Schemes rather than receiving penalty points and fines.

At the same time it has set up a new company which will earn millions of pounds running the only database recording which motorists are eligible for 'retraining'.

ACPO is already under fire after The Mail on Sunday disclosed that, despite setting police policy on everything from anti-terrorism to speed cameras, it is a private company - dubbed Police Chiefs PLC by this newspaper - with an annual income, mostly funded by the taxpayer, of £18million.

Now it is set to earn an estimated £5million a year checking speeding drivers' eligibility for the national Driver Offender Retraining Scheme. The work is being done by ACPO subsidiary company **Road Safety Support (RSS)**. It will oversee a database that holds records on whether speeding drivers are disqualified from taking a retraining course because they had already taken one in the previous three years. More...Police chiefs sell 60p criminal record checks for £70

According to the DVLA, this database was set up by the Government agency but in January 2008 was turned over to ACPO. **Now RSS has the job of running the database and police forces will be charged £5 for each driver's details checked.** Last year 2.1million drivers were caught speeding in the UK. If only half qualify for a training course, the company will generate an income of more than £5million a year by checking drivers' eligibility.

RSS also makes money from around 30 police and local authorities running safety camera partnerships.

RSS is yet to file accounts with Companies House but it has told local police that this operation will generate a turnover of £900,000 in its first year of operation. It earns this money by charging speed camera partnerships a percentage of the £110million Government grant each area gets to spend on road safety projects. The speed camera managers are promised access to RSS's self-styled 'Dream Team' of experts to combat 'loophole lawyers' who get clients acquitted of offences on technicalities. But RSS lawyer Andrew Perry actually works for the Crown Prosecution Service and his work is already funded by the taxpayer.

Last night a CPS spokesman said: **'Andrew Perry is a Crown Advocate, employed by and paid by the CPS, who is seconded to work with Road Safety Support. RSS pay the CPS the full cost of this secondment.'**

An ACPO spokesman said: **'ACPO is introducing** speed awareness courses nationally. Driver Offender Retraining course attendance will...be held with the Police National Computer. Administration will be provided by RSS. *The database administration charge is £1.50. It is proposed that this will increase to £5. RSS does not make profits and any surplus will be returned to road safety initiatives.*' (A bit like the banks who actually make a loss but pay their bosses £millions)

The PPP comments We posted the story about RSS in December 2007. We followed up a story in MCN to discover the details of the company RSS. For over 4 years we have been saying that the so called **Road Safety Partnerships are really an '**Unholy Alliance**' designed to pervert the course of justice and persecute all road users by whatever means possible. The hidden agenda behind speed cameras was revealed in a document sent to the ABD in 2003. Since the infamous and seriously flawed report by Sir William Macpherson in 1999 the Police have been obsessed with being labeled institutionally RACIST. The reality is that they, the upholders and would be makers of the law are actually INSTITUTIONALLY dishonest. Racism is just one symptom of this as is the fitting up of suspects by the millions for traffic offences or very many for murder. Needless to say deep within this morass of dishonesty is our Chief Constable, labeled disingenuous by a Judge even before, he was gifted the North Wales job by Malcolm King and Co.**

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