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## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

### Purge on drivers who break the law

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**SEVENTY-EIGHT** motoring crimes were detected in just one day in a joint clampdown between the police and the council.

Officers from the North Wales force and Denbighshire Trading Standards stopped vehicles on the **A525 St Asaph to Rhuddlan Road** last week.

Six overweight vehicles were served with prohibition notices and one fixed penalty was issued to a motorist carrying a dangerous load.

One vehicle was seized and one taxi was suspended for having an expired Vehicle Excise Licence.

Other offences included **motorists with no driving licence or MoT certificates.**

**Four drivers were not wearing seatbelts** and one person was caught smoking in a smoke-free vehicle, while **58 cautions were issued for no sign displayed in smoke-free vehicles.**

**Councillor Eryl Williams**, cabinet member for environment, *said: "We were surprised to identify so many offences in one day.*

*This kind of enforcement activity is designed to make our roads safer by identifying any problems with vehicles, whether they adhere to the law and whether they should be on the road in the first place. This enforcement sends out a clear message to the public that these kinds of offences are taken extremely seriously and will not be tolerated on **the roads of Denbighshire.**"*

**The PPP comments .... If a vehicle counter had been used we would know the approximate % of illegal vehicles/drivers using our roads. Our recent News flash highlighted the problems with dangerous vehicles from abroad.**

**The PPP have been campaigning for 5 years for more highway patrols that would detect BUT more importantly DETER such blatant abuses as the overloading of goods vehicles. It seems that 58 of these 78 'crimes' were not displaying 'NO SMOKING' signs. The NWPF will know if any of the type of issues listed actually caused or contributed to the 100s of serious and FATAL incidents each year across North Wales. Maybe the Daily Post could ask the question!**