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## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

The PPP support good POSITIVE ideas to improve safety on our roads and we include *those below*.

Brunstrom sent two officers of NWPF to Australia to 'look at speed camera operations' BUT they did they consider? far more positive <u>recent initiatives! to cut young driver</u> <u>fatalities in Australia.</u>

**The Graduated Licensing Scheme** involves new drivers progressing through three licensing stages and four tests before gaining a full licence. Before the introduction of the GLS, there was no mandatory minimum number of hours of on-road driving required before obtaining a provisional licence.

As the first group of drivers completing the Graduated Licensing Scheme have only recently progressed to full licences, no comprehensive evaluation of the scheme has yet been able to be conducted. Additional requirements placed on young drivers through the Graduated Licensing Scheme and since its introduction have included:

1. A mandatory minimum 50 hours of on-road supervised driving experience while a Learner driver.

2. A minimum period of 12 months on a P1 licence.

*3.* A maximum of 3 demerit points on P1, after which the licence is suspended for three months.

4. A mandatory hazard perception test before progressing to P2.

5. A minimum period of 24 months on P2.

6. A maximum of 6 demerit points for P2, after which the licence is suspended for three months.

7. A mandatory driver qualification test before progressing to an unrestricted licence.

8. A ban on L and P drivers carrying more passengers than the number of available seat belts.

9. A ban on L and P drivers carrying passengers in the boot of a car.

10. A zero blood alcohol limit for all L, P1 and P2 licence holders.

## At 30 June 2004, there were about 188,800 people with a Learner permit, 125,500 with a P1 licence and 150,800 with a P2 licence.

## <u>Recent initiatives to cut young driver fatalities in N.Wales ..</u> <u>nothing new that we are aware of!!</u>

The maximum use of speed cameras continues to criminalise all those driving in the 10-4 period which suits the Arrive Alive lazy layabouts......i.e mostly business and older folk. Eventually licences and jobs are lost. The Young are being pressurised by spiralling insurance costs to drive uninsured then unlicensed AND uninsured .....and then jailed using Brunstrom's other obsession the number plate recognition system.

So young and foolish drivers are **fast tracked** (a favourite expression and applied to Brunstrom's career in the police!).....to become drug addicted old cons if they don't end up dead in a ditch from an RTA.

This together with the negative & divisive ASBO scheme will alienate more and more young people. Brunstrom's and the government policy will generate an area gang culture that **was so dramatically displayed in the American Hill Street Blues police drama**. The Police chief had to negotiate with the gang leaders!.