



# Vanguard Road Safety Team

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Served with Surrey Police for  
over 18 years

Over 16 years experience on the  
Roads Policing Unit

Created digital solutions to  
ensure efficient processes for  
recording collisions and traffic  
related processes

Lead investigator for Fatal  
collisions





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- Surrey's Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) collision numbers increased in 2018 and that concerning trend continued – even through lockdown.
- Traditional Roads Policing teams constantly committed on responding to or dealing with collisions, crime prevention & detection activities or abstracted on other incidents.
- This resulted in the Roads Policing Unit not having the resources or time to effectively target individuals suspected of being a threat to themselves or others through their driving behaviour.
- Equally they were not always able to patrol known problem areas to prevent or deal with road related offending.





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- Funded under the PCC's Op Uplift initiative
  - Supports the PCC's Police and Crime Plan to ensure safer roads in Surrey
- 10 Constables and 2 Sergeants
- Equipment, vehicles, training and office space funded through Surrey's Safety Camera Partnership
- Dedicated team of officers, working across Surrey to target suspected individuals or known problem areas
- Deploy a variety of tactics – from unmarked cars, pedal cycle patrol, static enforcement etc
- Coined the phrase 'We can't be everywhere, but could be anywhere'

The Vanguard Road Safety Team focus on preventing collisions through Education, Engagement and Enforcement with a strong priority on the 'Fatal 5' offences.



The Fatal 5 are the 5 offence types which play a significant factor in Fatal or Serious Injury collisions

These factors were significant in 80% of Surrey's KSI

Fatal 5	2019 - 2021
Drink and/or Drug driving	10%
Distracted driving (use of handheld mobile phone etc)	4%
No seatbelt	11%
Speed related (both excessive or inappropriate)	32%
Careless / dangerous driving	23%



The team also target and investigate:

- Disqualified and unlicensed drivers
- Uninsured drivers – Op Tutelage / Op Tutelage Plus
- Car meets to ensure minimal community impact and the safety of those attending
- Support neighbourhood Policing by patrolling and taking action in known issue areas



# Current status

Soft launch in June 2022

- 5 Constables and 2 Sergeants

Recruited a dedicated Researcher in July 2022

Full launch in October 2022

- 10 Constables and 2 Sergeants

Currently only operating with two vehicles (plus Brompton) due to manufacturing delays.













# Results from 2022...



- 60% of all targets stopped – up from low 20% prior to Vanguard
- Over 40% of those resulted in an arrest or vehicle seizure
  - Others offences dealt with by traditional 'tickets'
- Over 650 Fatal 5 offences dealt with
- Over 450 other offences (licence and insurance etc) dealt with
- 93 individuals arrested
- 130 vehicles seized
- Several thousand people spoken to over 9 days at the five events attended





# 2023 and beyond...

- Continue with excellent intercept rate of targets
- Develop further tactics and strategies
  - Support Highways England's Op Tramline initiative
- Increase presence by attending more events
- Make use of Social Media to reach individuals who we would otherwise miss
- Provide additional support to neighbourhood teams for car meeting issues
- Work hard to drive down the number of people seriously injured or killed on Surrey's roads



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