European Road Safety - is there a common understanding?

**POLICE**

*is the executing controlling body of the responsible authorities* and has to

- operate according to the applicable legal situation
- consider local problems
- carry out control measures on temporary and local hot spots
- generate preventive effects by a carefully considered enforcement pressure
- report about traffic control measures as an important contribution to the work on road safety
European Road Safety - is there a common understanding?

EXPECTATIONS

of the Austrian Federal Police

1. International regulations (i.e. vehicle technology, cross border enforcement of traffic regulations/violations)
2. Steering of control activities (national/federal state) to avoid excessive administrative efforts
3. Adequate infrastructure for traffic control measures
4. High sense of responsibility and more attention to the traffic rules of each road user
POLICE

for safety on
Austrian
motorways!

Widmann Markus, Colonel – TRAFFIC POLICE of the Tyrol
example of the Tyrol:

- **HIGHWAY POLICE**: 130 officers
  - various duties on the motorways only

- **TRAFFIC POLICE**: 60 officers
  - special operations, traffic control, traffic information and planning of control measures such as
    - radar
    - patrols in plain clothes/unmarked cars, with video
    - technical inspections
    - hazmat transportation inspections
    - patrols with motorbikes (i.e. to protect sport-events)
**Duties and responsibilities:**

- take care of accidents, provide assistance, secure evidence, interrogate, report to court
- traffic re-routing measures
- traffic control
- investigate criminal cases
Duties and responsibilities:

• „monitoring“ the compliance of the traffic regulations
  
  • speeding
  • alcohol + drugs
  • distance measurement
  • seatbelt/crash helmet
  • driving licence
  • driving ban (i.e. weekend, night)
  • lorries

• assistance to the Highway Police
• traffic information
several checkpoints allow a perfect inspection of lorries
CROSS BORDER COOPERATION

Italy – Austria – Germany

South Tyrol (Sterzing/Bozen) – Tyrol (Innsbruck) - Bavaria (Rosenheim)

- joint patrols on motorways
- joint lorry-inspections
- mutual support in case of heavy accidents or adversities near the border
- mutual traffic information
- periodic meetings to exchange experiences
### Road Accidents:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Kilometer A + S</th>
<th>Accidents with Injured Persons</th>
<th>Injured Persons</th>
<th>Fatalities</th>
<th>Accidents Material Damage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>223</td>
<td>178</td>
<td>287</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>1.175</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>223</td>
<td>234</td>
<td>344</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1.360</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- 24%
- 17%

### Traffic Monitoring:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Speeding</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Alcohol</th>
<th>Breathtests</th>
<th>Lorry-Offences</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>40.000</td>
<td>8.500</td>
<td>470</td>
<td>22.000</td>
<td>32.000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>35.900</td>
<td>10.100</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>20.700</td>
<td>29.000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Thank you for your attention

Road Safety Projects 2001 – 2008
Federal State of the Tyrol