

Driving Standards

1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 British Transport Police (BTP) will ensure that driving standards exist to enhance the safety of employees and the public.
- 1.2 Drivers of force vehicles must drive in a manner that projects a professional image of BTP.
- 1.3 Drivers must ensure that the vehicle is safely driven, maintained for safety and is roadworthy at all times. Ability to carry out a basic vehicle check will be covered in the basic driver assessment.
- 1.4 Drivers are required to familiarise themselves with the contents of the supporting procedures.
- 1.5 BTP Officers are required to wear uniform whilst driving marked police vehicles, except where vehicles are out of service and clearly marked to show this.

2. OVERVIEW

- 2.1 This policy replaces all previous driving standards policy and procedures. It has been written to reflect changes in guidance and procedures recommended centrally by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), and changes required to mitigate the Management of Occupational Road Risk. It also includes current interpretation of relevant legislation.
- 2.2 This policy applies to England, Wales and Scotland unless otherwise stated.
- 2.3 This policy applies to all BTP employees.

2.4 The aim of the policy and, in particular, the assessment and driving skills review is to emphasise the need to maintain high driving standards and to deal effectively and transparently with employees whose driving standards fall below an acceptable standard.

3. APPLICABLE DATE, MONITORING AND REVIEW

3.1 This policy is applicable from 19 May 2008.

3.2 This policy will be reviewed in May 2011.

4. OWNERSHIP

4.1 This policy is owned by ACC (London and Olympics).

4.2 Any questions and comments related to this policy should be directed to FHQ Civil Contingencies Department.

5. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

5.1 Standard Operating Procedures.