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The 3rd Driving Monitor workshop was held on the 21st September at the Travis Perkins Headquarters in Northampton. Demonstrations of the full 25 on-line training scenes (including the **NEW** movie clip scenes) and the new Task Monitor took place. With Task Monitor Task Lists are available via a web interface. The Task Monitor administration system was also demonstrated which showed how tasks can be turned on and off for each company, and how parameters and recipient lists can be set up for individual companies.

Take a look soon at: drivingmonitor.co.uk and drivingservices.com

COMPULSORY TRAINING FOR BUS AND LORRY DRIVERS

The European Union (EU) published a Directive in July 2003 that will require all category C and D licence holders to take part in 35 hours retraining every five years, in order to keep their entitlement to drive professionally. The Directive also gives details of a new initial qualification regime that new drivers must go through before they can drive professionally for the first time.

The Directive will come into force across all EU member states in 2008 for bus drivers, and 2009 for lorry drivers. These new training requirements will have a major impact on the bus and lorry training industries, but it will also impact any company employing lorry or

bus drivers. They will need to ensure their drivers have kept their training up to date, and records of this are held.

As the legislation introduced in 2006 will need to contain the policy that will be adopted by the UK in order to comply with the Directive, it is important that the industry considers this Directive now, and put their views across to the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) when the consultation document is released later this year. This is the time for customers to help shape the policy with their views and ideas.

For more information on how to get involved contact the DSA on 0115 901 2500 or visit www.dsa.gov.uk

ROAD CASUALTIES - GREAT BRITAIN 2004

New figures have recently been released by the Department for Transport statistics office giving detailed information on the number of people killed and injured on the roads in Great Britain in 2004, based on information about accidents reported to the Police.

Key Points are :

* 3,221 people were killed on Britain's roads in 2004, 8% less than in 2003. The number of people seriously injured fell to 31,130, also 8% lower than in 2003. Total casualties in 2004 were 280,840, 3% fewer than in 2003

*5 fewer children were killed on the roads in 2004 than in 2003, a fall of 3% The total number of children killed or seriously injured fell by 5%

* Provisional estimates indicate that the number of deaths in accidents involving drink driving was 2% higher than in 2003. Final estimates will be available next year. Total casualties in drink drive accidents fell by an estimated 10%

*Pedestrian casualties fell by 4% percent between 2003 and 2004 and the number of killed or seriously injured pedestrians was down 6%. 12% of all road accident casualties and 21% of those who died in road accidents were pedestrians; For more Information go to www.dft.gov.uk

CRASH REPORT PUTS BLAME ON BADLY BEHAVED FLEET DRIVERS

Company car drivers are more often guilty of causing crashes than being innocent victims. They are also lethal when driving on country lanes and while travelling to work in the morning. This portrayal of

Britain's company car drivers has been put together by academics at the University of Nottingham's School of Psychology, who undertook an in-depth study of work related traffic accidents. The report concludes that drivers of company cars are more likely to cause a fatal crash than to be a victim of someone else's bad driving, usually due to excessive speed. Alcohol is also often a factor.

The full report can be found on-line at :

www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_rdsafety/documents/page/dft_rdsafety_039943.pdf

Article taken from Fleet news Net 31 August 2005

TYRE SAFETY WARNING

As many as one in five British company car and van drivers could be driving with unsafe tyres, endangering their own lives and those of others. Tyre safety checks on vehicles parked in office car parks revealed about 20% needed attention. The survey was carried out by Kwik-Fit Mobile, which says the figures could mean as many as 800,000 of the UK's three million company cars and one million vans could be running on at least one unsafe tyre. Typically tyres were under or over inflated, or below the legal tread level of 1.6mm. Mike Wise, Kwik-Fit Fleet's sales director, urged fleets to include tyre checks as a vital feature of risk management strategies. He said: 'Ensuring tyres meet the legal requirement is a vital part of any corporate risk strategy, but the human aspects in terms of safety to my mind far outweighs the legislative situation.

'Companies must not be complacent. After the first check has been carried out a lower proportion of tyres need to be fitted during each safety check because the unsafe tyre problem is under control.'

Article taken from Fleet news Net 19 September 2005

Useful web sites:

Driving Standards Agency: www.dsa.gov.uk

Department for Transport: www.dft.gov.uk/

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency: www.dvla.gov.uk

Health and Safety Executive: www.hse.gov.uk

Euro NCAP Assessments: www.euroncap.com

Vehicle & Operator Services Agency: www.vosa.gov.uk/

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