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NPCC Partnership Operations Calendar April 2024 – April 2025 Information Pack



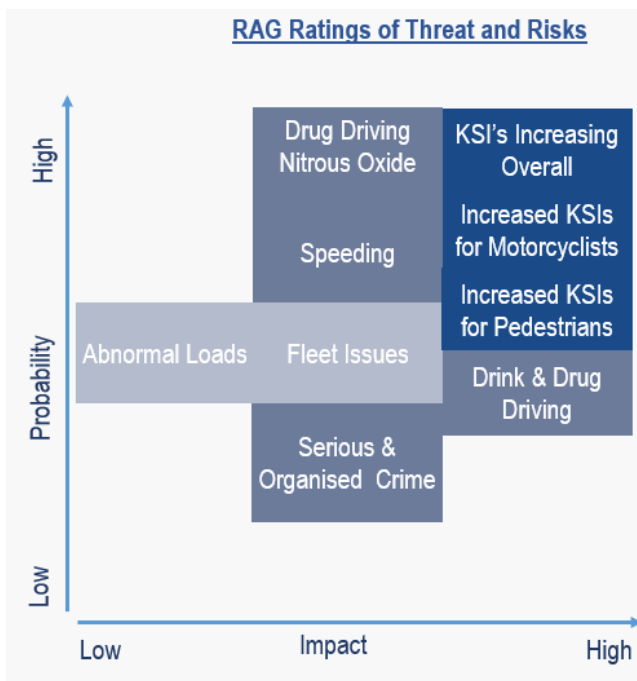
Introduction

The National Roads Policing Calendar has been redesigned 2024 – 2025, featuring new operations and a new structure. NRPOII has utilised the information captured during the development of the national RoPSTRA to assist in developing a national operations calendar that targets the key operational risks raised by forces.

Not only have KSI figures plateaued but NRPOII has also noted that force participation levels have seen a slight decline during 2023. NRPOII has made some significant changes to the 2024/25 calendar which will hopefully not only have a positive effect on KSIs but also get forces back on board and participating in the operations.

NRPOII has obtained STATS19 data from DfT in relation to the fatal four identifying which months peak where speed, mobile phone use, not wearing a seat belt and driving under the influence are a contributory factor to the collision. NRPOII has looked at this data for both KSI collisions and all casualties combined. After analysing this data NRPOII has been able to identify the most effective operations to run and the best months to place them. NRPOII has also analysed vulnerable road users and HGV data from the DfT custom downloads tool. A national meeting was held on 24th October with various partner agencies and Police regional representatives to discuss the draft calendar which generated discussion and the exchanging of ideas to provide slight tweaks to the draft calendar and producing the final 2024/2025 version.

National RoPSTRA



Information collected via NRPOII for the national RoPSTRA has identified key operational threats that need to be addressed in the 2023-2024 operations calendar.

NRPOII has used the information received by forces to ensure that the operations included in the calendar are targeting the key problems and areas of concern.

One of the main concerns is increasing KSIs, NRPOII has redesigned the calendar and featured new operations based on analysis that will hopefully result in a reduction of KSIs. Other top concerns include pedestrians and motorcyclists, NRPOII have included individual operations for both at specific points in the year to have the most impact.

NRPOII will be refreshing the National RoPSTRA over the coming months to be distributed in April 2024, this STRA will then be used to plan the 2025-2026 calendar.

NRPOII Calendar Analysis & Planning

NRPOII have analysed STATS19 data looking at contributory factors to effectively plan the calendar and create operations that will achieve maximum impact.

NRPOII has analysed collisions on a month by month basis identifying the contributory factors and using this to identify which month sees the highest number of collisions and identify best where each operation should sit throughout the year.

Fatal Four Analysis

All Casualties						KSI's					
Month	drink/drugs	mobile phone	seatbelt	speed	fatal four	Month	drink/drugs	mobile phone	seatbelt	speed	fatal four
January	1902	143	629	3338	6012	January	670	26	252	973	1921
February	1847	138	578	2992	5555	February	652	41	251	955	1899
March	1904	179	587	2870	5540	March	672	50	224	984	1930
April	1875	142	549	2820	5386	April	681	37	238	1059	2015
May	2217	189	621	3452	6479	May	815	50	232	1269	2366
June	2251	174	626	3468	6519	June	792	59	254	1234	2339
July	2569	246	758	3793	7366	July	960	69	337	1385	2751
August	2502	218	663	3729	7112	August	948	69	287	1346	2650
September	2331	193	662	3588	6774	September	870	60	282	1262	2472
October	2355	181	707	3727	6970	October	828	56	319	1247	2450
November	2187	165	654	3625	6631	November	801	63	286	1194	2344
December	2282	151	681	3644	6758	December	808	47	293	1166	2314

It is clear there is a concerning issue during July where all of the fatal four see a spike, followed by August and then September/October.

Inference

Collisions where one of the fatal four is a contributory factor peak in July for the following reasons;

- *More people are making longer journeys and travelling outside of their local area, using roads they are unfamiliar with as it is the start of the holiday season.*
- *Potentially a decline in Roads Policing Officers due to being a peak time for annual leave.*
- *Due to the better weather, more people out on the road making journeys in general.*
- *More vulnerable road users out on the road in the better weather.*
- *People taking up new hobbies such as road cycling, running, walking, motorcycling during the good weather.*

Vulnerable Road Users and HGVs

NRPOII have also utilised the DfT custom download tool to analyse vulnerable road users and HGV collisions. Both KSIs have been analysed as well as ‘all casualties’ with the following findings;

Road User Type	All Casualties		KSIs	
	Peak Months	Peak Day	Peak Month	Peak Day
Motorcyclists	September	Friday	July	Sunday
	July	Thursday	August	Friday
	August	Wednesday	September	Saturday
Cyclists	July	Thursday	July	Wednesday
	June	Wednesday	June	Thursday
	September	Tuesday	September	Tuesday
Horse Riders	April	Sunday	August	Saturday
	September	Saturday	May	Sunday
	December	Wednesday	November	Wednesday
Pedestrians	November	Friday	November	Friday
	December	Thursday	December	Saturday
	October	Wednesday	October	Thursday
HGV	January	Tuesday	September	Tuesday
	July	Wednesday	July	Thursday
	February	Monday	November	Monday

Motorcyclist, Cyclist and collisions involving HGVs all follow the same pattern identified with the fatal four and peak during July. Interestingly Horse Riders and Pedestrians do not follow this pattern and instead pedestrians see an increase during the winter months. This is likely due to the dark nights and bad weather conditions making pedestrians and horse riders less visible. Horse riders also see an increase during the winter months as well as April, May, August and September.

NPCC Operations

Taking in to consideration the national RoPSTRA and the above analysis of STATS19 data, NRPOII have created the below NPCC operations.

April – Fatal Four Operation

This operation will be four weeks long, targeting all vehicles and road users in relation to the fatal four offences. A fatal four operation has been placed in April to hopefully reduce the number of collisions seen in the upcoming summer months where collisions see a huge spike. Along with enforcement activity, engagement and educational activity this will hopefully have an effect over the summer months that follow reducing KSIs.

May – free month

Throughout the calendar there will be months that are left blank with no NPCC operation. This has been done to provide forces with time to target their own in force issues and conduct their own operations. NRPOII are also mindful of not creating ‘operation fatigue’ where one roads policing operation runs in to the other.

June - NPCC 2Wheel Operation – Increased KSIs for motorcyclists has been identified by forces as the second highest operational threat in the RoPSTRA. From the above table we can see that June is a peak month for cyclists along with the following summer months. NRPOII has placed a 2Wheel operation in June as 2Wheel collisions start to see an increase going in to summer.

July – NPCC Roads Policing Operation – GSB Command Structure

July is the peak month for all of the fatal 4, HGVs, Motorcyclists and Cyclists. Only pedestrians and horse riders do not peak this month. Therefore, NRPOII are planning a month-long roads policing operation with a gold, silver, bronze structure, an operational name and an operations plan, similar to Operation Limit, to try and make an impact on the number of collisions and KSIs during July. NRPOII encourages forces to plan cross border operations within your region, to utilise partner agencies and plan joint roads policing operations and to promote all activity via comms.

August – free month

NRPOII have decided to leave August free for the following reasons;
We will have just had a large-scale roads policing operation in July which will should create a halo effect and help to reduce collisions going in to August. It is also one of the highest months for annual leave abstractions making it difficult to staff and run operations. Forces are still encouraged during this time to focus on forces issues and run their own activity.

September – NPCC Fatal Four Operation – Young Drivers

This fatal four operation will kick off at the start of the last week in September and will be focused on young drivers. September is one of the top 3 months for fatal four collisions and it also ties in with children returning to school and the start of university.

October/November – NPCC Operation Dark Night

Operation Dark Night will be focusing on both Pedestrians and Horse Riders due to the spike seen in November. The operation will start slightly earlier on 28th October as this is when the clocks change and to also cover Halloween.

December – NPCC Operation Limit – GSB command structure

Operation Limit 3 will continue to target drink and drug driving around the festive period where more people are going out and socialising and may be tempted to drive under the influence.

January/February – NPCC CV Operation

This will be a 2-week long operation covering the last week in January and the first week in February to cover the peak during these months identified in the above table. Forces also need to incorporate CV operations during the July roads policing operation as well as targeting HGVs during the fatal four

operations. The CV operation will cover the following areas; CDG, Clandestine entry, insecure loads, HGV's, LGV's and work-related road risk.

For the 2024/2025 calendar the following operations have been removed;

Vulnerable road users – from NRPOII's analysis it can be seen that collisions involving VRUs do not peak during the same months of the year, therefore it does not make sense to conduct an operation for all VRUs during the same month. Instead they have been split to form the 2wheel operation in June, and Operation Dark Night in November. We are also conducting a fatal four operation during September/October around young drivers.

Seatbelt, Mobile Phone and Speed Operation – NRPOII's analysis shows that the fatal four all peak around the same months, July, August, September and October. NRPOII have always conducted individual fatal four operations but as KSIs are continuing to plateau it does not make sense to continue with the same approach. Therefore, we are changing to fatal 4 operations to target all of the fatal four together. This not only means each fatal four will be looked at more than once during the year but will also allow us to target them at the most impactful times throughout the year and gives forces more freedom to target their problem areas.

Partner Agency Operations

Key partner agency operations will also be added to the calendar, NRPOII encourages forces to support these operations where they are able to. NRPOII also encourages forces to reach out to these partner agencies throughout the year to work together on NPCC operations in particular the July operation, planning and conducting joint roads policing operations.

If you would like any further advice or information regarding the new National Roads Policing Calendar then please contact Virginia Ellis, Deputy Head of NRPOII; virginia.ellis@westmidlands.police.uk