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### TISPOL Bulletin 11 March 2014

We are pleased to provide you with a link in this Bulletin to our new Tacho Enforcement Update, which offers the latest news from the Tacho Web Working Group. This group is jointly organised by TISPOL and Euro Contrôle Route, and I hope you will be able to look at some of the work that has been done in this most important area.

Tachograph enforcement makes a vital contribution to our work on the roads of Europe. The manipulation of tachographs, to enable longer driving time and less rest, is of great concern to TISPOL and Euro Contrôle Route. Moreover, manipulation neutralises the effect of the speed limiter on a truck, and speed is of course a well known contributing factor to road deaths. Additionally manipulation is fraud and gives illegally operating companies an unfair advantage over law-abiding companies, which disturbs the fairness and safety of the road transport market.

See below for a link to download your copy.

TISPOL's latest operation, focusing on seatbelt wearing, is running throughout this week. More details can be found below. As ever, we would be very grateful to receive specific details from you if you are involved in any education or enforcement work connected with this operation. Please send your stories and images to [media@tispol.org](mailto:media@tispol.org) and we will make good use of them.

I hope you enjoy reading this Bulletin.

**Ian Hamill, TISPOL General Secretary**

### **Download the Tacho Enforcement Update newsletter**

This link takes you to our new [Tacho Enforcement Update](#), which offers the latest news from the Tacho Web Working Group.

## Seatbelt enforcement operation continues this week across Europe



Police officers across Europe will be warning drivers they are risking their lives by not wearing seatbelts. Vehicle occupants who do not wear their seatbelt will be issued with a penalty. The action is part of a TISPOL operation taking place throughout this week.

TISPOL President Koen Ricour says: "Using a seatbelt is a quick and simple task; it's also a very effective way of reducing the consequences of a collision.

That's why wearing a seatbelt is not a matter of personal choice, but is compulsory for drivers and passengers in every European country."

During a similar week-long operation in March 2013, 104,838 people were detected not wearing a seatbelt. Of these, 3,245 related to children not wearing seatbelts or other safety restraints.

## Estonia welcomes entries for police anniversary rally competition



The traffic police of Estonia have asked us to draw your attention to an international motorsport event, which will take place for the third time this summer. In fact, this year's event is devoted to the 85th anniversary of the appointment of the country's first traffic police officer, Anton Arumäe, in 1929.

Rally teams are welcome to register and take part, regardless of age, sex or rank. Police officers will be required to wear police uniforms during the competitions.

If you would like to know more, please contact Jaanus Tents

(jaanus.tents@politsei.ee) in Estonia.

## Spanish police use social media to apprehend young driver



A social campaign launched by Spanish police to find a dangerous driver, was successful after less than 24-hours. The 20-year-old student uploaded a video of himself on YouTube openly steering his car from the passenger seat. Leaning across the car so as to reach the pedals, the student could be seen yawning while an on-coming truck sped past. The Policia Nacional posted his photo on their Twitter page with the caption: "Don't let anyone play with your life or anyone else's on the road. We are searching for him."

The video received over 15,000 hits on YouTube in less than an hour, before it was removed from the site.

The student turned himself in to the police station in La Verneda (Barcelona province), accompanied by his mother and lawyer, but has been released with a caution.

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## NEW VIDEO: Marita Löytty of the Finnish Transport Safety Agency



We spoke to Marita Löytty of the Finnish Transport Safety Agency about the latest developments in alcohol interlock technology.

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