

DRIVING with St John

St John
Ambulance



Saturday 17th May 2008

Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire - Junction 1 M69

I am very pleased with the progress we continue to make with our driving policies. We all have responsibility to ensure our authorised drivers are competent and able to safely provide the service we deliver and the work of the St John Ambulance Policy Commission on Transport will further reinforce that commitment and responsibility.

However it is not just about those who drive our ambulances, for up and down the country we have employees who drive as part of their work and indeed members whom we ask to use their own vehicles to help us with our work. We are obligated to ensure the safety of the whole St John movement when driving on our behalf.

I congratulate and thank most sincerely all those who have been involved in raising the status of St John in this area. I am particularly grateful to AIRSO and the individuals involved in this organisation for their help and support not just in the initial development of our policies but also for their ongoing commitment in supporting St John.

I encourage you all to attend this Conference as we seek to develop further an understanding of all the issues of driving safely on our busy and congested roads.



Regretfully we are increasingly living in a blame culture where the wheels of so called justice grind until eventually someone can be called to account for things which inevitably will from time to time go wrong. We in St John need to ensure that we have done everything possible to protect not only the public and the patients we transport but also those members who drive and crew our vehicles from being convicted and the image of St John tarnished. The Road Safety Act and the potential affects of Corporate Manslaughter Legislation present challenges to us both as individuals and as an organisation and we must all be prepared and understand how these changes could affect St John and its Members

**Harry Dymond
Chief Commissioner (Operations)
St John Ambulance**



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INFORMATION

Who should attend

Those at a **County/District level** who have the responsibility for developing and delivering transport and training in accordance with current national policy

Unit leaders who have a responsibility for the initial selection of drivers and/or their deployment

Chief Executives who have a responsibility for managing full time staff who drive on behalf of St John as part of their role

Cost

The cost of the conference is £75.00 (£60.00 if a Member of AIRSO)

Booking

Complete the application form and return it with the appropriate remittance to the address given.
(Please do not put more than one name on each form - photocopy the form or ask for another)

Accommodation

AIRSO has an arrangement with the Hotel and can make a booking for you - £90 dbb. See the application form

If you want the accommodation option your application must be returned by **30th April 2008**.

Time

The conference commences at 10:00am and concludes at 4:30pm (approx)

Joining Instructions

The joining instructions will be sent within a month of the conference date

Further Information

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Secretary
AIRSO
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CONTENT

Presentations

St John Ambulance Policy Commission on Transport

Seamus Kelly
Deputy Chief Commissioner (Operations)
St John Ambulance National Headquarters

St John National Driving School

Paul Knighton
IT & Training Manager, St John Ambulance – Essex
(Member of the St John Policy Commission on Transport)

Corporate Manslaughter & Things Legal

David Faithful
Solicitor - Lyons Davidson

Workshops

Three interactive workshops are available at this conference and it will be possible for each person to undertake two. Please nominate your choices on the application form

Driving Licences

Edward Handley
Road Risk Consultant
Transport Research Laboratory (TRL)
(Former Managing Director of Big Wheelers Ltd)

Using the DVLA to authenticate driving licences is all very well but you need to know what to look for in the first place. This workshop will help you understand exactly what entitlement exists on the licence and how such things as ID cards from the EU can look like a UK driving licence.

Crash Analysis

Graham Feest
Road Safety Consultant
Secretary - AIRSO
(Member of the St John Policy Commission on Transport)

Drivers make mistakes but it is learning something from the experience which is important. This workshop takes a look at drivers' responsibility and avoidability in a crash/collision and provides a way in which you can discuss with drivers what actually happened.

Driver Assessment & Evaluation

Peter Rodger
Chief Examiner
Institute of Advanced Motorists
(Former Head of Driver Training, Met Police Driving School)

Understanding driver assessment is key to identifying training needs and requirements but just how do you process your action plan. This workshop will provide some support, ideas and help in this direction.

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APPLICATION FORM

NAME:
First name Surname

COUNTY/DIVISION:

ADDRESS FOR FINAL DETAILS:

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Tel:.....Email:.....

WORKSHOP CHOICES

Please indicate which **two** workshops you would like to take part in.

Driving Licenses Crash Analysis Driver Assessment & Evaluation

PLEASE PLACE (Y) YES or (N) NO - IN THE BOX FOR EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

Have you attended a previous Are you a Member of AIRSO?
Driving with St John Conference?

Have you attended the National Blue Light Users Conference?

Do you want a room at the Hotel on Friday 16th May @ £90.00dbb?

I enclose a cheque to the value of £75.00 (£60.00 AIRSO Members)

Or

A cheque for £165.00 (£150.00 AIRSO Members) for the conference & accommodation (to dinner, bed & breakfast)

Cheques payable to AIRSO

(AIRSO cannot accept payment by credit card or BACS)

This is our preferred method of payment but in **exceptional** circumstances we can arrange for you to be invoiced on the basis that the fee will be paid prior to the event.

Only if applicable: Invoice address (if different from above)

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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 5th May 2008

Return to:

AIRSO

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Many of you will be familiar with AIRSO and its work with all the emergency services and in particular the National Blue Light Users Conference which is held annually and brings together those who are responsible for managing or training those who drive emergency vehicles. It is pleasing that St John has had a growing presence at this event and we look forward to an even greater link between the two organisations.

For your information the 2008 National Blue Light Conference is taking place on 27th & 28th August 2008 and I hope in addition to this St John Conference we will have the pleasure of seeing many of you at the NBLUC

AIRSO is an independent Membership organisation working in the interests of road safety, highly respected in the field within the public, private and voluntary sector. It is consulted by statutory and non-statutory organisations on road safety issues. Members represent a wide cross-section of commercial transport, fleet management, driver training, independent and local government road safety organisations, the armed services, the emergency services, enforcement agencies and a growing number from the voluntary sector etc.

AIRSO provides for Members to express their views on road safety issues and gives direct and free access to experts and policy makers in all areas of road safety.

AIRSO arranges a number of low cost Seminars, Working Groups and Workshops on a variety of road safety topics throughout the year in order to increase the knowledge of its members. It also arranges seminars/working groups to reply to specific consultation documents giving Members an opportunity to share in the response, which is made and holds five/six General Meetings each year, of a conference style, comprising quality road safety presentations and debates at various locations throughout the United Kingdom.

AIRSO is a key player in the field of Managing Occupational Road Risk being able to guide Members towards the development of policies appropriate to reducing at work road safety crashes and collisions.

