



ROUTE LIAISON OFFICERS

INTRODUCTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Integral with Motorsport UK's authorisation of motor rallies and competitions under the 'Motor Vehicles (Competition and Trials) Regulations 1969' are the responsibilities to consider the extent to which the holding of an event might prejudicially affect the safety, amenity and confidence of members of the public.

This responsibility is one that Motorsport UK take seriously, for we are accountable not only to the Department of Transport and the Minister responsible for the enforcement of the Regulations, but also to members of the public who may either be affected by the event and feel it necessary to voice their objections, either directly to us, or via the Police, local Councils or MP.

Accordingly, Motorsport UK appoint a Route Liaison Officer to each of the County Police Authorities in England and Wales to undertake duties on behalf of the Competition Authorisation Office (CAO). These Route Liaison Officers must be considered as 'Officials of Motorsport UK', and it must be stressed that they act impartially with all Clubs and respect the confidential aspects of their position. We should also emphasise that this position is one where the official has to have the respect of rally & event organisers, Police & National Park authorities, County Councils, and Motorsport UK.

It may be that due to the size of certain Police Authorities, that the nominated Route Liaison Officer may enlist the help of other acceptable people to deal with the Police Divisions within the County. However, this additional office must work under the direction of our nominee.

These responsibilities are onerous, and require the Officers to be available to assist in the planning of routes, investigating complaints and maintaining good relations between the Motorsport UK and the Police.

Motorsport UK require officers to communicate with the Police on any desirable restrictions necessary to maintain a reasonable balance between organisers, competitors and the public. By implication, they are required to be committed solely to the enforcement of the 'Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations 1969' and must be prepared to discuss the merits of the organisers direct with complainants. They must not automatically side with the rally / event organisers and competitors against members of the public.

Motorsport UK are prepared to pay out of pocket expenses on an agreed basis.

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The main responsibilities of the Route Liaison Officers are:-

1. To liaise between Motorsport UK CAO and the Police Authorities in respect of motoring events on the public highway in their designated area.
2. To provide guidance, assistance and information to organisers of events utilising the public highway in their designated area.
3. Positively engaging with organisers to facilitate and encourage events to take place.
4. To act impartially and respect confidences, when dealing with route information supplied by event organisers and complaints / enquiries from the general public.
5. To investigate and resolve complaints from members of the public and advise the CAO and the Police of such action as is thought necessary to avoid further complaints.
6. To record details of areas sensitive to motoring events, and to regularly review, in consultation with the CAO these sensitive areas.
7. To report direct to the CAO, any known breaches of legislation and/or Motorsport UK Regulations.
8. To act and conduct themselves in accordance with the Motorsport UK 'Race with Respect' requirements, and also report any abusive behaviour by competitors & organisers back to the CAO.
9. To liaise with clubs and organisers with regards to their event Public Relations works to ensure they are carried out to the required standard, and provide advice and guidance where necessary.

Further information on Route Liaison Offices duties can be found in Ch13 App2 Article 2.1f, Ch13 App2 Article 2.1g, Ch13 App2 Article 2.2 R2.1.7 and R2.1.8 of the Motorsport UK NCR.

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