



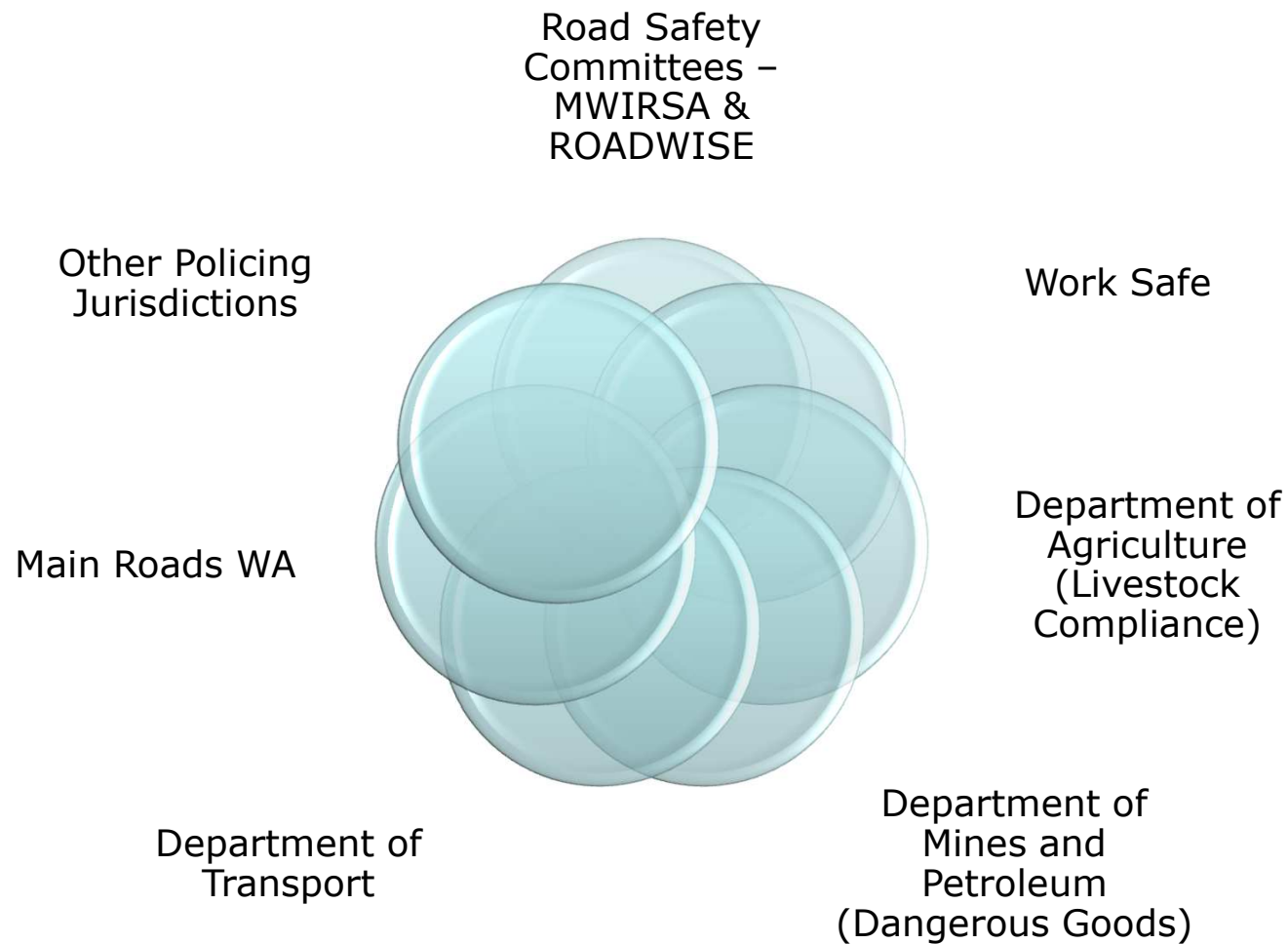
Heavy Vehicle Enforcement

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Partnerships



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- Annual National Heavy Vehicle Compliance & Enforcement Operation.
- Commenced in 1989 with participation across Australia & New Zealand.
- Improve road safety in the heavy vehicle industry and reduce opportunities for illegal activity.
- Despite efforts by industry to improve safety standards, there are still too many deaths and serious injuries involving heavy vehicles.



Fatal and Serious Crash Factors for Incidents involving Heavy Vehicles

	Alcohol/Drugs	Speed	Fatigue
Heavy Vehicles	15.1%	9.0%	8.2%
Light Vehicles	33.0%	28.8%	0.2%

There is an obvious pattern of drivers of heavy vehicles exercising more responsibility with regard to impaired driving (Alcohol/Drugs) and excessive speed than the broader driving population however fatigue remains a large factor of concern for heavy vehicle drivers.

Data period 1 January 2008 – 31 December 2013

Fatal Crash – South Greenough



Fatal head-on crash TRUCK V TRUCK near S Bends, South of Geraldton in July 2013

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Mass as a contributing factor in Fatal and Serious Crashes involving Heavy Vehicles

- Between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2013, Heavy Vehicles have been involved in 10.5% (245 of 2,322) of all Fatal and Serious Injury Traffic Crash incidents.
- During this period Heavy Vehicles have been involved in 23.0% (114 of 495) of all **Multiple** Vehicle Fatal and Serious Injury Traffic Crash incidents.
- The nature of crashes involving Heavy Vehicles during this period strongly suggests the inability of the driver to arrest the momentum of the vehicle due its mass, may be a factor in over 79% (194 of 245) of Fatal and Serious Injury Traffic Crash incidents.
- This compares with 52% (1080 of 2,077) for crashes involving lighter vehicles.
- During this period, there have been 3,842 Traffic Infringement Notices issued for exceeding Heavy Vehicle mass limits as defined in the Road Traffic Vehicle Standards Regulations (2002).

Truck V Car Fatality - Wooramel

Truck V Car

October 2013



One Deceased – Truck driver

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Multiple Fatalities - Gidgegannup



**Truck V Car
31 July 2013**

Three Deceased

Enforcement Objectives

- Minimise casualty crashes.
- Increase heavy vehicle road user compliance through enforcement.
- Target and apprehend heavy vehicle operators who drive after consuming alcohol/drugs.
- Increase enforcement of non restraint use.
- Target drivers without a valid drivers licence.
- Target vehicle roadworthiness.
- Target the illicit transportation of drugs, weapons and contraband.



Case study 1 – South Australia

- In November 2011 SAPOL intercepted a Victorian registered road train heading to Perth. During the stop the driver and female associate threw a bag containing a 390g block of methylamphetamine from the cabin onto the roadway.
- Further information suggested that four 12kg fire extinguishers on the trailers also contained controlled substances.
- The transport company is believed to have links to OMCG's.
- **OUTCOME:** SA 26/02/13 Driver sentenced to 2 years and 10 months imprisonment, non parole 13 months.

Case study 1 – South Australia

- May 2012 the vehicle was again stopped in South Australia. On this occasion the second driver of the vehicle was a fully patched member of the Black Uhlans Victorian OMCG believed to be acting as security for the journey.
- Located during a search of this person were upcoming Uhlans events in Perth and Sydney and a single round of ammunition.

Case Study 2 – South Australia

- April 2012, SAPOL advised WA Police that a SA heavy haulage owner operator had transported approx 50 pounds of dried cannabis from SA to WA, possibly selling the cannabis for \$150,000 in Midland before commencing his return to WA.
- Kalgoorlie Detectives intercepted the vehicle and located cash totalling \$40,000 and arrested the driver for unlawful possession.
- SAPOL suspect the driver to have OMCG associations.
- **OUTCOME:** 15/01/2013 Driver convicted of Possessing stolen or unlawfully obtained property and fined \$5,000.

Truck Driver Drug Use

- In April 2013, driver of a road train claims he bent down to pick up his cigarettes and lost control of his truck, hitting a pipeline.
- WaterCorp estimate damage at \$100,000.
- Driver had head injuries and was airlifted to RPH.
- Blood test was taken from driver showing presence of morphine.
- Driver has warning for methylamphetamine use on National Search from February 2013.
- In 2013, Driver has further offences in SA of providing false details and possessing multiple work diaries.

Transportation of Drugs

- On 6 March 2012, South Australian truck driver jailed in Perth for transporting cannabis into WA.
 - 18 months jail
 - More than 6kg of cannabis found hidden in tool box.
- Convicted person admitted to transporting cannabis into WA on 20 other occasions.
- Convicted person informed police that other involved persons were members of an outlaw motorcycle gang.
- Convicted person declared a drug trafficker.

Strategies

- Overt operations, highly visible police presence on highways and roads more likely to be carrying heavy vehicle traffic.
- Directed patrol activities where heavy vehicle traffic is likely to be encountered.
- Coordinated multi district patrols during specific periods.
- Use of intelligence to identify where targeting should occur.
- Use of available traffic speed detection equipment including mobile radars, hand held radars, lasers and speed cameras.
- Static random driver testing regarding alcohol and/or prescribed drugs.
- Being alert for, and taking appropriate action (multi-agency support) to prevent heavy vehicle drivers suspected of suffering fatigue from continuing their journey.
- Use of ANPR technology to target drivers with prior alcohol convictions.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2mf8DtWWd8>

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