

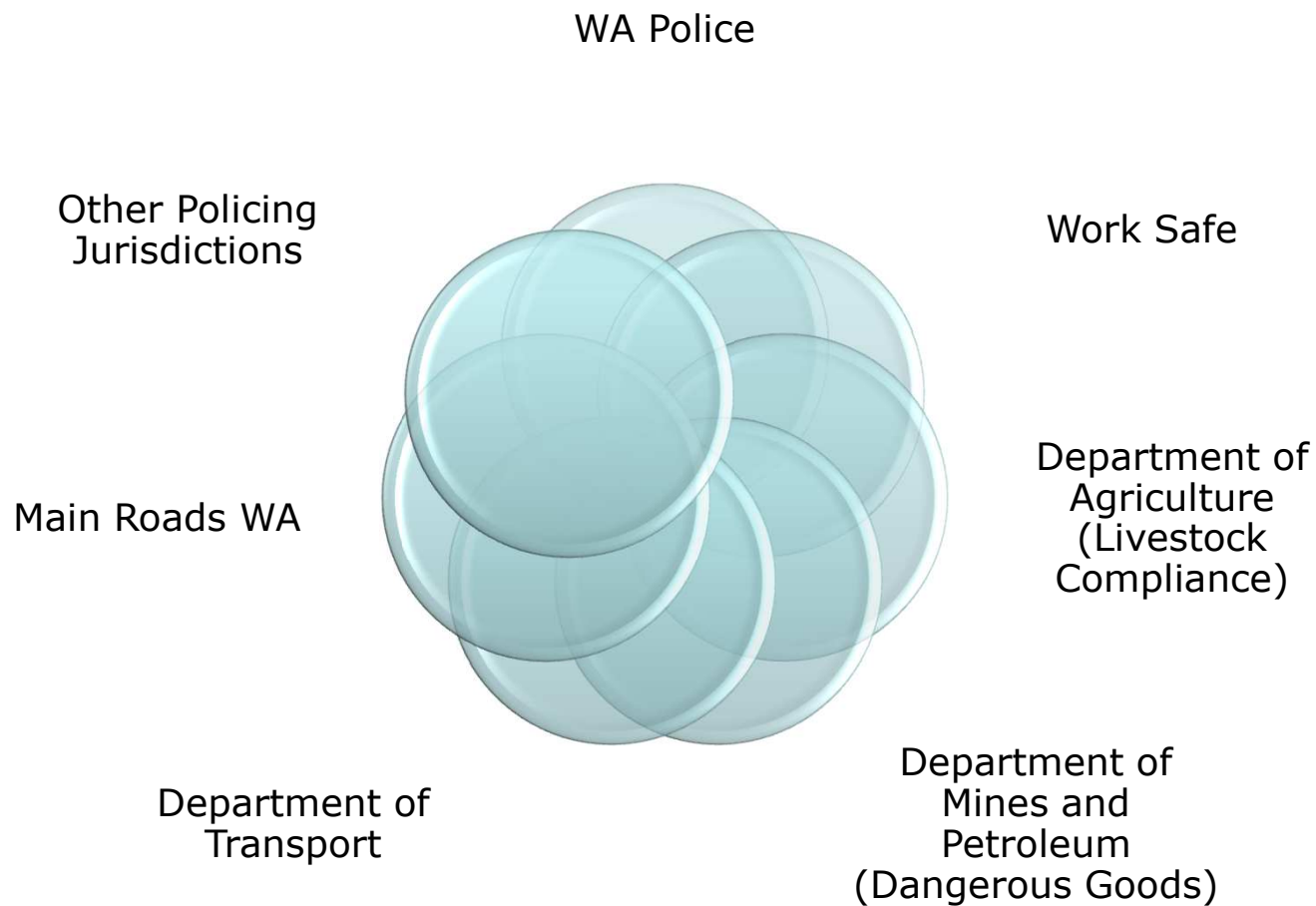


# Heavy Vehicle Enforcement

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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%	<b>8.2%</b>
Light Vehicles	<b>33.0%</b>	<b>28.8%</b>	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 - Beechina



Fatal head-on crash near Beechina, about 50km east of Perth in Nov 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).

# Multiple Fatalities - Wubin

**Truck V Car**

**22 May 2013**



**Two Deceased**

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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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