



Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics?

Understanding casualty trends and the causes.

Thursday 21st March 2013, Royal College of Surgeons

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Road deaths have fallen in recent years - by 40% across Great Britain since 2006. This is clearly good news but do we know enough about the reasons for these dramatic reductions? If not how can we be confident that the trends will not be reversed or which policies will deliver further casualty reductions? Should we be worried by the upturn in 2011?

The conference will explore the casualty trends and trajectories for different road-user groups. It will examine the impacts of safety measures and wider societal factors. Do the answers lie with particular engineering, enforcement or educational measures? To what extent do economic factors such as the recession, fuel and insurance costs account for the changes? What can we learn from parallel areas of public safety, such as crime and policing? What is happening in other countries?

While the number of deaths are reported reliably, injury figures are much more complex. Are we confident about the data and how it can be improved? Should we make more use of alternative sources such as insurance claims, health service records and crime statistics? Reported Road Casualties Great Britain 2011 concludes that the actual number of road casualties annually is within the range 660,000 to 800,000. If that is the case, there is still plenty of work for us to do to make our roads safer.

This conference focus will be on practical answers to help those working to promote greater safety. Join us for a stimulating day looking at the real numbers and what they tell us.

PROGRAMME 9.30AM TO 16.00PM *(Speakers confirmed so far)*

Stephen Hammond MP, Minister for Road Safety:
Opening Address (invited subject to Parliamentary business)

Louise Lloyd, TRL
Investigating changing trends in fatal crashes.

Alan Brimicombe, University of East London
Crime data in the dock - the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Bruce Walton, Road Safety Analysis
How long is a piece of string; different approaches to measuring outcomes at national and local level?

Joanne Marden, Road Safety Foundation
Engineering a safer future

Nick Starling, ABI
Trends in claims and what they mean for safety

Maralyn Woodford, Trauma Audit and Research Network
The gains of improved trauma care

Edmund King, AA
Drivers' perceptions of road safety: From cops to cameras - what do drivers really think?



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THE VENUE

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'Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics- Understanding Casualty trends and the causes.'

on Thursday 21st March 2013 at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE.

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