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Dear Sir

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – Community Roadwatch Submissions


Thank you for your email dated 21 April 2018.

The Community Roadwatch Programme is one of many initiatives Police and its partner agencies currently promote in its drive for 'Safer Journeys.' Community Roadwatch is a prevention based programme used to report non-urgent incidents of poor driving where the caller does not want the alleged offender to be prosecuted. Police write to the registered owner of the vehicle outlining the circumstances observed. This gives the registered owner the opportunity to change their driver behaviour or bring the matter to the attention of the individual driving the vehicle. The identity of the original caller will not be disclosed.

Information gathered from these reports can also be used to identify risk areas for intelligence led deployment of Police resources.

Community Roadwatch differs from a formal investigations where evidence that is able to be adduced in a court of law is gathered during an investigation and a decision to prosecute is then made based on the Solicitor General's Prosecution Guidelines. In this case the initiation of an investigation could come from a number of areas. Where it relates to a driving complaint witnessed by a member of the Public this would be by way of a signed statement to Police as well as the producing of exhibits such as dash camera footage. All available evidence including the statement would then be considered and a decision made as to evidential sufficiency and Public Interest in pursuing a Prosecution.

Yours sincerely



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