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POLICY TITLE: Use of Police Signs by Fire and Rescue Services

OWNING DIRECTORATE: Force Coordination and Operations

AUTHOR: Chief Inspector, Tactical Operations

CONTACT DETAILS: I01

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Complete

AIM OF POLICY: To advise officers of the arrangement with Fire and Rescue Services regarding the placing of signage at Road Traffic Collisions.

BENEFIT OF POLICY: Information for police officers attending the scene of a Road Traffic Collision.

REASON FOR POLICY: Article 2 of the Human Rights Act 1998. S.58 Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1967 allows a person acting under the instructions of a Chief Officer of Police to place Police Stop, Slow or Accident signs on a highway.

Section 58 Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1967 allows a person acting under the instructions of a Chief Officer of the Police to place Police Stop, Slow or Accident signs on a highway.

In order to improve safety at the scene of road traffic collisions and other incidents to which fire and rescue appliances may be called, fire and rescue service staff placing such signs prior to the arrival of police officers and in accordance with Northumbria Police guidance will be considered as acting on the instructions of the Chief Constable for the purposes of S.58 RTRA.

The Chief Constable has also given the same delegated authority to military personnel performing firefighting duties, until further notice.

Once police officers arrive at the scene they will review the signing and if necessary amend it, at which time fire and rescue staff will leave in situ, remove or reposition signs placed by them if required to do so by a police officer.

SOURCE DOCUMENT: Section 58 Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1967

GROUPS AFFECTED: All Police Officers

ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS: None
