

## **AGSI WELCOMES INSPECTORATE REPORT ON ROAD POLICING**

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The Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors (AGSI) welcomes the Garda Inspectorate report on Roads Policing.

The report contains many of the recommendations made by AGSI to the Inspectorate during the preliminary discussions prior to the publication of the report.

“We particularly welcome the Inspectorates recommendation that dedicated accommodation should be provided for traffic personnel. Garda accommodation is under serious pressure all over the country and this recommendation should be acted on by garda management immediately,” said Joe Dirwan, AGSI General Secretary.

Another serious safety issue is the provision of specialist training for garda drivers: “Far too few members who are regularly driving have received this training and we welcome the Inspectorate’s recommendation that this should be provided,” said Mr Dirwan.

Mr Dirwan added his organisation supported the other recommendations on streamlining of reporting relationships, targeting high collision rate zones, more operational links between traffic and regular gardaí, maintaining experienced members in the regular units and the creation of a clear policy manual for traffic gardaí.

“We have been arguing for many years that the traffic corps right across the country should be increased vastly to have an impact on road death figures. The increases in the past couple of years has been accompanied by a reduction in road deaths and we welcome that wholeheartedly,” concluded Mr Dirwan.