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Bernard Hogan-Howe visits MIB

Bernard Hogan-Howe, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, visited the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) on 8 October 2012 to see first-hand how MIB supports his officers in the Capital, as well as all police officers in the UK, in taking uninsured cars off the road.

During the visit, Commissioner Hogan-Howe met with MIB Chief Executive, Ashton West and MIB Chairman Keith Morris. Commissioner Hogan-Howe then listened in to calls coming in to the dedicated Police Helpline from road-side officers with vehicles they suspected of being driven without insurance.

The Metropolitan Police are targeting uninsured drivers through Operation Cubo – a sustained programme across the network of roads around the Capital. The monthly operation sees mobile checkpoints appearing on London's roads with Roads Policing teams using automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras, which are connected to MIB's Motor Insurance Database via the Police National Computer. It quickly indicates whether or not a vehicle is on the database. To date, around 37,000 vehicles have been seized by the Met since Operation Cubo began in October 2011.

Recently, a £227,000 Ferrari FF was seized for having no insurance in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and was put on display outside Scotland Yard alongside an £18,000 Mercedes – also seized for no insurance.

The UK's level of uninsured driving has fallen by 30% in the last five years and is currently estimated to be 1.2m.

The public are being encouraged to support the Drive Insured campaign on Facebook – www.facebook.com/driveinsured.

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Pictured (from L-R): Keith Morris (Chairman of MIB), Bernard Hogan-Howe and Ashton West (Chief Executive of MIB).

Hi-res images of Commissioner Hogan-Howe meeting senior MIB staff, listening in to calls and the seized Ferrari FF are available upon request.

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About MIB

MIB aims to significantly reduce the level and impact of uninsured driving by working closely with partners across government and the insurance industry. The Bureau provides compensation to innocent victims involved in accidents with drivers who have no insurance or failed to stop.

The Motor Insurance Database (MID), introduced in 2001 is the only central insurance record of more than 34 million vehicles in the UK. The MID supports a range of users entitled to different levels of information about insured vehicles, including the police, solicitors, the DVLA and the public.

The MID is being used as part of a new continuous insurance enforcement (CIE) scheme in 2011 to identify registered keepers of vehicles that appear to have no insurance. The registered keeper of a vehicle without insurance will receive a letter reminding them that insurance is a legal requirement and failure to act will result in a fixed penalty. All drivers can check their vehicle is recorded on the MID for FREE - visit www.askMID.com.