



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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NEWS RELEASE

INVITATION TO LAUNCH OF VOSA'S "POWER TO STOP" INITIATIVE BY DAVID JAMIESON, MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

David Jamieson, MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport is visiting VOSA's Tormarton Enforcement site on Thursday 29 July 2004 to officially launch 'Power to Stop'. This follows a successful pilot in 6 Police Authorities across the country.

The Police have for many years been supporting VOSA examiners by stopping vehicles for spot checks to ensure vehicles comply with roadworthiness and traffic legislation. VOSA's new Power to Stop gives accredited staff the legal authority to stop vehicles without a police officer in support. This enables the Police to concentrate on other priorities such as road casualty reduction and tackling crime and disorder. This new power will also increase VOSA's effectiveness in targeting vehicles that are likely to break regulations. The Police are very supportive of VOSA's new role and will continue to work in close partnership with us.

You are invited to attend the launch at Tormarton, in the afternoon of 29 July at 1.45 pm where you will be able to see vehicles being directed off the A46 into our check site where they will be examined. During the afternoon you can watch checks carried out on vehicles and discuss the service with VOSA staff. At 2.15 pm there will be a Ministerial launch and photo call followed by an opportunity for interviews. Refreshments will be available on the day, and an itinerary and map are enclosed for information.

Finally, directions to VOSA's Tormarton Enforcement site are given below and I look forward to meeting you.

Please could you contact Miranda Roberts on 0117 954 3233 or e mail: miranda.roberts@vosa.gov.uk by 28 July if you are able to attend.

Yours sincerely



Maurice Newey
Chief Executive of VOSA

Directions to Tormarton Enforcement Site

Tormarton Enforcement Site
High Street
Tormarton
Badminton
GL9 1

Directions

- Exit the M4 at Junction 18
- Head South on the A46 Direction Bath
- After 400 yards turn right (sign posted Vehicle Inspectorate inspection Site)
- Follow the single track road around a right hand bend to the end of the track where you will be directed into a parking spot. Please note that parking space is limited so marshals will be available to direct you.

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Notes to Editor

The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) was created on 1 April 2003 by merging the Former Vehicle Inspectorate and the Traffic Area Network Division of the Department for Transport. VOSA is responsible for:

- Processing applications for licences to operate lorries and buses and registering bus services
- Operating and administering testing schemes for all vehicles, including the supervision of the MOT testing scheme
- Enforcing the law on vehicles to ensure that they comply with legal standards and regulations
- Enforcing drivers' hours and licensing requirements
- Supporting Traffic Commissioners to help them make informed decisions on operator licensing, vocational drivers and bus registration requirements
- Providing training and advice for commercial operators
- Investigating vehicle accident, defects and recalls.

Should you require further information about VOSA, its work or help with stories or programming related to road safety and environmental protection please contact: Jay Fordham or Miranda Roberts, VOSA, 0117 954 3334/3233, e-mail jeanette.fordham@vosa.co.uk / miranda.roberts@vosa.gov.uk