



C.A.S.H. –exercises during spring 2011

C.A.S.H. Joint Exercise and Staff Exchange in Norway

On 16 of March 12 Police Officers from partners in the C.A.S.H. project took part in a Joint Exercise organized by the Norwegian National Mobile Police Service in cooperation with the Swedish police.

The Police Officers participated in a Multi Agency Control Operation on the border of Norway and Sweden. On the Norwegian side of the border the operation also included officers from the Norwegian Customs and Norwegian Road Authorities. The Swedish police and Customs operated at the Swedish side of the border

During the exercise the vehicles entering Norway from Sweden and the vehicles entering Sweden from Norway were controlled to detect traffic offences and vehicle related crime.

A group of officers from the European Traffic Police Network (TISPOL) Transport Security Activities (TSA)

project took part in the Multi Agency Control Operation together with the officers from C.A.S.H. In total approximately 80 police officers and other authorities took part in the control. Two Finnish police officers took also part in the operation as part of Staff Exchange organized in Norway from 15 to 18 March.



Several vehicles included coaches and heavy goods vehicles were checked in the Control. One person was arrested for smuggling of Amphetamine and some kilos of cheese were seized by the customs. Some traffic offences were also detected on both sides of the border giving the participants the opportunity to observe how they were enforced.

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C.A.S.H. Joint exercise in Estonia

Between 7 and 9 of June 2011 Police officers from Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden took part in a joint exercise in Estonia.

The vehicle check point was set up at Ikla border-crossing point between Estonia and Latvia in Southwest Estonia. The E67 national road is the main connection between the capital cities Tallinn and Riga.

To be inspected Heavy Goods Vehicles were taken under scrutiny on the following items: driving and resting hours of the driver, technical condition of the vehicle, cargo securing as well as weight and dimension measures of the vehicle. A total of 62 HGVs and two buses were inspected. Unfortunately, almost 50 percent of all inspected vehicles had to be sanctioned for infringement of traffic regulations.



C.A.S.H. Joint Exercise in Denmark

From the 12 to 14 April 2011 16 control officers from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Norway and Sweden visited the Danish National Police to take part in a C.A.S.H. Joint Exercise in Denmark arranged by the Heavy Vehicle Unit, Danish National Police

On the day of arrival to Copenhagen the participants got a briefing about the Danish Police and especially of the heavy vehicle operations in Denmark.

The second day of the exercise was "truck inspection day" at Tuelsø in the west region of Zealand in East Denmark. The organizer had in this week introduced as a national development a brand new multiagency inspection concept, which is very well known in Germany and the Netherlands. Traffic police officers from traffic units in the Danish National Police and 5 police districts had together with animal doctors from the Authority of food and Animals, technical inspectors from the Authority of Transport and a mechanic from a tachograph workshop prepared for detailed inspections of transport related infringements and manipulation of the control device for driving and resting hours.

The strategy of the day was to bring the vehicles in slow speed to the control site, and then pick out the interesting vehicles for inspection. During the exercise about 1200 heavy vehicles came across the control site, of which 155 were inspected. 56 drivers and operators were charged of infringements during the day.

On the last day of the Joint Exercise the participants evaluated the event and gave the Danish police a lot of positive feedback and also some good ideas to look into in the future. The partners of the C.A.S.H. project value the Joint Exercises highly, because control officers working in the field are connected and will learn a lot from each other during these operations.



On the day after the exercise, participants came together to share their views and comments on the control event. Representatives from all countries confirmed unanimously that they were impressed by the work of the Estonian officers and the equipment available to conduct the control.

However, there were also issues of concern. According to Estonian regulations, a driver who is driving under the influence of alcohol below 0,74 mg/l will only be fined and denied continuing to drive his vehicle. However, the driver will keep his driving licence and it is up to the driver to decide when he feels to be in the condition to drive a vehicle again.

Another issue addressed is the lack of authority to fine international drivers on the spot. Unfortunately, it is not possible for the Estonian police to collect fines of international drivers on site. As a result many drivers do not care about fines issued by the Estonian authorities and it often happens that these fines will never be paid. During this exercise 50 percent of the fined drivers were from a foreign country.

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