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## **Police Helpline Aiding fight against uninsured driving**

Due to the success of the launch of the MIB Police Helpline last week MIB has been able to add a further 4 Police forces to the list of users.

They are:

Hertfordshire Police  
Greater Manchester Police  
Thames Valley Police  
Bedfordshire Police

The MIB Police Helpline is a dedicated service provided by the MIB to Police forces in the UK in support of ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera enforcement and is designed to assist the Police when they stop a vehicle after carrying out an automatic check on the MID (Motor Insurance Database).

Susan Beck, Head of Communications at the MIB says;

“The Police Helpline Team are there to make real time enquiries on behalf of the Police to Insurers and Brokers to ascertain whether insurance is in place. Last year the Police seized in excess of 50,000 vehicles of which 40% were destroyed.”

There are now a total of 13 forces using the MIB Police Helpline and MIB is confident they will achieve their target of full roll out early in 2008.

Susan goes on to say;

“MIB wishes to thank all the forces using the Police Helpline for their continued support and we look forward to adding more forces to the service in due course”.

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### **Notes to editors**

1. Members of the public are advised to contact their insurer or broker if they are in any doubt whether their vehicle is on the MID
2. 25.4 million enquiries were made on the MID by the Police during 2006, exceeding the target of 15.2 million by 67%

3. 2007 figures so far indicate a further increase in usage in this highly important area.  
In March alone over 3m enquiries made on the MID
4. During 2006 50,000 vehicles were seized by the Police
5. The Motor Insurers' Bureau compensates the victims of road accidents caused by uninsured and untraced motorists
6. The MIB also operates the Motor Insurance Database, which contains details of all insured vehicles in the country

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