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Business at risk if vehicles not on the MID

Over 900 Fleet Managers recently took part in an online survey in Fleet News testing levels of awareness about the MID (Motor Insurance Database).

The survey revealed that **89%** of Fleet Managers think being stopped by the Police if their vehicle data is not on the MID as being a major disruption to their business.

But 64% of Fleet Managers admitted their drivers might not understand the inconvenience they will face at the roadside if their vehicles are not on the MID.

Of those Fleet Manager who took part in the survey **86%** have asked for more help in providing vehicle details to the MID.

Ashton West, CEO of the MIB says,

“There is a strong desire to ensure that Fleet Managers provide the required data to the MID and the findings of the Fleet News survey suggest more can be done to help in this area. The Police have new powers to stop and seize any vehicle they suspect as not being insured and this includes commercial vehicles. The Police are increasing roadside checks to deny criminals the use of the roads and commercial drivers may get caught up if their company vehicle has not been put onto the MID correctly. Any stop by the Police may lead to missed appointments, lost orders or worse still a failure in delivery times. Corporate reputation may also be at risk if commercial vehicles are stopped by the Police and we know these kind of stops can be prevented if Fleet Managers update MID correctly”

The MIB will be launching a major new publicity campaign during April to support Fleet managers and those who drive as part of their work. The main thrust of the campaign is to raise awareness of the issues that commercial drivers will face if they are stopped by the Police because their vehicle details are not on the MID.

Ashton goes on to say,

“Policy holders should contact their insurer or broker direct if they suspect their vehicle details may not be on the MID. To support this campaign the MIB is providing leaflets and posters to all fleet managers through insurers reminding them of what they need to do and more importantly how they can provide vehicle data to the MID. We have also designed some handy in vehicle stickers so that drivers know the vehicle they are driving has been checked on the MID by their employer. We encourage all Fleet Managers to do their bit so as to avoid any unnecessary stops by the police”

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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. The MIB publicity campaign is supported by The Police, Insurance Companies and Brokers, BRAKE (the Road Safety Charity), PACTS (The Parliamentary Advisory Committee for Transport Safety), LARSOA (Local Authority Road Safety Officers Association) and RoSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents)
3. 25.4 million enquiries were made on the MID by the Police during 2006, exceeding the target of 15.2 million by 67%
4. 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
5. During 2006 50,000 vehicles were seized by the Police
6. The Motor Insurers' Bureau compensates the victims of road accidents caused by uninsured and untraced motorists
7. The MIB also operates the Motor Insurance Database, which contains details of all insured vehicles in the country

For more information please visit www.mib.org.uk.