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IAM response: Government's stance on dangerous driving announced today

The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) has welcomed the tough stance on dangerous driving but stressed that enforcement is still the key.

The vast majority of law abiding drivers will be pleased to see the Government's commitment to clamping down on dangerous driving.

"The key to ensuring that any new laws are effective in reducing deaths on the roads will be high profile enforcement," said IAM Policy Director Neil Greig.

"Dangerous driving cannot be enforced by camera and more traffic police will be needed to catch those drivers who flaunt the law."

The IAM believes that the range of offences and penalties now available will allow courts and prosecution authorities to choose the right offence first time, every time.

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1. The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) directly influences the driving and riding of more than 100,000 full members in the UK and Ireland. Established in 1956, the IAM is today best known for the advanced driving test and the advanced driving course, which is available to car, motorcycle and commercial licence holders. The IAM has grown to become the UK's largest independent road safety charity, dedicated to raising driving standards, engaging with the road-using public and influencing road safety policy. The commercial division of the IAM operates through occupational driver training companies IAM Fleet UK and Drive & Survive.

2. A 2006 report by Brunel University, following an 18 month study, concluded that "advanced driver training produces safer drivers and lower accident involvement", with measurable improvements in knowledge, skills and attitude.

3. In January 2007, the IAM Motoring Trust was established as the Policy and Research Division to undertake research, promote practical policies, act as an advocate for safer roads, safer drivers and safer vehicles and encourage responsible motoring through education and training.

