



Tuesday
8th September
LPHCA Fundraising
Golf Day
Elstree Golf Club

Wednesday 16th September
Platinum Members Meeting
11.00 RS Hispaniola Boat

Sat 26th & Sun 27th September
Drive 09
TRL Wokingham

Thursday 8th October
LPHCA AGM & Road Show
Marriott Heathrow Hotel

Thu 15th & Fri 16th October
Scotthall BMW Chauffeur Event
Stirling Corner Borehamwood

PRESS STATEMENT

Enforced breaks

Press Statement Issued 09.00 16th August 2009 in response to Calls for Drivers to Have Enforced breaks after short periods of being on shift.

The Licensed Private Hire Car Association (The LPHCA) having campaigned for the safety of **Passengers, Drivers and the Travelling Public** are *always interested* in looking at **measures to improve safety**. However the call for drivers to have enforced rest periods to improve safety, is in our view a reaction to a problem that does not exist.

The safety record of the **Taxi and Private Hire Industry** is superb and 'at fault' accidents per mile driven are way below those of private motorists.

BRAKE who are calling for mandatory rest periods, clearly do not understand the industry, its working practices or driving patterns and have not been in touch with the LPHCA as a primary trade association in the sector.

The LPHCA has had dialogue with **GMB Trade Union** representatives who several years ago also called for reduced hours and other restrictive practices. To date the **GMB** have not produced any evidence to us that **Taxi Driver** tiredness has caused accidents.

Furthermore the **Department for Transport** is undertaking a formal review by way of public consultation on driver hours at present to see if there is any evidence of a problem.

It would seem appropriate for these groups to produce the evidence (if they have it) to the **Department for Transport** to consider if a problem exists before calling for arbitrary, knee jerk reactions to what we feel is rhetoric and innuendo about an 'alleged problem' that has not been established in fact.

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