

The Safe Drive Stay Alive initiative is one officers have been producing with partners since 2007 and on the 17th November there will be an event again in Chatham's Central Theatre. This will be the 3rd such performance. **The performance is called 'A Licence to Kill?'**

Licence to Kill?



**Licence to Kill?** In the last three years nearly 500 people aged 17-24 were killed or seriously injured on Kent and Medway's roads. Young drivers are much more likely to be involved in a crash on the roads, often due to inexperience and a lack of knowledge of the risks.

Licence to Kill? is an innovative theatre education project, exploring the circumstances and consequences of a road traffic collision. Aimed at 16 to 18 year olds in Kent and Medway, a film of a crash in the local area has been specially recreated, with roads and hospitals familiar to local students.

As the drama unfolds and the emergency services arrive on the scene, the faces on film literally step onto stage. Pausing the film for a moment, they speak to the audience about their experiences, the reactions of the driver and passengers, the medical implications and how seeing such trauma affects them personally.

Members of all the emergency services stand up to describe their experiences, as well as those who have suffered in a crash themselves or lost someone in their family.

Licence to Kill? is produced by a road safety partnership including Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Kent County Council, Kent Police, Medway Council, Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership and South East Coast Ambulance Service. The production will reach new and pre-drivers in an emotive and hard-hitting way - just one of a number of measures being carried out to raise awareness among young people of the dangers of driving

The total cost of the production (minus of course officer's time) is £35,000 but Medway contribute £5,000, however we have two out of the six performances in Medway.

The is a website : <http://www.kmscp.org/ltk/>.

All Members are very welcome to the events, however please be warned this initiative is extremely impactive because it is so emotive.