

Speaker Biographies

‘Road Safety at Work’ International Conference Dublin Castle, 15th June

Michael Brosnan, Research Manager, RSA

Michael Brosnan has been part of the Road Safety Authority Team for the past 18 months. He previously spent 30 years as a member of An Garda Síochána where he held the rank of Inspector. He was involved in research during his last 14 years of service and spent his last 10 years of service in the Garda National Traffic Bureau. He took part in two European funded Road Safety Projects VERA2 and CAPTIVE and he is course director for the BA degree course in the Garda college. He is now heading up the Research Department in the Road Safety Authority.

Sheena Notley, Inspector, Transport Safety Unit, HSA

Sheena joined the Health and Safety Authority in 2000 having previously worked in both private industry and academia. She has worked as an inspector in a wide range of areas in the Authority, including the Workplace Contact Unit, Special Investigations Unit, Occupational Hygiene Policy and General Enforcement where she specialized in Docks, Transport and Warehousing, Local Authorities and Healthcare. Sheena moved to the Transport Safety Unit in March 2008 where her remit involves analyzing and developing information on Work-Related Vehicle Safety in order to assist duty holders to achieve compliance with health and safety legislation.

Liam Duggan, Road Haulage Enforcement Manager, Road Safety Authority (RSA)

Liam Duggan is the Road Haulage Enforcement Manager of the Road Safety Authority and is based in Loughrea, Co. Galway. He has specific responsibility the enforcement of the EU rules on driver’s hours, breaks and rest periods and tachograph, Road Transport Working Time Directive and road haulage and road passenger operator licensing. Liam joined the Road Safety Authority from the Department of Transport as part of the Government’s decentralisation programme.

Superintendent Declan O’Brien, Garda National Traffic Bureau

Superintendent Declan O’Brien has worked with the Garda National Traffic Bureau since 2002. He currently has responsibility for operations and liaison with partners in road safety. Prior to that, he was based in Tallaght Garda Station where he had operational responsibility for the local traffic unit before moving to Buncrana where he was Superintendent in Charge.

Deirdre Sinnott, Head of Transport Safety Unit, Health and Safety Authority (HSA)

Deirdre is a Senior Inspector and has worked with the Health & Safety Authority for 10 years with responsibility for a range of topics including; Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Petrol Stations, Transportable Pressure Equipment, Commercial Diving and Education & Enterprise Support. She is currently responsible for the Workplace Transport Safety programme. Deirdre will give an overview of the statutory obligations and will brief us on the Authority’s Workplace Transport Safety programme, sectoral accident statistics, current research and issues that employers and duty holders must address to improve safety around vehicles, mobile plant and machinery.

Michael Rowland, Director of Road Safety, Research and Driver Education, RSA

Michael is the Director of Road Safety, Research and Driver Education for the Road Safety Authority. He has responsibility for the education, awareness and research programmes within the RSA as well as the coordination of the actions outlined in the Road Safety Strategy. He also has responsibility for the introduction and implementation of the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence [CPC]. Michael's presentation will provide an overview on the Driving for Work Guidelines and the measures that employers should take to become Road Safety Aware. He will also touch on what is happening in other areas in the RSA that assist in promoting road safety at work.

Dr. Will Murray, Research Director, Interactive Driving Systems

Dr. Will Murray is Research Director for Interactive Driving Systems, undertaking occupational road safety improvement programs with industry, government and academia around the world. Over the last 20 years he has helped many organisations enhance their brand value through improved road safety, and can be contacted via www.virtualriskmanager.net

Professor Jim Horne, Director, Sleep Research Centre, Loughborough University

Professor Jim Horne PhD DSc - is the Director of the Sleep Research Centre at Loughborough University, which has a world-wide reputation for its innovative research.

His work (with Dr Louise Reyner) on sleep related crashes (funded by the UK Dept of Transport) has led to the erection of the motorway signs, 'Tiredness Kills, Take a Break', changes to the 'Highway Code', and influenced UK Government policy on driver sleepiness. Until recently he was Editor of the Journal of Sleep Research - a major international journal. His 'popular' book, 'Sleepfaring - a journey through the science of sleep' OUP 2007 (paperback), covers many issues relating to sleepiness and accidents.

Conal Bonnar, Manager, Fleet and Equipment, ESB Networks

Graduated from UCD with a BComm in 1990 and a MBS Organisation Studies from Michael Smurfit Business School, UCD in 1991. Joined ESB Graduate Development Programme in 1991 and has worked in various roles across the ESB organisation since then. The most recent roles Conal has held included Industrial Relations Specialist in ESB, Power Generation and Human Resource Development Manager in ESB Networks. Conal's current role is Manager of Fleet and Equipment which provides the ESB business with their requirements for vehicles and specialist equipment, through purchase, disposal, customisation, maintenance and performance monitoring. Part of this role also involves managing the Safe Driving Bureau for ESB. Conal is also a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development since 2003.

Séan Murtagh, Managing Director, Freightshift Nationwide

Séan Murtagh is joint Managing Director of Freightshift Nationwide, a Limerick-based distribution company which employs twenty people at their purpose built facility in Raheen Business Park. Established in 1985, Freightshift's activities include trailer handling and consolidation, nationwide pallet and parcel delivery service and private home delivery service. The company was a founding member of a trading alliance of similar sized transport companies (10 in total) in 1994. This alliance of companies forms the infrastructure to provide nationwide service for the group. Séan is also a Director of the Fleet Transport Magazines.