Road Safety Week 2023 – social media toolkit

* *Communications messaging and assets for Road Safety Week 2023 for use from 20 November-24 November.*

Brake’s Road Safety Week takes place annually to raise awareness about dangerous driving and in particular, the dangers associated with speeding.

This year, following 64 fatalities on Greater Manchester’s roads in 2022, we are highlighting the devastating consequences of dangerous and careless driving and the relationship between the ‘Fatal 4’ – speeding, distractions, drink and drug driving, and failure to wear a seatbelt – and serious incidents.

Four people from across the North West who have lost loved ones in road crashes – Calvin Buckley, Paula Allen, Mike Peters and Ann Marie Hornsby – have shared their heartbreaking stories to educate drivers of all ages.

The social media plan below includes videos with each of the four individuals and details the tragic impacts of serious incidents.

Key messages

* Drivers of all ages need to think about the consequences of their decisions and actions when getting behind the wheel.
* The ‘Fatal 4’ – speeding, distractions, drink and drug driving, and failure to wear a seatbelt - are the predominant causes of serious incidents.
* We all need to take responsibility and work together to reduce the number of fatalities on our roads.

Audiences

* Drivers of all ages
* Passengers of all ages
* People learning how to drive

Channels

* X/Twitter - @greatermcr, @deputymayorofgm, @manchesterfire
* Facebook - @greatermcr, @manchesterfire
* Instagram - @greatermcr, @manchesterfire

Social media copy

You will find suggested social content, video titles and YouTube links in the table below. The social media cuts of each video can be downloaded via this [WeTransfer link](https://we.tl/t-k7kaOLsNmL), with longer forms of each video being published on the [GMFRS YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/user/GMFRSVideoChannel) at 9 AM on the specified day below. Please do not share the YouTube links before 9 AM on the specified days as they will not work.

YouTube links:

* Calvin: <https://youtu.be/xl19LPqqv9M>
* Paula: <https://youtu.be/aF87w4Z3Tk0>
* Mike: <https://youtu.be/EgjHJMLoN1Q>
* Ann Marie: <https://youtu.be/iQz6s8xMmnU>

If you are having trouble accessing the videos or have any other queries, please email [dylan.childs@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:dylan.childs@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

If you are using your own social media content, please tag us so we can support you by sharing your messaging across our channels.

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| Twitter | | |
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