



**South Dublin County**  
**Joint Policing Committee**



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Dublin City Joint Policing Committee  
Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown County Joint Policing Committee  
Fingal County Joint Policing Committee  
Kildare County Joint Policing Committee  
Meath County Joint Policing Committee  
Wicklow County Joint Policing Committee

Dear Chair

**Scramblers and Quad Bikes**

Over the past two to three years the South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee has discussed the matter of antisocial and dangerous use of scramblers and quad bikes in parks and along the road. In 2016 it was decided to host an awareness campaign on the issue and the attached leaflet was produced and publicised. <http://www.garda.ie/Documents/User/Road%20Safety%20Advice.pdf>

It was recognised that the production of a leaflet would only have a small impact and that the major problem was the impossible job the Garda had in apprehending those using scramblers illegally and dangerously. It was agreed that the Garda should not chase scramblers or quads as this could make the situation more dangerous.

What is needed is for there to be a requirement that all scramblers and quad bikes are registered at the point of sale. To do this there would need to be legislation put in place to make it compulsory that motorised scramblers and quadbikes are registered at the point of sale. This approach has been supported by the South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee and they have asked for support from other Joint Policing Committees in the Dublin area as it is understood to be a problem in many suburban communities in the greater Dublin area.

I would be grateful if you could raise this matter at your next Joint Policing Committee and would welcome a letter of support for the above proposal if your Committee were in agreement. We are writing to Frances Fitzgerald, the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality seeking that this legislative change is made, I would ask that you do the same if you are in agreement on this matter

Yours sincerely

CLl Deirdre O'Donovan  
Chair South Dublin Joint Policing Committee

Comhairle Contae Chill Dara  
Kildare County Council



29 March 2017

Cllr Deirdre O' Donovan,  
Chair South Dublin Joint Policing Committee,  
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**Re; Scramblers and Quad Bikes**

Dear Councillor O' Donovan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 20 January 2017.

The members of County Kildare Joint Policing Committee considered your request at their meeting on 6 March inst. to support the following South Dublin County JPC proposal;

*“ for there to be a requirement that all scramblers and quad bikes are registered at the point of sale, to do this there would need to be legislation put in place to make it compulsory that motorised scramblers and quad bikes are registered at the point of sale”*

Council Martin Miley Chairperson of County Kildare JPC asked me to convey to you that the JPC wholeheartedly support this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

Eileen Doyle

Administrator to County Kildare Joint Policing Committee

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14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

RE: Scramblers and Quad Bikes / Correspondence of 25 January 2017

Dear ClIr. O'Donovan

I refer to your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the above matter. This was brought to the recent meeting of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and the matter discussed.

I wish to advise you that the Fingal Joint Policing Committee is supportive of this initiative, and that arrangements will be made to write to the Minister for Justice and Equality in support of legislative change in relation to registration of scramblers and quad bikes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kieran Dennison".

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ClIr Kieran Dennison,  
Chair Fingal Joint Policing Committee



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

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South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee

Dear Chair

I refer to your recent correspondence to the chair of the Meath JPC regarding scramblers and quad bikes

At a meeting of the Meath Joint Policing Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the members fully supported the proposal that legislation be put in place to make it compulsory that motorised scramblers and quad bikes are registered at the point of sale.

Yours sincerely

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