

# 12 Minutes Faster

*A Message from Auntie Karen*

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Auntie Karen

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In the last month alone, my force has dealt with a number of fatal road traffic accidents.

The first one, on valentines day, involved two teenagers dying at the wheel with a third critically injured.

The third on the same day where a female was thrown from her car after hitting a kerb, which turned the car over. She was speeding to get home after getting off work late. She was 23 and had a 14 month baby.

The fourth was a 17 year old driver who ploughed into a group of 14 teenagers after 'showing off'. One of the victims died yesterday, after she was pronounced brain dead.

I can remember going to my first RTA only three weeks after joining shift from training school. It was a fatal, we tried to save the guy but failed. I will never forget feeling his fading pulse in my fingers.

Your letter is so poignant, but it isn't always about speeding. It's also wrecklessness, a lack of concentration, bravado, a sense of invulnerability in a tin can. I feel no guilt about stopping a mobile phone user or someone not wearing their seat belt. It's for all these reasons that I always, without fail, take the time to read the riot act to a speeder or kid showing off in his dad's wheels. I just hope that some words of encouragement / persuasion can enlighten some of these kids before there is another tragedy.

Like Michael, I am a bike rider of twenty years. This has made me so much more aware of my surroundings and my place on the road. I honestly believe that new drivers should have a risk awareness course similar to that of new bikers, i'm sure it will make a difference.

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