

# Good practice in speed enforcement, France

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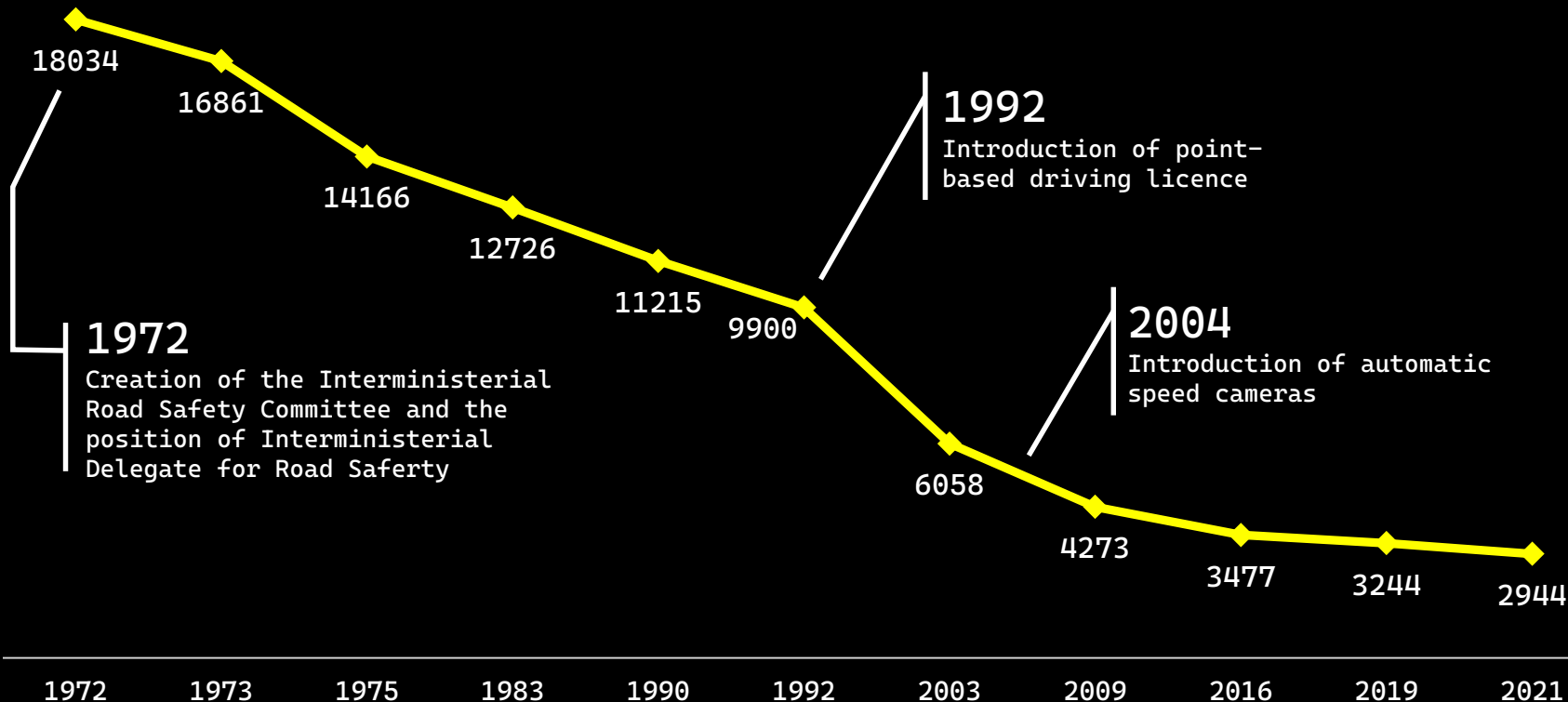
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## David Julliard, Deputy interministerial delegate for road safety

- Position of road safety Delegate created in 1972
  - Road safety delegation created in 1982
  - Department of the ministry of interior since 2012
  - Develops and implements the road safety policy and supports interministerial action in this area
  - 5 main tasks: regulation by the *Code de la route*, road education, communication campaigns for prevention, study and experiments, automated control and penalties for road traffic offences
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## 1972–2022 Evolution of road fatalities



## French approach of road safety

- > After significant advances in infrastructure and vehicles, today the behaviour of road users is the main driver for short term improvement of road safety
  - > 84% of french road user fatalities are men ...
  - > Evolution of behaviour takes time and has to be addressed by different policies: training, education, communication and control of offences.
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## French approach of road safety

> The combination of penalty-point driving licence (12 points maximum) and automated control of various offences (speed, traffic light...) enables a graduated management of infringements.

> Educational benefits

- of penalty points recovery, either by an awareness training course (giving maximum 4 points) or by challenging the driver's behaviour for a period of time proportional to the gravity of the offence committed
- the doctrine has been accepted by french drivers who know the efficiency of penalty-point licence and automated speed cameras to improve road safety

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> About 80% of french drivers have still 12 points attached to the

## Automated speed cameras

- Legal framework
  - holder of the registration certificate is the recipient of the infringement, whoever the driver of the infringement
  - penalty points and fixed fine, depending on the observed speeding
- Installation of speed cameras on roadways according to long-term accident rates
- Installation decision of the Government (*Préfets* – local representative of the State), together with the delegation for road safety for the technical installation and financial support of the device

## Automated speed cameras and offence processing

Legal framework enabling offence ticketing without interception of the offender, done by the National Agency for automated processing of offences:

Kind of report	Automated report	Electronic police report	
Control means	Automated cameras	Video ticketing	Offender interception
Type of offences	Speeding Crossing (traffic lights, railway)	for 17 offences	for all offences



## National Agency for automated processing of offences ( ANTAI – Rennes)

Project ownership by the delegation for road safety for equipment deployment with close cooperation with roadway managers and local authorities

The National Agency organizes the processing of offences for ascertaining the infringement in Rennes by a judicial police officer (team of 45 officers)

Ensures automated processing of speeding and crossing (traffic lights, railway...) traffic offences, established by an approved device whose ~~findings are authoritative.~~

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## National Agency for automated processing of traffic offences ( ANTAI – Rennes)

After the infringement is ascertained :

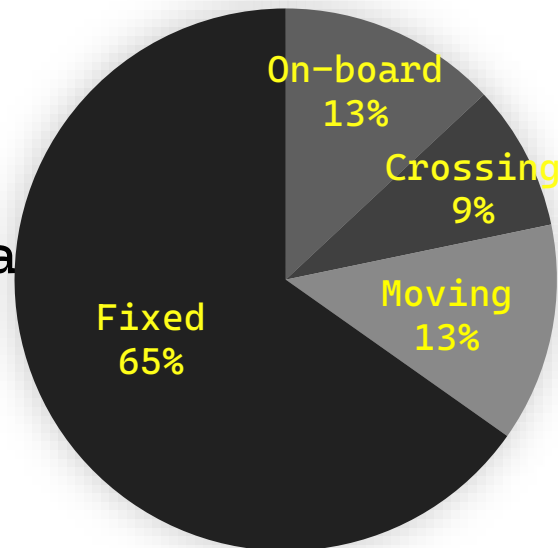
- ANTAI sends the statement to the holder of the registration certificate
- ANTAI sends the infringement to the National Office for driving licences, at the Delegation for road safety, to update the penalty points on the driving licence of the offender as soon as the fixed fine is paid.
- The national Office for driving licences sends a formal educational letter to the offender

A quick treatment of the offence reinforces the educational goal of the ~~automated treatment of offences: the driver remembers the event of the~~ offence

## Key figures

4600 automated  
cameras in France

ANTAI processes  
17 millions offences each year



## Road safety expenditure

The french State devotes a budget of 3,8 billion euros each year for road safety.

Fixed fines coming from automated speed-checks represents roughly 700M€ each year.

- The french taxpayer contributes to 82% to the annual road safety expenditure
  - The speed offenders contribute to 18% to the annual road safety expenditure: risky behaviour must contribute to road safety policy
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## Further work on automated speed cameras

- Moving automated speed cameras for roadworks areas, to increase the safety of roadworkers, will be further developed according to the Decision of the Interministerial Committee for Road Safety, chaired by the Prime minister on July, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - Ascertaining of infringements by automated control (phone by hand while driving, unfastened seatbelt...) with artificial intelligence processing of pictures taken by automatic cameras.
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Thank you for your attention

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