

Porsche 911 on patrol

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29/06/2017 The Austrian police force has upgraded its vehicle fleet, with officers now able to call on a 911 in their battle against traffic offenders. The car is a free loan from Porsche.

The vehicle fleet operated by the Austrian police has grown: Dr Helmut Eggert, Director of the Porsche sports car brand in Austria, officially handed over a vehicle in a police design to the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior. The 911 features all the equipment it needs for service, such as a flashing blue light and radio system. The force will be able to use the car until October and it will be operated on all Austrian motorways.

“The Porsche 911 has long been emblematic of powerful sports cars that offer a high level of everyday practicality, particularly when it comes to safety as well a comfort over long distances – both crucial aspects for the police when they are patrolling the motorways”, emphasised Eggert at the handover.

Konrad Kogler, General Director for Public Security, wants to use the Porsche police car to demonstrate

responsible behaviour on the roads: “In 2016, 427 people died in traffic accidents on Austrian roads. With the new Porsche 911, we want to demonstrate that you can drive responsibly and carefully even in a powerful sports car”.

Eggert adds: “Our partnership with the police force has a long tradition. In the 1960s and 70s, it was not unusual to see a Porsche police or gendarmerie vehicle with a flashing blue light. And in 2006, the Federal Ministry of the Interior received a Porsche 911 to use for motorway policing”.

Tradition: Porsche as police car

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