



Traffic Division of the Civil Guard action in 2011

Traffic police officers responded to over a million requests for assistance to citizens travelling by road

- During 2011 traffic police officers covered 146 million kilometres for traffic surveillance duties and assistance to motorists.
- 4 traffic police officers were killed and 16 were seriously injured in the line of duty.

April 6th, 2012. In 2011 the Traffic Division of the Civil Guard (ATGC from its Spanish name 'Agrupación de Tráfico de la Guardia Civil'), whose mission is to ensure the safety of road traffic, responded to a total of 1,173,422 requests for assistance and humanitarian services to citizens in need of help.

There are 10,308 officers employed within the Traffic Division of the Civil Guard; the number of traffic police officers has increased by nearly 2,000 officers over the last decade.

ATGC staffing											
Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of officers	8,346	8,624	8,639	8,639	8,640	8,808	9,806	9,808	10,306	10,307	10,308

In order to carry out traffic surveillance and assistance tasks, they operate a fleet of 6,148 vehicles, of which 3,316 are motorcycles.



ATGC vehicle fleet by type											
Vehicles	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Motorcycles	3,277	3,675	3,479	3,505	3,455	3,470	3,480	3,385	3,408	3,490	3,316
Light vehicles (patrol cars)	895	611	745	732	662	678	843	1,029	1,077	1,099	1,095
Accident investigation Unmarked vehicles	215	153	193	180	167	185	207	231	245	252	260
Speed enforcement Senior officers	225	168	249	289	242	231	284	301	350	370	344
Breath testing	127	132	150	149	174	193	190	241	214	199	253
4 x 4	116	91	76	82	71	71	69	69	71	71	73
Armoured cars	202	188	192	204	182	220	314	359	362	335	415
Others	258	230	247	228	212	323	413	477	488	430	392
Total	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	0
Annual trend	12	18	18	19	19	21	24	24			
Annual trend in %	5,632	5,571	5,655	5,688	5,474	5,602	5,964	6,159	6,230	6,249	6,148
	-23	-61	84	33	-214	128	362	195	71	19	-101
	-0.4%	-1.1%	1.5%	0.6%	-3.8%	2.3%	6.5%	3.3%	1.2%	0.3%	-1.6%

In 2011 traffic police officers covered 146,756,391 kilometres using these vehicles for traffic surveillance duties, attending a total of 1,173,422 road emergencies and providing assistance to drivers and other road users.

With regard to the accident rate for traffic officers since 2001, 39 on-duty fatalities and 3,159 officers injured while on duty show that their activities entail a high level of risk as they are carried out in a highly dangerous field, such as is the case in the daily task of making roads safe, often poorly acknowledged by society.

ATGC line-of-duty death and injuries												
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	TOTAL
FATALITIES	5	4	5	4	0	2	5	0	6	4	4	39
SERIOUS INJ.	43	41	35	27	20	28	20	21	37	10	16	298
SLIGHT INJ.	229	214	231	367	372	234	234	222	253	264	241	2,861

Nowadays, DGT works to optimize the systems through which the necessary equipment is supplied to the Traffic Division, so that officers can perform their traffic regulation and surveillance responsibilities on the roads with the best possible means. Thus the planning and expenditure units have been reformed, which will allow for



greater capacity for forecasting and control. Meanwhile, attention to road users will still be provided offering the best guarantee.