



Convoy Commander (Manager)

Role

To manage and ensure the safety of people, vehicles and equipment within the Convoy, whilst minimising the Convoy's impact on the environment and promoting the Convoy's image and reputation with communities along the way.

Responsibilities

- Brief the Driver's (and Co Driver's) prior to departure and daily before leaving the RON Stop / Campsite (see Daily Brief Standing Agenda in the Toolbox):
 - Ensure daily vehicle and trailer checks have been completed and any defects or limitations reported and addressed
 - Rules of the road, traffic laws and speed limits understood
 - Route selection and alternate routes / bypass routes provided and programmed into Navigation Systems. Ensure the UK Coordinator has details of the intended route.
 - Refuelling, water and food resupply points. Other planned stops / visits and activities.
 - Security measures during halts
 - The 'Order of March'. That is the order of vehicles on the road taking into consideration cargo, size, use, terrain, road conditions and expected threats.
 - Setting the time and distance between vehicles and elements.
 - Ensure that personnel are briefed on convoy drills
 - Documentation required
 - Planned RON Stop if known
 - Time of sunset / sunrise
- Conduct reconnaissance where possible, even if just a desktop map / satellite image based review
- Develop a local 'intelligence' network and share information along the route with other Overlander's. Identify problem areas along the route
- Emergency response, mutual and medical / security support
- Liaise with Police / Military including escorts as appropriate
- Identifying and requesting support as required
- Communications including check calls remembering radio communications can be intercepted and are not secure
- Making the daily safety check call.
- Maintenance of noise and light discipline
- Assign duties and responsibilities to others in the Convoy as required

Note: Where large numbers of vehicles are concerned, the convoy should be divided into elements not exceeding 20 vehicles in each element. Each element shall have a Head, Main Body and Trail.