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The objectives of this study were to find the level of obstacles to the suppression of illegal public road racing by the metropolitan police and factors affecting the obstacles. The subjects were 316 police officers in metropolitan police stations, patrol and special affairs division, and the central traffic control division. Data was collected through questionnaires. The results of the study show that:

Obstacles to public road racing suppression from most to least are; the state of police vehicles, methods of arrest, accidents, punishment and vehicle seizure, the audience of illegal road racing, the laws concerned, punishments from court sentences, man power and the influence of the offenders.

Additionally, subjects with different working ages and locations had different obstacles in their suppression of illegal public road racing.

The Findings Suggest that there should be revision and improvement of the vehicles officers use in illegal road racing suppression in efficacies and numbers so the tasks of arrest and suppression can be improved. Additionally, there should be revision to the laws concerning illegal public road racing, as well as punishments such as fines and imprisonment. For drunkeness and speeding, also laws providing for the arrest and punishment of illegal public road racing audiences should be enacted as these people support illegal public road racers.