

Electric Vehicle Safety Pilot Program

Industry LEAD Safety Initiative

Energy Skills Queensland's IoT Skills Australia division is a not-for-profit organisation tasked by the **Queensland Government** to bring together industry stakeholders that comprise key First Responder Emergency Services groups. The focus is to assure the successful navigation of the key safety issues important to all first responders involved in Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV).

These efforts have been bolstered recently with the addition of **Wilson Auto** to the First Responder **Industry Reference Group**. Wilson Auto is based in Capalaba, Queensland and has 25 employees maintaining 20 trucks on Queensland's roads. Mr. **Steve Wilson**, the Owner of Wilson Auto, held concerns about the new hazards that BEVs introduce to first responders after these specific EVs have been involved in a road incident. As a result, he took the initial steps to reach out to the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, seeking training that might help raise the awareness of the issues important to the first responder industry.

When industry takes the initiative, as Wilson Auto have, to lead safety in new safety practices aimed at protecting employees and clients, then the general public are being well served. We would like to recognise Steve Wilson and his team for setting a lead in safety. Steve will also bring a fresh perspective to the Industry Reference Group which includes Members from **the Queensland Police, Fire, and Ambulance**.

If you or your organisation is interested in joining the Industry Reference Group for First Responders to an Electric Vehicle Incident, or interested in undertaking Awareness Training for first responders to an electric vehicle incident, please make contact with the **EV Development Team** at Energy Skills Queensland at info@energyskillsqld.com.au.



(Source: Wilson Auto)