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Volkswagen Group Security supports WEISSER RING

- **Two Passat Variant GTE¹ for victim support organization**
- **Vehicles to be used for educational work, appointments with authorities and training**
- **Two Volkswagen buses accompany nationwide information tour in Germany**

Wolfsburg, July 7, 2020 – Volkswagen Group Security is providing two Passat Variant GTE vehicles to assist the charitable association in its work supporting victims of crime. Volkswagen is also lending the organization a Volkswagen T6 and the historic Volkswagen T2 for a nationwide information tour of Germany.



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Mobility assists victims support

WEISSER RING is Germany's largest support organization for crime victims. Almost 3,000 volunteers are available to help people in branches and regional offices as well as on the victims' helpline and with online advice. "Mobility is a basic prerequisite for providing fast, unbureaucratic help to crime victims. These cars will especially make prevention work easier throughout the country," explains Ziercke. In addition to information events and regional conventions, the two Passat Variant GTE cars are to be used for attendance at courts, appointments with authorities and for over 100 initial and advanced training seminars for volunteers.

Information tour with Volkswagen buses

Furthermore, Volkswagen Group Security is lending WEISSER RING a Volkswagen T6 and a historic Volkswagen T2 for the association's nationwide roadshow in Germany. This year, the tour had to be postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic. However, Michael Schmidt emphasized that Volkswagen would keep its promise and would provide the two vehicles at the beginning of the roadshow. Jörg Ziercke now hopes to tour Germany in 2021 to inform people about victim support work. "Then we will be using the two Volkswagen buses. We are very grateful for the support we are receiving from Volkswagen."

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People in need of assistance and others who are interested will find information on WEISSER RING at:
<https://weisser-ring.de/>

¹⁾ Passat GTE Variant 218 kW (NEDC), fuel consumption l /100 km: combined 1.6; power consumption in kW/h/100 km: combined 15.1 – 14.7; CO2 emissions combined in g/km: 37 - 36; efficiency class: A+.



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In 2019, the total number of vehicles delivered to customers by the Group globally was 10.97 million (2018: 10.83 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.9 percent. Group sales revenue in 2019 totaled EUR 252.6 billion (2018: EUR 235.8 billion). Earnings after tax in the fiscal year now ended amounted to EUR 14.0 billion (2018: EUR 12.2 billion).
