

DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

STEERING/WORKING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 11TH May 2005

Police Headquarters – New Reception Room

OPEN SESSION

1. Attendance:

Margaret Ward	-	Police
Roy Stevenson	-	Police
David Skinner	-	Police
Geoff Hall	-	Police
Ellen Li	-	Police
Rebecca Hampson	-	Police
Liam Vint	-	Police
John Buttress	-	Police
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Pete Leigh	-	Derbyshire County Council
Neil Hickman	-	Derbyshire County Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
Ian Butler	-	Derby City Council
David Payne	-	Derby City Council
Keith Sharples	-	AMScott
Louise Harper	-	CPS

2. Apologies: Martin Cantrill (Police), Graham Wheatley (County), Sue Pollard (County), David Allsop (County), Neill Bennett (County), Andy Roberts (City), Ben Cooke (AMScott), Sue Savage (Magistrates), David Fox (Magistrates), Jane Kirk (Magistrates), Becky Mahon (CPS), Andrea Charity (CPS).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th March 2005, were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising:

Maggie updated the group on the operations to date:-

Operations Update:

Casualty Analysis:

Ellen forwarded to County/City a detailed analysis of all mobile sites, which required local authority attention. As some sites have proved to be unsuitable for mobile cameras, actions were required from the group. Maggie has been asked to report the findings and actions of the Working Group to the next meeting on 7th June.

CTO Workload/Enforcement:

Geoff confirmed that there were no issues in the CTO at present.

PR/Marketing:

Website Administration:

John is in the process of inputting all speed statistics on the website and has also began to elaborate on the description of each camera location so that they are easier for the public to locate.

John continues to develop and update the WAP site so that mobile phone users can have access to information that can be found on the DSCP website.

It has been noted from our website that there has been an increase in visitors, as a direct result of the RAM fm competition that ran between 28th March and 17th April. The competition revolves around the public having to guess a song that is played at a fast speed. The speed was then reduced each day until someone guessed correctly to win a prize. Throughout this time the Partnership was promoted on air, with particular reference to our website.

Radio:

As above the RAM fm promotion has been a success and has led to an increase in the visits to our website.

We are currently running a promotion with the radio station in the far north of the county, High Peak radio. This will be similar to last years campaign, whereby radio presenters will speak with Mobile Officers on duty to ask them questions related to Partnership initiatives, and find out which roads they are enforcing on.

LBV Promotional Video

The Partners were asked to let Rebecca know if additional copies of the DVD are required. Rebecca confirmed she has around 100 copies at present.

Mobile / Radio / Newspaper meetings:

Local newspapers and radio stations have visited mobile camera units since February - these produced eleven positive articles – copies were circulated in the meeting.

Other PR items:

Jon mentioned that City are currently in the process of producing a road safety booklet, and asked if the Partnership would like to contribute. Jon is to liaise with Rebecca regarding this.

WORKING GROUP SECTION;

5. Proposed 2003/2004 Sites:

Sinfin Lane, Derby – City are planning to install fixed housings within the 3rd quarter.

OPERATIONAL CASE 2004/2005

6. Proposed fixed 2004/2005 Sites:

A6 Buxton – Progression of the installation of fixed housings will be pursued by Graham at a later date.

B5010 Sandiacre & A608 Heanor to Langley Mill – The housings are now installed, but both are currently awaiting power.

OPERATIONAL CASE 2005/2006

7. Proposed 2005/2006 Sites:

Go ahead with fixed installation at Boythorpe Road and erect signs/hardstandings on mobile sites at Newhall, Dronfield, Newbold Road and Stone gravels.

8. Vehicle Activated Signs:

It was mentioned that Graham is in the process of installing 7 VAS. It was confirmed that the majority of posts have now been fixed.

The HA in Leeds have opposed the inclusion of a VAS in a 30mph zone at Tintwistle.

Maggie confirmed that the criteria for installing VAS for 2005/2006 has been changed. VAS can now only be used as ADDITIONAL signing at approved sites, previously they were located at sites where camera enforcement couldn't take place.

9. Speed Data Collection Equipment: (Loops and Radar)

Delays have been incurred due to tenderers not providing sufficient information to satisfy contractual regulations. Testing is due to be carried out in the next week or two with the best of the selected technology. When a suitable supplier has been found, it has been suggested that 10 units are purchased at first, before buying all 36 units required.

10. Red Flex – Filming at Night

Progress is to be made with Red Flex, currently in operation in other partnerships and their results have proved to be successful. The equipment is used so that mobile enforcement can continue at night, and has been seen as a possible alternative to mobile Gatso cameras.

11. Senior Partners Meeting:

Mobile Motorcycle Cameras:

The concerns of the Working Group were raised with Chief Superintendent Karl Smethem who brought it to the attention of the Senior Partners meeting on 19th April. Maggie will include this in the next Operational Case. Small cameras are fitted onto motorbikes. See item 12 below.

Operation Focus:

This was an operation run by the Police Partners together with the Safety Camera Mobile Unit every weekend in the north of the county, in response to roads with significant motorcycle casualties. The activities of the safety cameras was welcomed

by the North Road Policing Unit who said their presence was very noticeable as they had made a definite impact on the operation this year, and it was good to see the contribution.

12. NEC Birmingham:

Mobile Motorcycle Laser Cameras (Unipar):

A visit was made to the NEC in April when the above stand was visited. Roy and Geoff viewed the type-approved equipment, which is ideally suited to mobile motorcycle enforcement. The Dorset Police currently use the kit.

Rockwool - Intumescent seals to fixed housings:

Fire and vandal proofing of Truvelo and Gatso housings can be quite costly. The above company can produce a total seal which is of interest to the DSCP and this may be pursued in the near future. The cost is in the region of £200 per housing. The sealing affects type approval (if not undertaken by the manufacturers - Truvelo/Gatso) and the DSCP and Rockwool are to pursue through Crown (the housing manufacturers) what steps can be taken to cover them for type approval. Jon is also to provide an old camera housing so that extensive fire testing may be undertaken.

13. Hayfield:

Roy and Geoff are to see if the housings at Hayfield have been painted yellow in accordance with the directions from Government.

14. Any Other Business:

Paul stated that one of his team wishes to attend a TMS training course. This is a three day course that is concerned with safety camera casualty reduction issues. Although members of the group had been on similar courses run by TMS, none had received SC training.

Although the National model for Speed Awareness was due to be published in "Spring 2005", there has been no firm date or proposals received from DfT. Research has still to be undertaken on the effects of Speed Awareness Courses on offenders. It is possible that SAC will not be implemented for quite some time due to the delay in the National model.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

22nd June 2005 – 2.00pm – New Reception Room Police HQ.