

SAFETY CAMERA UNIT – WORKING GROUP MEETING

DERBYSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES

Wednesday 24th October 2007 at 2.00pm

Police Headquarters – Reception Room

OPEN SESSION

1. **Attendance:**

Maggie Ward	-	Derbyshire Police
Sarah Ryde	-	Derbyshire Police
Chris Dent	-	Derbyshire Police
Geoff Hall	-	Derbyshire Police
Janice Pattison	-	Derbyshire Police
Graham Wheatley	-	Derbyshire County Council
Sue Pollard	-	Derbyshire County Council
Simon Tranter	-	Derbyshire County Council
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
Richard Robinson	-	Derby City Council
Jane Kirk	-	HMCS
Dave Fox	-	HMCS
Keith Sharples	-	AMScott

2. **Apologies:**

Pete Leigh, Dave Skinner, Neill Bennett

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (12th September 2007):**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising:

Operations Update:

4. **PR/Marketing:**

The group were informed that Rebecca has now left the Partnership to take up a National role and all wished her well in her new job.

5. **“Complaint” Site Speed Surveys:**

Reported at last meeting: *Resourcing is proving to be difficult, as this is a very demanding area of work with a steady stream of complaints being continually received - there is a backlog of surveys at the present time.*

Maggie explained that County & City teams were working together to try and overcome the problem with the increasing numbers of speeding complaints. County have provided equipment and City has been training staff from the SC Unit on deployment of tubes. If the situation continues Neill will be contacted for resources from his contract staff.

Upgrades to County Minuteman tubes (replacing the Hi-Stars & Radars that have been phased out or returned to suppliers) will be progressed once a refund is received from Golden River, this will give greater functionality.

In view of the request made at the last meeting on “how to interrogate the C2 software” Neill is to give an update on the C2 website and talk about accessibility of speed data for the Partnership once the new version of the software has come out – this is expected some time in January/February 2008. Neill will be happy to teach Area Teams to use it when the new software is in place as this will no doubt be a different process to follow – it was felt that training on the old software would be duplication as there would no doubt be changes.

6. “Upgrade” Mobile Cameras:

Maggie report that at a recent RP Enforcement technology meeting a discussion on mobile camera enforcement technology took place. There are currently no new mobile cameras on the market, or in HO type approval, which means that our current supplier of mobile equipment is the only one in existence (there are others but with no significant improvement). This leaves the SC Unit with no alternative but to upgrade the current cameras to the improved version of TeleTraffic DVD recording system, alleviating the problems with current video recording, which is now extremely difficult to replace.

The Senior Partners will require updating, as per the finance meeting in May 2007, when research and involvement in type approval was discussed. Maggie is preparing a bid to the Operating Group on the costs of the new upgrade where permission to progress will be requested, as per the original instruction in May.

7. Fixed Camera Site Installation - Codnor

Pete – This was raised at the Operating Group on 24th September when the ‘Bid’ for a fixed camera on the A610 at Codnor was raised. It was agreed that more information was required. Pete has since provided a detailed history of the site – once a speed survey has been undertaken, and if the results show a speeding problem, this should give the justification for the work.

The Arkwright Arms housing will go to Codnor for installations. Graham mentioned that the South Normanton housing would go to Van Dyk’s site after the collision damage.

8. Secondary Check Markings:

Geoff updated the group on the progress made to date with the assistance of Graham and Chris. Jon Pumfrey asked for the template document to be forwarded to him at City where a similar process will be commenced.

9. **Speed Limit Review (implications):**

Simon has submitted a number of sites in his rural area for speed limit reductions as he felt these met the criteria. Maggie explained to the group that a similar process to the one undertaken by Pete would need to be completed if camera activity was requested – each site must be assessed case by case if this was the recommended solution to any speed/casualty problems. Cameras would still only be considered as a last resort after all other means of reducing casualties had been considered.

10. **SC press coverage:** Pete Leigh raised at last meeting “*Rebecca is to discuss the issue with Rod, as there are concerns that very few people in the press offices possess the specific knowledge needed to answer safety camera queries*”. As Pete was not at today’s meeting Maggie is to raise this at the next meeting in December and ask Pete if this had been addressed.

11. **M1 Motorway:** Maggie updated the group on the brief email from Mick Mosley (Notts). Keith had a little more information and said that the 1st phase starts in November, VMS would be switched off and work would commence on the hard shoulder. The 2nd phase would commence in the new year. Keith agreed to continue to update Geoff & Maggie as the work progressed.

12. **A608 Mansfield Road, Derby:** There has recently been a rise in the number of accidents that have occurred on the road, he has therefore asked that the safety camera unit consider bringing the route back into operation. Sarah is to look at the site in more detail – Richard already has speed data. Together this information should provide sufficient evidence for resurrecting camera activity. Jon is to prepare a “bid” for the Operating Group once all the information is gathered.

13. **Any Other Business:**

Hampshire Signing Issue – Maggie circulated a newspaper article on this matter and is to try and obtain more details about the issue.

Station Road, Buxton - Graham reported that this site is now up and running with a Gatso camera.

Queries from Paul - There were a number of FOI queries from Paul which were discussed individually and resolved, or advice given, at the time.

14. **Date of Next Meeting:**

2.00pm Monday 3rd December - Reception Room – Police HQ.