

**SAFETY CAMERA UNIT – WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**DERBYSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007 at 2.00pm**

**Police Headquarters – Reception Room**

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. Attendance:**

Maggie Ward (Chair)	-	Police
Sarah Ryde	-	Police
Chris Dent	-	Police
Graham Wheatley	-	Derbyshire County Council
Pete Leigh	-	Derbyshire County Council
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Sue Pollard	-	Derbyshire County Council
Dave Fox	-	HMCS
Jane Kirk	-	HMCS
Robert Hill	-	Partnership Development Manager (DRSP)

**2. Apologies:**

Geoff Hall, Dave Skinner, Neill Bennett; Paul Shelley

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (24<sup>th</sup> October 2007):**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising:**

**Operations Update:**

**4. PR/Marketing:**

Sarah gave an update from the NEC Bike Show 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Feedback from the show was not as positive as in previous years when Rebecca had lead on the organisation of the event. It was felt that the message was not as strong and that it lacked the challenging interaction of bikers as in previous years.

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

Reported at last meeting: *Safety Camera Unit 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.*

A recent meeting has taken place with SC Unit and Ian Butler (City) & Neill Bennett (County) to try and resolve some of the issues. Equipment will be shared as much

as possible. Ways of reducing number of surveys required to be discussed with Inspector Matt Pickard, separating the asbo's from the "actual" multi-vehicle speed problems.

*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 (maybe January/February 2008). The update/presentation will be given to the Working Group soon after the new version is installed.*

6. **"Upgrade" Mobile Cameras:**

New equipment in process of ordering, as soon as Police Authority approves the purchase.

7. **Fixed Camera Site Installation - Codnor**

A speed survey is being processed, this site does require traffic management to install the speed data equipment - if the results show a speeding problem, it should give the justification for the work when coupled with the collision history.

8. **Secondary Check Markings:**

An update was given by Chris on the new process already undertaken by County and now being completed by City Council. Graham has passed the "calibrated tape measure" and the templates to Jon.

9. **Signing – (potential court challenges):**

Meeting held at County Offices on 21<sup>st</sup> November. Area Teams from County undergoing an "asset management check" of all A & B road signing. This to be done every 2 years, picking up and assessing all street furniture and identifying any issues. This is unlikely to be completed in the short-term so it will be necessary to proceed via a different channel when checking SC sites, which is a matter of some urgency. City are to be contacted to check if this is likely to be undertaken in the next few months – Jon to report to the next meeting on timescales.

Graham suggested that he should make contact with Scott Wilson and see if they could undertake this work on behalf of the SC Unit. Graham is to report back to the meeting on costs involved.

The mobile camera operators already check sites and signing which is required on the evidence sheets, i.e. "in good order and clearly visible". Whilst officers and staff from the SC Unit can do this, they are not experts on signing so could miss some technicalities on signing.

10. **SC press coverage:** Pete Leigh raised at September meeting his concerns regarding the lack of a dedicated PR/Marketing officer. It is not envisaged that the County Communications team will be dealing directly with the media. Over time it is hoped that the issues would be resolved and ironed out. At present the Partnership Chair, Vice-Chair or Robert will be the first point of contact for any press matters. Robert explained that individual expertise in a subject area would be required.

11. **Digital Gatsos:**

Maggie raised the 5 year lifespan of the current wet film process which was discussed at the National RS Conference in Buxton last month. This will entail the network of camera sites being replaced with digital technology along those routes still requiring enforcement activity – in a staged approach.

12. **Feedback from National Conference:**

Maggie spoke about the success of the National RS Conference hosted by the Derbyshire Partnership. Once handouts of the content had been completed on DVD it is planned to circulate to the Partnership/Working Group members.

13. **Any Other Business:**

Paul Robinson: Re fixed camera on A619. Paul explained that he was looking at moving one camera housing along this route to another location and would inform the SC Unit once details had been finalised so that a site meeting could be arranged. Paul will require speed survey data and also numbers of offences.

A632 Matlock Road / Whitecotes Lane adjacent Blue Stoops PH. It was agreed by the meeting that mobile enforcement would cease as signing may not be in accordance with TSRGD 2002 (the draft Chapter 3 of the Traffic Signs Manual gives a different interpretation of the Regs to previous). Paul's team have ordered an amendment to the layout of the gateway signing and will inform the SC Team when the changes have been made.

Graham Wheatley: Graham asked for an up to date list of the fixed cameras to be used in the future. Maggie explained that the Fixed Site Review was being undertaken in January when this could be discussed. Graham also mentioned that the camera housing at South Normanton had now been moved to the Van Dyk's site. **(Action:** Sarah & Maggie to ensure Graham is supplied with list of sites to be used).

Robert Hill: Robert mentioned the Eurorap report and asked if any interest might be received from the press.

Robert also advised the meeting that he was arranging a Partnership Workshop – a date of 3<sup>rd</sup> April had been pencilled in.

Maggie Ward: Maggie circulated a Miss Dorothy paper and spoke about the Presentation at the Derby Fire & Rescue Service HQ. The benefits of educating children on being safe – including road safety – was discussed and it is thought that this education package may be rolled out in Derbyshire and piloted at an appropriate school in the near future.

14. **Date of Next Meeting:**

9.00am 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008, New Conference Room Police HQ.

Wednesday 16th January-	9am to 12 noon -	New Conference Room
Wednesday 5th March	- 9am to 12 noon -	Reception Room
Tuesday 22nd April	- 9am to 12 noon -	Reception Room
Tuesday 10th June	- 9am to 12 noon -	New Conference Room
Tuesday 22nd July	- 9am to 12 noon -	Reception Room
Tuesday 2nd Sept	- 9am to 12 noon -	New Conference Room
Tuesday 21st October	- 9am to 12 noon -	New Conference Room
Tuesday 9th December	- 9am to 12 noon -	Reception Room