

**DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP**

**WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at 2.00pm**

**Police Headquarters – New Reception Room**

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. Attendance:**

Margaret Ward	-	Police
Roy Stevenson	-	Police
David Skinner	-	Police
Geoff Hall	-	Police
Martin Cantrill	-	Police
Rebecca Hampson	-	Police
Liam Vint	-	Police
Pete Leigh	-	Derbyshire County Council
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Sue Pollard	-	Derbyshire County Council
Simon Tranter	-	Derbyshire County Council
Alan Prosser	-	Derbyshire County Council
Ian Butler	-	Derby City Council
David Payne	-	Derby City Council
Keith Sharples	-	AMScott
Jane Kirk	-	Magistrates

**2. Apologies:** Sarah Ryde (Police), Graham Wheatley (County), Neil Hickman (County), Neill Bennett (County), David Allsop (County), Bridget Gould (County), Andy Roberts (City), Jon Pumfrey (City), Ben Cooke (AMScott), Sue Savage (Magistrates), David Fox (Magistrates), Louise Harper (CPS), Becky Mahon (CPS), Andrea Charity (CPS).

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005, were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**4. Matters Arising:**

Maggie updated the group on the operations to date:-

**Operations Update:**

**5.PR/Marketing:**

Prince Michael Road Safety Award – commendation winning campaign posters – Rebecca, Maggie and seven representatives from the Midlands Partnerships went to a presentation at the Savoy Hotel in London.

The NEC Motorcycle and Scooter Show at which the DSCP participated ran from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November and was a great success. Derbyshire County Council are keen to use the exhibition stand (based on the backdrop of Via Gellia) for future motorcycle events in Derbyshire. Mike Ashworth is to make the arrangements.

Young Drivers Education – This is a County Council led initiative joining various organisations. Alan Prosser confirmed that the aim was to reduce the overrepresentation of young drivers in the casualty statistics. Roy has given two talks to 6<sup>th</sup> form students in Buxton and Bakewell, and reported back to the group on the largely positive feedback given by the pupils.

## **WORKING GROUP SECTION:**

### **OPERATIONAL CASE 2005/2006**

#### **6. Vehicle Activated Signs:**

At the last meeting it was raised that a member of the public had complained about the VAS due to be erected at Tibshelf. He wants it moved away from his house, as he claims it would be too obtrusive. Roy confirmed in the last meeting that the situation is still pending in negotiation with Graham and the member of public, but a possible compromise is that the sign may be moved slightly. David Allsop has now agreed a new position for the VAS with the member of public. The Street Lighting Department are to move the sign as soon as possible.

#### **7. Rockwool - Intumescent seals to fixed housings:**

Roy had stated that Rockwool are confident that they can fully insulate the housing provided to them. However they require £800 for further fire testing costs. The current type approval is owned by a company called Crown who refuse to contribute to the testing, as they have their own solution (although this doesn't provide 100% effective fire proofing), which is used by both Gatso and Truvelo. Maggie stated that due to this added cost, testing has been placed on hold for the time being.

#### **8. Mobile Gatsos:**

The loan mobile Gatso has been in operation for approximately two months. So far the results have been good with few offences occurring at mobile Gatso sites. The installation takes two officers to set up. The trolley base and lifting device has now been fitted to the camera / vehicle which should simplify the setting-up process. Visibility and location, also operating during hours of darkness are paramount to the process. The loan of a second mobile Gatso has been agreed and we are awaiting delivery. Maggie mentioned that the presence of the camera and operators alone seems to act as a deterrent, as so far there have been very few offenders along routes enforced by mobile Gatso equipment.

#### **9. Accurate Signs:**

Previously raised item by Inspector Matt Pickard:

Action: Paul's team (Nel Corker) is assessing signing in the North of the county – Sarah has already supplied Nel with a list of routes including grid reference numbers. Simon is to obtain the list of routes, so that signage issues can be dealt with and those that don't currently meet TRSGD regulations can be amended.

### **10.Speed Data Collection:**

Golden River have finalised implementation of the loop system in the County area, City sites have been delayed due to road works etc. Training is due to commence in the next week or so for members of the unit re the data link. It was also noted in the meeting that Neill is to speak with Drakewell to ensure database connectivity at County.

The delivery of radars has been delayed until the data link training has been completed. After an assessment of training and use of the loops has been undertaken progress will be made on radar delivery some time early next year.

A solution needs to be found to enable rotational use of the radar equipment at the complaint sites (approx 250). It was noted that it would prove to be very time consuming to keep changing equipment at the sites, and undertake risk assessments of street lighting in advance. Also due to Health and Safety regulations, the work would have to be carried out by two people. One solution suggested was to outsource the work; however a definitive answer is yet to be agreed upon.

### **11.Staff:**

SC Enquiry Officer: Two members of the Film Viewing Section have recently left the unit and have not been replaced, but a SC Enquiry Officer has been recruited to work with the Enquiry (Enforcement) Section to assist in administering the enquiries internally – this should free up a Data Collection Enforcement Officer to undertake enquiries outside the unit. The recruitment of an additional Enquiry Officer will be considered after an assessment of workload over the next two months.

As a temporary measure until a replacement for Ellen has been appointed, both Sarah and Liam are undertaking extra duties. Sarah is to deal with Data Analyst tasks whilst Liam is to cover Data Collection Admin Officer work. Maggie stated that although Sarah is doing an excellent job, a fully qualified Data analyst needs to be recruited as soon as possible. Ian confirmed that City has a recruitment freeze at the moment, and so employing a Data Analyst may take some time to achieve. Roy argued that obtaining a Data Analyst is a priority for the Partnership, and more effort should be made to ensure the position is filled as soon as possible. Keith suggested that it may be worth looking into the possibility of recruiting via HA instead of City. The matter is to be looked into.

Data Collection/Enforcement Officer: An ex police officer has been successfully recruited within the unit.

### **12.Speed Awareness Courses:**

Maggie stated that a National ACPO Press Release on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005 confirmed that all Police Forces will be running Speed Awareness Courses in the future. As the majority of funding for these schemes will come from the Safety Camera Partnerships, Maggie and Geoff are researching the most appropriate course for Derbyshire – the affects on the film viewing process would be quite substantial as we do not have software to deal with the separation of SAC acceptances from the FP

process. Maggie is preparing a report for the Chief Constable detailing the results of the research and supplying sufficient information for the Chief Constable to make a decision on whether a SAC is appropriate, and at what level. A meeting with Stan Werbinski at City Council has taken place as the Authority wished to put in a bid to deliver the courses. Should SAC receive approval the Force Contracts Section will be tasked with taking this project through the European tendering process. Both Maggie and Geoff are to undertake a Speed Awareness Course in Leicestershire to see how effectively they are run. Alan asked to be kept informed of the progress.

### **13. Operational Case 2006/2007:**

Any new sites – Maggie asked the group to submit them to her as soon as possible as the speed surveys were a time consuming exercise which needed to be planned into the operation. Ian mentioned that he had one possible site in mind. He enquired as to whether Red Speed Cameras (which are type approved) could be incorporated by the Partnership, as this potential site had collisions attributable to vehicles jumping the red light.

### **14. Any Other Business:**

Maggie mentioned that at her meeting with the Senior Partners, she was asked about the capabilities of the SPECS system. Maggie confirmed that the system only works facing forward; however a rear facing system is in the type approval process.

Pete asked if Roy could arrange for a mobile van to visit Tibshelf during the hours of 7-8 in the morning, as this is when most motorists speed through the area.

Simon stated that he had attended several Parish Council meetings where they requested to have a mobile VAS. Maggie confirmed that VAS can only be used as additional signing at core sites.

Paul asked if there was any training available for County staff, with regard to the new causation factors, and requested that they be trained at the same time as Police Officers. Both Dave and Roy confirmed that this wasn't a high priority for training, and normally Officers would receive an aide memoire for minor changes to legislation.

### **15. Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006 – 2.00pm – New Conference Room Police HQ.