

**DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP**

**STEERING/WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**10<sup>TH</sup> July 2003 – 2.00pm**

**Central Ticket Office – Meeting Room – Police Headquarters**

**1. Attendance:**

Inspector Alan Bannister	-	Police
Geoff Hall	-	Police
Ellen Li	-	Police
Martin Cantrill	-	Police
Sergeant Ian Windmill	-	Police
Maggie Ward	-	Police
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Graham Wheatley	-	Derbyshire County Council
Phil Bellefontaine	-	Derbyshire County Council
Pete Leigh	-	Derbyshire County Council
Ian Butler	-	Derby City Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
Ben Cook	-	AMScott
David Fox	-	Magistrates
Jane Kirk	-	Magistrates

**2. Apologies:**

Chris Mitchell (CPS), Gerry Goodman (Scott Wilson), Geoff Whittaker (AMScott), Mags Young (D County Council),

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):**

Paul Robinson asked for an amendment to the minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

“Paul informed the meeting that some roads in urban areas were to receive a reduction in speed from 60 to 50mph, i.e. parts of Spitewinter to Walton would be reduced from 60 to 40mph.....”

**4. Matters Arising:**

Maggie gave an update on the operations to date, as follows:-

**Operations Update:**

**Data Collection/Enforcement Officers:**

Three new members of staff have been interviewed and selected on the combined roles, they have been offered positions immediately, provided that all security checks have been undertaken successfully, hopefully by the end of August 2003. The new

staff will be required to work a shift pattern, as follows 6.00am to 2.00pm and 2.00pm to 10.00pm.

**Finance:**

A financial spreadsheet was circulated and discussed with the group.

**CTO Workload/Enforcement:**

During the last four months there has been a great increase in tickets generated as can be seen from the financial spreadsheet.

The Operational Plan prepared as a result of the CTO workload was discussed and is to be circulated to all members, together with the minutes of the meeting.

**PR/Marketing:**

A Marketing and Publicity update, prepared by Mark Knight, was circulated for the information of the group.

**5. WORKING GROUP SECTION:**

**6. Site Selection 2003/2004:**

Some mobile sites are unsuitable for enforcement due to difficulties in parking the mobile vans. Sergeant Windmill is assessing all the sites for suitability.

Paul Robinson raised concerns with some fixed sites, e.g. Ramsley Moor. Ian Windmill is to meet with Paul at this site in the near future.

Mobile Site 78: A601 Abbey Street, Derby has no enforcement due to parking difficulties. Ian Butler explained that there was work being undertaken on the ring road, affecting the location, which may change the plans for the site re safety camera enforcement.

**7. Site Selection 2004/2005:**

Maggie asked the meeting if they would supply the Project Team with lists of any sites selected by them in order that speed data collection, and casualty/collision assessment can be undertaken, by a deadline of no later than 1<sup>st</sup> August 2003.

Ian Butler asked if Hi-Stars could be used on Grampian Way to ascertain the results of the road humps being taken out. Steve Bowlzer is to be asked to complete speed surveys.

County have not yet identified any further sites.

Any considerations as to future technology are to be discussed at the next meeting.

**8. Red Light Sites:**

Research has been undertaken in relation to the selection of red light sites. From the lists produced by County and City, Ellen has undertaken an analysis, this has confirmed that no sites fit the red light criteria and will not therefore form part of the Operational Case 2004/05.

The red light camera at Derby was last tested during Early June, but photographed only emergency vehicles. John is to test the camera again on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **9. Motorway Roadworks / A38 / A52:**

A meeting with AMScott and other relevant parties is to be held asap to progress Motorway Roadworks and the possible utilisation of the Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership on site. Keith Sharples has suggested that he liaise with the Highways Agency before the meeting is set and will contact Maggie to rearrange a meeting in the near future. Please see item below re Regional SCP Meeting.

Enforcement / site selection re A38 and A52 (high-speed roads) is also to be discussed at the Motorway Roadworks meeting.

#### **10. Mobile Operation (demonstration)**

A further demonstration is to be arranged for any of the Partners wishing to see the mobile enforcement / Gatso / Truvelos in operation. Maggie is looking to arrange this for the month of September.

#### **11. Signing:**

**2003/04:** Re previous requests. Enforcement can commence once the signs are in place. The Partners were asked if there was any progress in relation to signing going up. Ellen circulated a spreadsheet and explained that some sites had already been signed when mobile enforcement could not take place due to parking problems. The Partners agreed to take down those signs where sites were to be considered for fixed enforcement by PA Consulting. (Maggie had consulted with PA during the last week to ascertain their views on the situation – PA have instructed that these changes be included within the next Operational Case – see item 19).

Site visits at those sites suitable for fixed sites were agreed.

2 sites at Buxton (identified in Operational Case 2003/04) are not suitable for mobile enforcement, and it was agreed that these would not be signed.

Ellen mentioned that signing, e.g. on Byron Avenue, Long Eaton had been put up, on tributary routes, which is causing confusion to drivers, believing that the route extends into the tributary routes. It was agreed that this signing should come down.

Paul Robinson asked if variable message signs could be used at locations where we had enforcement/parking problems. The group were very keen to progress this type of signing and are to be included in the next Operational Case at suitable sites.

Response received from Dennis Marsden (DCC) that the A52 Mackworth from start of 40mph limit to the County/City boundary is in the process of being signed (before 11<sup>th</sup> August).

Existing mobile routes: There are a number of sites which are not suitable for mobile enforcement and do not have a collision and/or speed problem. Ellen has requested that this list be examined by the relevant Partners. If no response is made to Ellen by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, a request will be made to PA for the removal of the signs.

#### **12. Magistrates:**

David Fox could not provide a firm date for the move from the old 'D' DHQ site to Ilkeston, but believed this would be on or around 16<sup>th</sup> September. A meeting has now been arranged (Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July) with Police IT/Security/Estates and Services at the old and new site to discuss the requirements of the move. David Fox apologised for not being in a position to give more detailed information, particularly in relation to costs involved.

Geoff mentioned that timescales would need to be put back for 2 weeks.

Jane Kirk reported that workload had picked up after the bank holiday, but they are coping well. Jane asked if the present system could be upgraded providing a faster link to the network, which would improve response times. Maggie to pursue this with IT section in relation to costs involved.

The Courts are to close from 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September for the move. Considerations need to be made on the diversion of mail from Derwent Street to Ilkeston!

### **13. Hi-Stars:**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> June Sergeant Windmill and Steve Bowlzer met Rod Nuth (BMF) on site at Stanton by Bridge. Steve was keen to progress a meeting on site with Mr Nuth because of the complaints about the way the equipment was being deployed. Although Mr Nuth still considers that the manufacturers have not undertaken the research to satisfy the BMF, he appeared to be quite content with the way in which the Hi-Stars were being used, i.e. not on bends, corners, at sites with underground power cables, parked vehicles. To date I have heard nothing further from Mr Nuth!

### **14. Truvelo:**

The clarity of the pictures produced by Truvelo has much improved. A recent email from the ANPR team has praised the numbers of persons detected after being involved in criminal activities, in the Ilkeston area. Front photographs have been produced for the officers which has identified the individuals driving vehicles involved in crime. Ilkeston police officers had requested that no PR work be undertaken as it would impede their progress by identifying the work being undertaken in crime detection.

Graham Wheatley is keen to progress payment to Truvelo for £40,000 and in view of the above the group saw no reason to hold up the payment of the invoice any longer. Agreement to pay the invoice was made.

### **15. Enforcement/CTO Workload – “Enforcement Week”:**

The deficit, created at the end of 2002, has reduced significantly through the increased enforcement during the last four months, which has in turn affected the CTO Film Viewing Section.

The SC Team have been involved in an “Enforcement Week” in order to reduce the files generated as a result of the increased activity, i.e. persons who do not respond to the S.172s.

Once the enforcement week is completed a more rigid approach to casualty reduction, coupled with tickets identified in the Operation Case, is being commenced.

## **16. Renishaw (Gatso) Camera:**

A query was raised by Graham Wheatley on whether the camera would be replaced in the future. If the location meets the criteria for fixed/mobile then it will be included in the next Operational Case.

A query was also raised at the meeting (originated by a member of the public) regarding Marsh Lane. Both cameras are facing the same direction, up hill – Ellen is to investigate and check the collision data. *Ellen has since the meeting checked the collision data: the cameras were installed in 1996. The last collision (near the two cameras) was in 1997.*

## **17. Variable Signs:**

Portable signs have been included in the Operational Case, to the value of £50,000 (approx £5000 each). Paul Robinson asked what progress could be made with the “portable” signs. It was felt that loaning to Parish Councils may be difficult to manage, the signs could not simply be passed to PCs for their use, a system of management needed to be set up. Paul is to discuss this with other Partnerships at a meeting he is to attend in the next few weeks.

## **18. Regional Safety Camera Partnerships (meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2003):**

- New handbook: being reviewed, hope to be released by the end of August, out in the public domain soon afterwards.
- Operational Case 2004/2005: Full and final version to be submitted 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003.
- Highways Agency (Gary Crockford):
  - Funding procedure for recovery of SCP expenditure – guidance to be issued towards the end of the year.
  - SLA: to be written into contractors’ programmes that SCP camera/film/maintenance will be required on the HA roads. This was considered a problem for their contractors as they need to be aware of the SCP activities on site.
  - Roadworks: This may not be resolved in time for the Operational Case 2004/2005, but Gary is to ensure that all Route Managers are giving the same message (this differs from one area to another), which is that SCP will be asked to become involved in roadworks on Motorways/high speed roads.
  - Consideration may be given to:
    - Mobile enforcement.
    - Reductions of speed limits.
    - Regional purchase of equipment. Each Partnership to include in their Operational Case as contribution to “central” use of equipment. Depending on equipment selected, this may not be suitable for back office systems.
    - Cameras/staff/back office resources needs to be taken account of.

## **19. Mobiles to Fixed Sites:**

Vipin Goyal from PA Consulting has responded to a query whether the current mobile sites (selected in the Operational Case 2003/04) could be changed to fixed sites, because the collision data shows quite a significant number of collisions, but still meet the mobile criteria for KSIs. Vipin has agreed to look at those sites, but will require additional costings we are likely to incur as a result of changing them from

mobile to fixed. Ellen has prepared and distributed a list of those sites falling within this category. Responses regarding the suitability/costs for fixed cameras to be forwarded to Ellen by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August.

At the moment we are not in a position to incur any further costs, but it is Maggie's intention to include in the Operational Case for 04/05.

## **20. Analysis:**

At the last Partners Finance meeting, David Gartside asked if speed data could be analysed, as the collision data "before and after" analysis. Maggie explained that the speed data was not available from 1994 in order for Ellen to undertake similar analysis, and that each Authority collected data in different ways/formats, some Authorities did not update their systems and so the analysis could not be supported by them. David asked for this to be raised at the Working Group.

## **21. Any Other Business**

Graham Wheatley: Informed the group that the Serco maintenance was well under way and should be finalised by the end of July.

Graham mentioned a digital system of camera technology, which could be used instead of the wet system we currently use. Although Monitron was the company he spoke of, Maggie expressed some concern as this particular company was discussed at the recent Regional SC Project Managers meeting (held in Nottingham) – Monitron were having problems with their technology and representatives of other Partnerships were cautious in any progress with the company.

New technology is to be researched during the next few weeks in readiness for the Operational Case submission.

## **22. Date of Next Meeting(s):**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2003 - at 9.30am  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2003 - at 9.30am  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2004 – at 9.30am

Mags has asked if the next meetings can be changed from Thursdays – this was raised at the group, but it wasn't thought to be feasible by the members due to their own commitments.

Venues to be arranged.