

DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

STEERING/WORKING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 22ND September 2004

Police Headquarters – New Reception Room

OPEN SESSION

1. Attendance:

Margaret Ward	-	Police
Matt Pickard	-	Police
Geoff Hall	-	Police
Roy Stevenson	-	Police
Martin Cantrill	-	Police
Ellen Li	-	Police
Rebecca Hampson	-	Police
Pete Leigh	-	Derbyshire County Council
Graham Wheatley	-	Derbyshire County Council
Sue Pollard	-	Derbyshire County Council
Ian Butler	-	Derby City Council
Andy Roberts	-	Derby City Council
Jane Kirk	-	Magistrates
David Fox	-	Magistrates
Sue Savage	-	Magistrates
Keith Sharples	-	AMScott
Louise Harper	-	CPS

2. Apologies:

Dave Skinner (Police), Liam Vint (Police), Neil Bennett (County), Paul Robinson (County), Philip Bellefontaine (County), Jon Pumfrey (City), David Payne (City), Ben Cooke (AMScott), Becky Mahon (CPS), Andrea Charity (CPS).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4. Matters Arising:

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

Operations Update:

Pete Leigh confirmed that the 'Police Vehicles only' sign for the hardstanding site at B6179 Lower Kilburn is to go up within two weeks.

Phil Bellefontaine was to provide feedback regarding A6 Dove Holes to Chapel by Pass, but was unable to attend the meeting.

Information item:

Due to the increase in workload of the Data Analyst, David Gartside suggested that an Assistant Data Analyst be employed, which was agreed by the Partners. The post is to be funded by the Partnership and included in the next Operational Case. The majority of County and City camera site identification and analysis is undertaken by Ellen, plus frequent ad hoc additional analysis throughout the year.

CTO Workload/Enforcement:

The CTO automatic film reading equipment (StarTraq) was finalised and implemented last week. There were a few minor problems which were the responsibility of the Force IT Section and they are now resolved. Once the system is tried and tested Geoff's team will be happy to demonstrate the system to the Working Group. Graham asked if StarTraq is currently able to read rear number plates via Truvelo cameras. This is to be tested as soon as possible.

PR/Marketing:

Radio Advertising:

Peak fm (Chesterfield's local radio station) are commencing the live chats to the mobile camera officers – this will run from 4th October to 26th November 2004. The presenters will be asking a 'frequently asked question' each day (provided by Rebecca) and the officers will be given the answers in readiness of the morning show chat. One of the presenters (Becky Measures) will be "working" with the team, once with the mobile units, and also with the Project Team / CTO – for three separate occasions. It is hoped that their influence with the listeners will promote the use of safety cameras in the north of the county.

Video Production:

Rebecca has been given approval by the Senior Partners to research and progress a Derbyshire SCP video. The estimated costs are in the region of £15,000. The video will be used at local shows, Parish Council meetings, any Local Authority meetings etc.

NEC Big Bike Show (November):

The Regional Teams are taking part in this event. Sergeant Stevenson will represent Derbyshire (with other members of the mobile team).

Website Administrator:

The Senior Partners gave their approval to recruit someone to maintain the website. There will be quite a lot of up to date information required to be published on the website: site lists, casualty analysis, speed surveys, meetings, financial information etc. so it will assist the Project Team when FOI Act comes into effect in January 2005. A web payments system is also to be considered in the next Operational Case which will also substantially increase the workload of this post.

WORKING GROUP SECTION:

Proposed 2003/2004 Sites:

A6 Ambergate – Originally 2 housings were to be placed, but this may be changed to 1, depending on speed survey results. Pete and Graham are to comment next time.

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5. Proposed Fixed 2004/05 Sites

B5010 Sandiacre – 2 sites

A6 Buxton – Consultation to be done as soon as possible.

A608 Langley Mill – 3 sites

6. Proposed Mobile 2004/05 Sites

Pete confirmed the progress of the hard standing at Hearthcote Road, Swadlincote, stating that they were still waiting for a hardstanding to be built. He also confirmed that there was nowhere suitable for a hardstanding to be built on the A514 Swadlincote (nr Ski Centre).

A6 Allestree – Jon has sent out consultation letters regarding a hardstanding for the site.

7. Truvelo update:

Truvelo are having tests completed by another Partnership and are to respond to Derbyshire on the results as soon as possible. (The issue in relation to unwritten software by Serco to assist the reading of the rear facing films).

8. Essex visit:

- a) Suitable and appropriate sites are being selected from our current Gatso sites in order to establish whether the additional camera will give Derbyshire more functionality. The camera is also very useful when detecting suspects of crime, and our current *front facing* Truvelos help in this area of work – we frequently are asked to help to identify criminality through time of activation and time of crime. Essex have an excellent success rate of identifying offending speeding motorists, and also of crime detection through their SCP. Maggie has been asked by the Partners to check how many of our sites are suitable for the equipment and liaise with Community Safety, and whether there is ANPR ability within the housing.
- b) Mobile Gatsos are also in use in Essex. The extra kit works at any time of day/night, and although our current TeleTraffic equipment is excellent during the daylight hours is not really suitable during the hours of darkness. Some of our casualties occur during 6.00pm and 11.00pm but mobile officers are unable to enforce at this time of the evening in the winter months, so these mobile routes are still very vulnerable. Ellen is to assess the current sites for night time collisions/casualties, particularly in the winter months. Roy spoke to fleet management regarding the possibility of fixing lifting apparatus to the mobile vans in order that the cameras may be used out of the side doors. Other options are also to be researched.
- c) Website payments scheme. Although this particular function is not yet in use Nationally, Maggie feels that it is important to become involved in the process

and include it in the Operational Case. The function will allow offenders (by their own unique pin no and identification no):

- ❖ to view their offence evidence on the Website, also
- ❖ the progress of their file,
- ❖ photographic evidence,
- ❖ calibration certificates,
- ❖ location map of site (with photographs of approach and rear of site),
- ❖ collision/casualty statistics at the site.

Payments via the web cannot yet be undertaken (steps are being taken Nationally to progress this, but it may be some time before the payment process can be completed via the web). The submission of driving licences to Magistrates for insertion of points also needs to be resolved. Although payments cannot yet be made via the web the system will still reduce many manual processes in the CTO. It will give drivers an opportunity to obtain various types of information/photographs /certificates/record progress/statistical information, and help to build stronger public support. It will also assist to reduce FOI enquiries through various forms of information being stored on the website. Meetings with the Magistrates Section and IT are arranged.

9. Mobile Motorcycle Camera Enforcement:

There are many mobile sites where we are unable to site the mobile vehicles, some of these sites are locations where it may be possible and more appropriate to deploy motorcycle enforcement. Some Partnerships already utilise motorcyclists for this work and are very successful due to the parking restrictions they too are faced with. Suitable sites for motorcycle enforcement had been identified by the Project Team. The Senior Partners felt that because a fully fit officer would need to ride the m/cycle it may be seen critically by the community i.e using fully fit officers who could otherwise be performing other police duties. For the time being the Senior Partners felt that mobile motorcycle enforcement should not be progressed.

10. Vehicle Activated Signs:

A list of Vehicle Activated Sign sites has been selected. The list is now almost complete and Sergeant Stevenson, DCC and City may be required to meet, to determine the accurate location of signing. It was noted that some sites will require engineering measures in order to make them suitable. Mike Ashworth asked that Maggie check with the County Engineers to ensure that sufficient maintenance costs had been included because there had been occasions in the past when signs had broken down and there had not been sufficient funding to cope with the repairs. 9-8-2004: Maggie spoke with Graham Wheatley who confirmed that similar County sites were checked four times per year (twice by Peek, twice by County) to ensure that they were operational as far as possible, and that costs had been included of £100 per sign per year. It was noted in the meeting that VAS may be increased in the next Operational Case, (providing the new handbook allows them).

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

Neill Bennett (County), David Payne (City) and Maggie have met with the Police Contracts section in order to finalise a specification for the two different types of kit. Neill has already written a specification for the County and this has been utilised and amended to suit the Partnership requirements. The Contracts section have given an indication that the process may be finalised towards the end of this year/early next year.

12. Operational Case 2005/2006

The Working Group Partners are to look into new sites. Ellen has analysed Uttoxeter Road, excluding peak hours. The peak hours the Partners agreed on were 7 to 10am & 3 to 7pm.

Marked Bays

A610 Codnor – Pete confirmed that the hardstanding development will not be taking place.

13. City:

CTO have received many complaints about Burton Road, Derby – 30mph sign from A511 (ring road) Slip Road – Joining Burton Road, now quite obscured by shrubbery. Jon and Ian have investigated the matter and a bracket is to be fitted to a street lighting column as soon as possible.

Mobile - Hard Standings

A6 Allestree - Consultation letters have been sent.
A6 Allestree to Duffield - Consultation letters have been sent.
Burton Road, Littleover - Consultation letters have been sent.

14. Speed Awareness Courses:

Maggie has liaised with Ian Bell, The *ACPO UK National Safety Camera Partnership Coordinator*) regarding progress on the Speed Awareness papers. Ian says that the papers are with Richard Brunstrom, hopefully they will come out to Project Managers early September, but to date these have not been received. His understanding from the process is that *“costs up to including the offer for referral to the course can be met from netting off, after this point costs should be incorporated into the cost of the course. From my experience the proposed maximum charge for a minimum standard Speed Awareness Course of £60 should adequately cover all these costs”*.

Once Ian receives approval from Richard and ACPO he is to propose an informal meeting of those project managers who were interested, and then invite one or two people along who have had dealings with setting up and running schemes so we could explore the process. Maggie is to meet with Ian in the near future.

15. Speed Limit Signing

Re the letter received from DfT requested that a review be undertaken by Local Authorities with regard to speed limit signage. It was stated in the letter that all signs should comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 or have previously received special authorisation from the Secretary of State. The review needs to be completed with a response by 1 October 2004.

16. Any Other Business:

Ellen had sent an e-mail regarding the signing of approved mobile sites. It was noted that signing is not going up quick enough, and as much as six months had lapsed in some cases, before signing was placed at some of these sites. The question was

raised in the meeting as to whether enforcement could still take place if the signs had not yet been put up. It was confirmed that would not be the case.

Graham confirmed that the site at St Johns Road, Ilkeston is now working, and the Gatsos have all been serviced.

Ian mentioned that the red light camera was to be calibrated and Maggie has placed the order.

Pete highlighted the possibility of using CCTV cameras for enforcement. He noted that there is special legislation to enforce on bus lanes in London. This is made possible by setting the equipment to trigger at certain vehicle heights.

Roy informed the group that fixed cameras were now being calibrated more evenly spread throughout the year, to ensure the Partnership were not without cover in some periods.

17. Date of Next Meeting:

4th November 2004 – 2.00pm – CTO Meeting Room Police HQ