

SAFETY CAMERA UNIT – WORKING GROUP MEETING

DERBYSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES

Thursday 28th June 2007 at 2.30pm

Police Headquarters – Reception Room

OPEN SESSION

1. **Attendance:**

Maggie Ward	-	Police (Chair)
Paul Shelley	-	Police
Sarah Ryde	-	Police
Chris Dent	-	Police
Geoff Hall	-	Police
Chris Whiteley	-	Police
Emma Binns	-	Police
Dave Skinner	-	Police
Paul Cockell	-	Highways Agency
Jane Kirk	-	Magistrates
Dave Fox	-	Magistrates
Ian Butler	-	City Council
Pete Leigh	-	County Council
Sue Pollard	-	County Council
Graham Wheatley	-	County Council
Simon Tranter	-	County Council

Meeting opened by Paul Cockell

Maggie Ward introduced Paul Cockell, Senior Partner at the Highways Agency who addressed the meeting on the new Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership remit and also to oversee the working group to view how they are carried out and to meet everyone involved.

2. **Apologies:**

Rebecca Hampson, Ivan Kent, Paul Robinson, Jon Pumfrey, Martin Cantrill

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (17th May 2007):**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17th May were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising:

Operations Update (by Maggie Ward):

4. PR/Marketing:

Maggie reported that Rebecca Hampson has now left the Safety Camera Unit to join the County Council Communications Team. This will be a great loss to the SC Unit as some of the marketing activities will no longer be carried out such as attending shows and having promotional items, however, Rebecca will oversee much of the Road Safety Partnership communications work, so will from time to time be dealing with SC media queries directly from County Offices. Rebecca will still attend future working group meetings as and when she is able.

5. Mobile Site Speed Surveys:

Speed surveys were reported to be almost completed at mobile sites with just a handful left to survey. Neill previously provided details of a company called Skyhigh and they have also completed some surveys on our behalf.

Due to the nature of some of our roads the Data Collection Team are finding it difficult to deploy some types of kit. There are currently three different pieces of equipment in use. The Hi-Stars have been phased out, but because some roads are not suitable for radar deployment, if there is no appropriate street furniture to locate them to, the SC unit have had to resurrect the Hi-Stars, i.e. Tintwistle by-pass. Tubes have also been tried on the Tintwistle by-pass, but have been damaged or become loose due to the number of HGVs travelling this route.

Sarah produced and handed out information showing recent speed surveys on some of the mobile routes and deployment of fixed cameras using red, orange, blue and green classifications. This will probably require attention by Police and Area Teams for appropriate action and maybe consideration by the Data Analyst Group.

6. Highways Agency:

M1 motorway road widening:

A meeting has been arranged for Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Criminal Justice Sections, Magistrates and CPS to discuss the affects of motorway enforcement on their teams (the results of those offenders who do not pay). The current plan is that Nottinghamshire will undertake enforcement and back office work on the whole stretch. Paul Cockell stated that the works would not be commencing until January 2008.

A628 Tintwistle:

The HA are proposing to reduce the speed limit along the A628 (Sheffield & Manchester link road) from a 60mph to a 40mph and bring in other traffic calming measures. Concern has been raised by David Skinner regarding the unrealistic speed limit proposed and Maggie raised concern over the proposed installation of a SPECS system – this will have an impact on the back office process (CTO) and account must be taken of the costs involved. A Public Enquiry commenced on the 26th June allowing all issues to be aired – this enquiry will continue for a couple of weeks. Brian Witten, Louise McCauley and Steve Greenhalgh are acting on behalf of the HA throughout the planning and co-ordination process.

Derbyshire Police are looking for a compromise to be reached in setting an appropriate speed limit for this route.

Dave Skinner told the meeting that the Police are recommending that the speed be reduced to 50mph rather than 40 mph, in line with similar roads, as 40 mph is not realistic.

7. **Red Speed – Red Light Cameras:**

Paul Shelley, Chris Dent, Ian Butler and Jon Pumfrey visited the South Yorkshire Partnership to look at the red light cameras in operation in their area – these are in the type approval process and being tested in the Sheffield area. It is possible that City may introduce this new technology once type approval has been given. The cameras are digital and once established, this means that data / offences can be downloaded via telemetry directly into the Central Ticket Office without site visits thus saving staff time on site. There is currently one red light camera in the City area, but the equipment regularly fails and is out of action most of the time, so this too could be replaced. Gatson also manufacture a red light camera and progress will be made on researching the best technology for Derbyshire.

8. **Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership:**

Robert Hill from the Derby City Primary Care Trust has been seconded to act as the Partnership Manager until the new Manager has been recruited. Robert will take up the role as soon as possible.

The following groups have been set up to work together in order to achieve greater efficiencies for the Partnership:

Data Analysts	First meeting was held on 14/06/07 Next meeting arranged for 5/07/07 @ 10am, SC meeting room.
Education & Training	First meeting provisionally booked for 19/07/07
Engineering & Enforcement	To be arranged by Ian Butler
Communications	Outline planning has commenced and the detailed work will begin when Rebecca returns to work.
Safety Cameras	Ongoing. Next meeting 8 th August 2007.

Statistics – StarTraq system:

David Gartside has recently asked for data from the CTO including mobile officers time spent on site, time of day etc as a result of a survey of City mobile sites. Currently this information cannot be provided because we do not have the software to manipulate the vast amount of information stored in the StarVision system.

If the software is purchased it would provide a huge amount of management information:

STARSTATS:

- StarStats is a one off purchase of £11, 110.67.
- The benefit of adding StarStats to our system is that it will provide information from the beginning of the StarVision database. You will be able to interrogate the database utilising predefined cubes within the system and it also can be utilising using exiting cubes that you may already be using within Crystal Reporting and Cognos.
- This is a tool that will provide you with relevant management information that will enable decisions to be made based on statistically sound evidence.
- The management information derived from StarStats will enable decisions to be made within the CTO and also out on the road. Examples of this would be:
 - Monitoring violation trends to be able to best deploy camera teams depending on time of day and location, day of the week and month of the year
 - Monitoring which staff members are rejecting images in a greater proportion to the norm
 - Identifying which cameras require modifications to their setup in order to optimise the ANPR
 - General staff performance measurement via an objective tool
 - Vehicle types, i.e. motorcycles, HGVs. This would be useful, particularly as a marketing tool, as leaflets could be put into NOIPs re casualties affecting these vehicles on certain roads.
 - Certain roads/sites of concern re offences

9. Speed Awareness Workshops:

SAW are progressing well through the Contract process. A meeting has been arranged for 17th July when the tender evaluations will go ahead. Tony Gascoigne has been invited to be present when the successful service provider(s) will deliver a presentation on how they propose to run the courses. The Derbyshire courses will be run in accordance with the National model.

10. Any Other Business:

Graham Wheatley informed the meeting that Cabco has approved the replacement Gatso housing at Buxton. It will be the old type housing as the new style has not been approved yet. It was estimated that this should happen within 14 – 16 weeks.

Dave Skinner raised an issue regarding a complaint of traffic speeds on Moor Lane, Little Eaton (leading to B6179). As there is no collision problem Maggie explained that the mobile SC could not be deployed as casualty reduction was the priority – even though speeds were quite high.

Pete Leigh raised the receipt of a DfT document on speed signs dated 18/06/07. A response is required by DfT on 17th September 07.

Paul Cockell (HA) spoke about the Junction 29 scheme on the M1 Motorway. He explained that this work would commence in 2008 and a reduced speed of 50 mph would probably be in place. Pete explained that he was in communication with MEGZ and it was thought that cameras would not be used as the work would be for approximately 2 weeks on each carriageway, although lane narrowing would be required. Work to be undertaken at night and/or hard shoulder.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 12th September 2007 @ 2.00pm, New Reception Room – Police HQ.