

DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

STEERING/WORKING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 9th March 2005

Police Headquarters – New Reception Room

OPEN SESSION

1. Attendance:

Margaret Ward	-	Police
Roy Stevenson	-	Police
Ellen Li	-	Police
Liam Vint	-	Police
John Buttress	-	Police
Martin Cantrill	-	Police
Sue Pollard	-	Derbyshire County Council
David Allsop	-	Derbyshire County Council
Neill Bennett	-	Derbyshire County Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
Keith Sharples	-	AMScott
David Fox	-	Magistrates
Jane Kirk	-	Magistrates
Louise Harper	-	CPS

2. Apologies: Matt Pickard (Police), David Skinner (Police), Geoff Hall (Police), Rebecca Hampson (Police), Paul Robinson (County), Graham Wheatley (County), Pete Leigh (County), Ian Butler (City), David Payne (City), Andy Roberts (City), Ben Cooke (AMScott), Sue Savage (Magistrates), Becky Mahon (CPS), Andrea Charity (CPS).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th December 2004, were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising:

Maggie updated the group on the operations to date:-

Operations Update:

Casualty Analysis:

Analysis spreadsheets were circulated by Ellen. Questions were raised about why child PIC's had risen. It was clarified that this was a matter for local authorities to deal with, through education and possible engineering measures where applicable.

A few changes have been made to the flow chart, which was devised by the Project Team and ratified by the Senior Partners. The flow chart was submitted within the Operational Case 2005/2006 at the request of the Department for Transport re our deployment methods and strategy. (Maggie handed out copies of the Operational Case to the group).

CTO Workload/Enforcement:

The StarTraq system continues to be efficient - the add-on StarDocs system is to be pursued as soon as possible with the Police Contracts Section. This will allow documents that contain information such as driver details to be scanned and transferred directly to the system, thus saving a great deal of time in inputting and is also likely to reduce errors. As it is currently in operation in Bedfordshire, Geoff and Maggie, along with the Notts Partnership, may visit Bedford to ensure that it does what we expect it to.

PR/Marketing:

Website Administration (Freedom of Information):

John has put together a chart showing the number of visits to the website. The collision/casualty stats will no longer be provided on the Derbyshire website because DfT will have the National stats, therefore alleviating any duplication. Much work has been undertaken on the DSCP website www.slowitdown.co.uk in readiness for FOI Act that came into effect on 1st January 2005, although there has been little activity in relation to FOI requests to date. However one well publicised issue in the media could start the ball rolling. The website now contains:-

- Casualty/collision stats – (These have now been removed and will be available on the DfT site)
- Speed stats
- FAQs
- Glossary of terms
- The Handbook for 2005/2006
- All Minutes of meetings
- All Operational Cases - those approved by DfT (Current OC not yet updated)
- Links to many other websites, e.g. Partners, other Partnerships, DfT etc.

LBV Promotional Video

The filming has now been completed, and on the 9th February editing took place. The completed version should be available by the end of March - copies will be forwarded to Partners for use at Parish Council meetings and members meetings etc.

Other PR items:

Rebecca was absent from the meeting but Maggie stated to the group that she is currently working with the local media in promoting the role of mobile camera operations, throughout the county.

WORKING GROUP SECTION:

5. Proposed 2003/2004 Sites:

A6 Ambergate, Woodville and Raynesway have now been commissioned, so are ready for use.

OPERATIONAL CASE 2004/2005

6. Proposed Fixed 2004/05 Sites

David confirmed that 7 new housings are due to be put in. 3 of these will be based in Sandiacre. Jon mentioned that a new housing for Sinfin Lane is to be added onto the back of Graham Wheatley's previous purchase order.

7. Proposed Mobile 2004/05 Sites

Jon confirmed that City are no longer pursuing the site at Max Road.

8. Vehicle Activated Signs:

All 10 VAS have now been purchased, with posts and power to follow.

It was confirmed that HA are not satisfied with the VAS in the 30mph zone at Tintwistle. It was suggested that mobile enforcement may be used as an alternative if appropriate parking locations can be found.

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

Maggie stated that the tendering process is progressing. Having done prior research, Maggie felt that the appropriate company should be chosen by next week.

10. Red Flex – Filming at Night

Red Flex (currently working with the Cleveland Partnership) have loaned the DSCP some of the equipment they are using for trials into filming at night, and on Thursday 10th February the equipment commenced a trial for two weeks. The results were impressive. Concerns were raised by TeleTraffic. Maggie has spoken with David Rosier (DfT) who was previously the Lincs Partnership Manager. He confirmed that Lincs have had this kit in operation for 6 months, and have had no problems with it, although there have been a few teething troubles within their CTO. However Lincs still use EROS memory cards, not StarTraq. A visit is pending to check user feedback.

11. Mobile Demo to Magistrates & CPS

A demo has been arranged for the new Area Director of HM Court Service on 17th March. Due to problems that have been experienced at court, with regard to proving the accuracy of the laser sighting on mobile cameras further meetings/demos will be arranged for CPS & Magistrates, maybe at Darley Moor and Hucknall airfield. Roy is to arrange this.

12. Senior Partners Meeting:

Mobile Gatsos

The Senior Partners asked that progress be made with new mobile equipment because the contractual process is lengthy. The Red Flex technology may, however, change our plans!

Website Offence Viewing System

Senior Partners again asked that this be commenced with contracts due to the lengthy processes. This system will follow the Star Docs system. Compuware provide this system, (as do StarTraq). However the system is still in its infancy and only Wilts are testing Compuware at the moment. A meeting has been arranged with Data Protection/Security/IT on 19th April.

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It has been agreed that City, County and the Police are to share the Partnership risk. HA will not participate in the Senior Partners meetings, but will still be involved in the Working Group.

13. Operational Case 2005-2006:

DfT have directed changes to be made:

Although the Senior Partners agreed to certain additional members of staff, the DfT have frozen any recruitment for the time being until an audit of all staffing has been conducted. This includes:-

- Assistant Data Analyst (as discussed previously)
- Website Administrator
- Data Collection/Enforcement Supervisor (support staff)
- Enforcement - Other Partnership Enquiries (two additional staff)

The Data Collection Admin Officer has already been approved in Operational Case 04/05 and recruitment is already underway. Interviews are taking place on the 16th March.

Verbal approval by DfT for the following has been received:

- Mobile Gatsos - (two)
- Hardstandings at Chesterfield:
 - Sheffield Road, Stonegravels
 - Chesterfield Road, Dronfield.
- Vehicle Activated Signs (ten signs)
- The new Speed Data Collection kit will have to roll forward into the new Operational Case year due to contract timescales.
- Document Scanning System - add on to the CTO StarTraq auto film viewing system.
- Folder Inserter upgrade - CTO

The following items have been taken out of next year's operation at the request of the DfT:

Vehicle for enforcement purposes (eg other Partnership Enquiries)
Website Payments System - add on to the CTO StarTraq auto film viewing system.
Since the National SC Partnership conference held in Manchester on 3rd/4th February this has also been given approval, but a special request must be made for inclusion in year 05/06.

Once written confirmation has been received from DfT a copy of the document will be circulated to the Senior Partners and the Working Group members.

14. Any Other Business:

Maggie raised with Jon that the red light camera at Ford Street has taken over 4 months to repair. It was felt that it is worth investigating another maintenance contractor, as this length of time is unacceptable.

The camera at Hayfield is now to be painted yellow in accordance with DfT's reassessment of regulations surrounding cameras in areas of natural beauty. Now that Phil Bellefontaine has left the employment of Derbyshire County Council, a contact for the north of the county needs to be found so that this can be done as soon as possible.

A fatal accident at Long Eaton on Saturday 26th February has brought up the question from a local resident about why no cameras are enforcing along this stretch of road. Pete previously dealt with this complaint, but felt it would be worth bringing up in the meeting. It was confirmed that the accident was not speed related, and it had already been assessed that there was no speeding problem along this route.

John Buttress confirmed to the group that he is continuing the development of a WAP site, so that mobile phones users with internet access can view a version of www.slowitdown.co.uk via their telephones.

Louise asked if it is currently possible to view the calibration certificates on the website. Maggie stated that this is not the case at the moment, but is likely to be included when the system gets upgraded to enable people to view their offence on the website. (The new system is planned for the end of the year). However the situation regarding calibration certificates has recently been changed, as photocopies are now allowed to be sent to the requester.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

11th May 2005 – 2.00pm – New Reception Room Police HQ.

