

DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

STEERING/WORKING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 4th November 2004

Police Headquarters – New Reception Room

OPEN SESSION

1. Attendance:

Margaret Ward	-	Police
David Skinner	-	Police
Geoff Hall	-	Police
Liam Vint	-	Police
John Buttress	-	Police
Martin Cantrill	-	Police
Philip Bellefontaine	-	Derbyshire County Council
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Graham Wheatley	-	Derbyshire County Council
Neill Bennett	-	Derbyshire County Council
Ian Butler	-	Derby City Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
Keith Sharples	-	AMScott
David Fox	-	Magistrates
Jane Kirk	-	Magistrates

- 2. Apologies:** Matt Pickard (Police), Ellen Li (Police), Rebecca Hampson (Police), Roy Stevenson (Police), Pete Leigh (County), Sue Pollard (County), David Payne (City), Andy Roberts (City), Ben Cooke (AMScott), Sue Savage (Magistrates), Becky Mahon (CPS), Andrea Charity (CPS), Louise Harper (CPS).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Issues were raised from the previous meeting in connection with motorcycle camera enforcement. Phil raised concerns that the motorcycle enforcement had not been approved by the Senior Partners and felt this was giving mixed messages in relation to mobile enforcement. Some sites were vulnerable through being unable to park the mobile vans, thereby affecting casualty reduction figures. The other County and City representatives agreed with Phil's remarks. Maggie was asked to make their representations known to the Senior Partners and they are to arrange to speak with their own Senior Partners.

Ian mentioned that an amendment is required to the minutes of the last meeting. A hard standing on the A6 Allestree to Duffield is not required as the current situation is satisfactory.

4. Matters Arising:

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

Operations Update:

Casualty Analysis:

A meeting with the Senior Partners, Ellen, Matt and Maggie on 15th October resulted in a decision for developing a process for monitoring safety camera enforcement. A flow chart is being progressed - when this is finalised it will indicate how we are to make appropriate changes in operation, i.e. when cameras are to be withdrawn, or if enforcement should be increased etc. The flow chart will be circulated to all relevant persons as soon as ratified by the Senior Partners.

CTO Workload/Enforcement:

The new StarTraq automatic film viewing system has been in place for about six weeks, and is working well. The time taken to view offences has been reduced substantially since its inception. StarTraq have developed, within their software, the ability to read rear number plates from the Truvelo cameras. The Truvelo cameras are to be turned around to operate in rear mode, at certain sites, during the next few weeks.

PR/Marketing:

Video Production:

Maggie confirmed that she and Rebecca have met with two different video companies to take forward the production of a video, a third company will be seen on Friday.

Fire and Rescue officers have also visited the Project Team and have offered their assistance in the making of the video (Dave mentioned that casualty reduction is part of their remit). Rebecca has also contacted hospital A & E Consultants who have also agreed to their involvement.

NEC Big Bike Show (November):

Sergeant Stevenson and Rebecca represented Derbyshire at the event which took place over the week-end from 4th November onwards.

Website Administrator:

An agency member of staff has been temporarily recruited to assist the Project Team in meeting the deadlines for FOI Act. Maggie introduced John Buttress to the group, and confirmed he is working on the website and ensuring that up to date data and other information is produced. Photographs of each site, linked via the speed and casualty data, will also be presented on the website.

WORKING GROUP SECTION;

Proposed 2003/2004 Sites:

A6 Ambergate: Graham stated that he has placed the order with Gatso, and a housing is due to arrive the week after next.

OPERATIONAL CASE 2004/2005

5. Proposed Fixed 2004/05 Sites

City are to order an extra two sites.

6. Proposed Mobile 2004/05 Sites

Hearthcote Road, Swadlincote - Pete was not in attendance, and so will confirm at the next meeting.

A6 Allestree – Jon stated this is due to be implemented in the next two weeks
A5250 Burton Road, Littleover (nr j/w Constable Drive) – Is currently at the consultation stage. It will be approximately 1 month before commencement of implementation.

7. Truvelo rear photography software update:

Geoff stated that StarTraq have developed a solution, so that rear photography can be viewed clearly by the film viewing section.

8. Variable Activated Signs:

A list of Vehicle Activated Sign sites has been selected and sites checked for suitability. These will be implemented as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the VAS signs for Renishaw and Walton Road Chesterfield would be funded by the Safety Camera Partnership as per the site list.

VAS have been included in the new Handbook, but may only be used at SC 'core' sites, not 15% tolerance sites (Casualty reduction sites).

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

Neill has drafted the specifications ready for the Police Contracts Department to make a start on the process. A meeting is being arranged with Pam Gurr (Contracts) within the next two weeks to progress. Sites have been visited by Graham Wheatley & Roger Thomas to check the power supplies and whether these can be supplied through our current haldos. Mains and street lighting have had to be accounted for in view of the loops in the road, and these are currently being addressed. Humberside are currently going down the same route so consultation has taken place with Neill and their Project Manager. County are to host the data share facility. Neill, Dave and Roger have also met with Drakewell to discuss the feasibility of website data and hosting. Website speed data updates will currently be undertaken every 6 months until the new system is in place, and then the data will be viewed as it is downloaded. There have been maintenance problems identified with the Hi Stars and any maintenance after six months (i.e. May 2005) will have to be undertaken in the USA.

10. County:

The use of the SPECS system was brought up within the group. Due to its success since implementation in Nottinghamshire, several members of the group felt that it

may be worth installing in Derbyshire. Paul Robinson had undertaken research along the A619 Brimington / Middlecroft for justification of the SPECS system, but it was felt unrealistic due to the huge costs involved in installation.

11. Speed Awareness Courses:

Maggie reported that there was still no news on this.

12. Operational Case 2005-2006:

See attached for proposed sites.

The following items are updates on previously discussed matters and are to be included in the Operational Case, but will require final approval of the Senior Partners:

- a) Front Facing Gatsos: A list of suitable sites has been selected and this will be included in the Operational Case 2005/2006. Senior Partners have asked for research into suitable housings i.e. identification of drivers / community safety, and will make their decision at the end of November whether to proceed with front facing Gatsos.
- b) Two Mobile Gatsos are to be included in this year's case. Senior Partners have given their approval to research. Roy has liaised with local companies to establish whether it is feasible to fix these units onto a trolley type base, and have lifting apparatus fitted within the vans. This appears to be a viable option.
- c) StarTraq have provided details of two add-ons to our current system, which will improve efficiency even further.

One enables offenders to log onto the website and view their own offence, 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.

The second add-on is a scanning function that automatically reads responses via OCR, this will reduce the amount of time spent by the film viewing section in performing this function, i.e. updating records manually.

Senior Partners to consider at their next meeting at the end of November.

- d) Other Partnership Enquiries/Enforcement will be included in the Operational Case, SC nationally are expected to be self-sufficient. New vehicles/staffing will be a major consideration depending on the enquiries generated.

This is a mandatory part of the Partnership work so Senior Partners will be asked to give their approval.

- e) VAS may be included at our 'core' sites only. Suitability of sites is currently being researched.

- f) New Sites 2005/2006: Ellen provided a draft list of sites for perusal (to be included in the Operational Case 2005/2006). Maggie informed the group that there was a deadline of two more weeks should any other sites be identified.

A copy of the new Operational Case will be submitted for information as soon as the Senior Partners give approval to the draft version.

13. Any Other Business:

Martin requested that if there was any further expenditure required for the Operational Case, to let him know within the next two weeks.

VAS at Clowne: The Project Team have received complaints about a VAS sign (implemented by DCC not the Partnership) displayed in the Clowne area, saying it is too close to the speed limit. Paul is aware of the situation but confirmed that the VAS is sited correctly.

Ian informed the group that the corex speed campaign signs may need replacing, as they are now getting old and worn. The cost of this is to be investigated.

Maggie confirmed to the group that all Freedom of Information measures need to be in place by January 2005. This includes such information as aims, objectives, plans, Partnership documents and policies. Also links to each Partnership members' website. It will therefore be necessary to ensure that all data is published proactively by all Partner organisations.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

15th December 2004 – 2.00pm – CTO Meeting Room Police HQ

