

DEVON & CORNWALL SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Held at: Safety Camera Unit Offices, Plymouth on 30 January 2009 at 09.30am.

Chairman: Superintendent Tim SWARBRICK

Secretary: *****

Attended by: Nigel DYSON Jon FARR Chris LAVIS Natalie HATSWELL David JORY ***** ***** Patrick CARNEY Peter GIMBER Andy SHARP Adrian TRIM Chloe DALE Peter MOORE Russell ASHMAN Richard PRYCE Steven HARVEY	Highways Agency Safety Camera Unit Safety Camera Unit Safety Camera Unit Her Majesty's Courts Service Her Majesty's Courts Service Her Majesty's Courts Service Torbay Council Devon County Council Plymouth City Council Plymouth City Council Cornwall Council Cornwall Council Cornwall Council Devon & Cornwall Constabulary Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
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Apologies: Danny BATTEN Her Majesty's Courts Service

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1.	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Supt. SWARBRICK opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The new partner representatives were introduced.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes of the last Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting of 17th September 2008 were read and agreed.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p><u>The Police Organisation</u></p> <p>New terms and conditions for the Speed Detection Officer's have now been agreed. The new working pattern gives increased coverage at critical times, including weekends in line with data and operational needs. The Highways Agency in particular felt this represented a</p>	Discharged

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	<p>significant step forward. Thanks go to Sgt. Richard SOLMAN and Jon FARR for dealing with this issue and obtaining a satisfactory solution.</p>	
	<p><u>Operation Vortex</u> Operation Vortex, which was to be held in *****, has not taken place yet, but will be carried out at a later date in the near future.</p>	Richard PRYCE
	<p><u>Route Enforcement</u> See section 4 of the minutes</p>	
	<p><u>Community Concern Sites</u> Draft guidance for Speedwatch / Roadwatch has been put together and is to be reviewed with in the police. No. 1 BCU has a database for sites of Community concern. Richard PRYCE volunteered to follow this up with the BCU. All volunteers for Speedwatch must be Police volunteers due to health and safety.</p>	Richard PRYCE
	<p><u>Speed growth at mature sites</u> An increase in average speed at some mature sites has been observed this appeared to be caused by vehicles that were only marginally over the limit, but are still a cause for concern. As a trial, the use of Warning letters at two sites had been increased to assess the impact this will have on both driver behaviour and staffing issues.</p>	Chris LAVIS
	<p>Due to inconsistent results (one appeared successful the other less so), this trial will be continued in conjunction with the partners through site reviews and further assessments made.</p>	Jon FARR
	<p><u>Contract for camera housing maintenance</u> Jon FARR and Peter GIMBER will liaise with regard to this.</p>	Peter GIMBER / Jon FARR
4.	<p><u>Project Status</u> Jon FARR is monitoring new camera equipment, which has been submitted for Home Office approval. New Average Speed Cameras are capable of covering multiple traffic lanes and rear facing number plates, motorcycles can be detected. All appropriate technology suppliers</p>	Jon FARR

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New graduated Variable Fixed Payments are likely to be introduced and need to be explained and publicised.

To reflect national initiatives – work with Department for Transport and other Partnerships where possible.

Detection of other offences, such as using a mobile telephone, or not wearing a seat belt was raised. Although relatively few of these are detected, Insp. Richard PRYCE stated they can be followed up using the evidence of officers and cameras where there is a realistic chance of prosecution.

The Project Manager previously emailed partnership board members to confirm with Executive SCOTS members that the Operational Plan would extend beyond the period of the current Department for Transport Road Safety Grant.

There has been no adverse feedback, and it is therefore assumed that the Safety Camera Unit will continue beyond 2011.

The 2009 / 2010 Operational Plan had been circulated. The partnership board members agreed the plan subject to ‘Cornwall County Council’ being changed to ‘Cornwall Council’ and update of the financial summary figures in line with the treasurer’s revised projections (post meeting note – amended plan circulated to partners 3rd February 2009).

6.

Finance

The Financial status was reported to the Board. This was the budget / position to date and the second budget is the budget for the next three years. The level of contingency was discussed and the level was agreed to be appropriate for the capital programmes for the capital programmes and partner risks / liabilities identified.

The project team will now use the 2009/10

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7.	<p>Operational Plan and budget as the basis for activities for the next 3 years. Local authorities will be confirming their budgets during February and Jon FARR will be informed if any difficulties are anticipated.</p> <p><u>EROS 2</u> Chris LAVIS gave an overview of the EROS 2 system and the reasons for the need to replace the current EROS software, which will be increasingly difficult to support in the future. The partners agreed the procurement activity should proceed. A meeting is arranged with the Force procurement officer to discuss the options available to the Partnership. Tim SWARBRICK or Richard PRYCE will attend with Chris LAVIS and Jon FARR. Chris LAVIS will contact other partnerships to find establish the national procurement mechanisms for buying EROS 2.</p>	<p>Local Authority Board Members</p> <p>Tim SWARBRICK / Richard PRYCE Chris LAVIS / Jon FARR</p>
8.	<p><u>Review of Road Safety Compliance Consultation Document</u> Jon FARR sent out a proposed response to the consultation exercise for consideration. It was agreed the response should be sent from the project manager representing the project team, and that each of the partners would respond individually to the consultation as appropriate.</p>	<p>Jon FARR</p> <p>Partner Organisations</p>
9.	<p><u>Communications Plan</u> Natalie HATSWELL gave her report to the meeting on current and planned activities.</p> <p>The exhibition vehicle is getting booked for shows, events etc. If partners have event(s) that they would like the team to attend, particularly with the exhibition vehicle please advise of the date, time and location as soon as possible.</p> <p>There has been an increase in the number of Freedom of Information requests (for camera and other activities in the police), there is no clear reason for this but certain journalists continue to load the team with speculative requests. These are being dealt with and monitored.</p> <p>The team will be attending Paignton Bike Night</p>	

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	<p>in response to on going concerns with motorcycle injury collisions. The partnership continues to support the Peninsula Motorcycle Forum (PMF) which will aim to increase regional working. Avon and Somerset will attend the next meeting. Richard PRYCE will enquire if Devon & Cornwall Constabulary are attending the Motorcycle event in Pool, Dorset.</p> <p>Thanks went to the Force Web team for their efforts in updating the Website. Further work is to be done on this.</p> <p>Talks are still being given to different groups. The communications team have put together a PowerPoint presentation, which makes it easily transportable and can be taken to a wider audience. If partners or other groups would like a talk from the SCU please let Natalie HATSWELL know.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Outline for Strategic Speed Reduction Campaign</u></p> <p>The aim of the communications message has always been “To educate all road users, through a range of communication channels, about the consequences of excessive and inappropriate speed, to improve compliance with speed limits and to achieve a reduction in road casualties”. However we need to find further ways to effectively put across the message.</p> <p>The objectives of the campaign will be: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce a communication plan in support of any route / area enforcement.• Change public opinion on the acceptability of speeding. By using the MOSAIC analysis, marketing approaches can be designed for key offender groups• Identify how the success or failure of any education can be measured.• To reduce casualties in the biking community. Maps of bike collision ‘hotspots’ could be generated using data held.	
	<p>Natalie HATSWELL will meet with all the</p>	<p>Richard PRYCE</p> <p>Natalie HATSWELL</p>

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11.	<p>Partners to develop ideas of common interest. Once the strategic approach is set, a menu of techniques can be used, with a number of tactical options available for use for different situations, e.g. education, enforcement, courses.</p> <p>Peter Gimber will invite add this to the agenda of the Devon Road Casualty Reduction Partnership</p> <p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p>Plymouth City Council commented that due to the redundancy situation within the Council, they may have to review all their commitments on expenditure.</p> <p>Cornwall County Council is to change its name to Cornwall Council. The original logo will continue to be used.</p>	Peter GIMBER
12.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>To be confirmed.</p>	

Editor's Note

For the purpose of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a small amount of information may have been redacted from these minutes where they qualify for exemption under the Act. These are denoted by the symbols *****. These exemptions include; 'Personal Data' – Section 40 – where names, or personal information relating to private individuals and non-members of the Partnership Steering Group, are withheld; 'Law Enforcement' – Section 31 – where information may prejudice the prevention and detection of crime or the apprehension and prosecution of offenders; 'Investigations and Proceedings' – Section 30 – where information relates to an ongoing investigation or criminal proceedings; 'Health and Safety' – Section 38 – where the health or safety of Partnership staff, or assets, may be endangered; 'Commercial Interests' – Section 43 – where information may prejudice the commercial interests of any person.