



**DORSET ROAD SAFE  
OPERATIONAL GROUP MEETING  
10.00 HOURS, TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2013  
SEES BOARD ROOM, KIMMERIDGE HOUSE,  
DORSET GREEN TECHNOLOGY PARK**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

B Austin, Firearms Licensing Disposal & Data Protection Manager - (BA) Chair  
M Armstrong, Camera and Enquiry Team Manager - (MA)  
V Kennedy, CTO Manager - (VK)  
D Rendle, Data Manager - (DJR)  
L Stephenson, Education Ops Manager, Dorset Police (LS)  
PC 1635, D Innell, Road Policing, no excuse (DI)  
C Williams, Technical Engineer, Borough of Poole Council - (CW)  
D Chalmers, Part Time Traffic Engineer, Dorset County Council - (DC)  
P Brown, Prevention Officer, Dorset Fire and Rescue (PB)  
J Churchill, SEES Dept Secretary - (JC)

BA opened the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

**1. Apologies**

J Satchwell, Road Safety Manager, Bournemouth Borough Council - (JSat)  
Insp 709 Wilcox, Traffic Management (MW)  
A Roberts, Highways Agency (AR)

**2. Minutes of Meeting 15 January 2013**  
(Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions)

Matter Arising - BA reported that following the operation at Winterborne Whitechurch on 23 January, there have been several follow up visits and support from SNT's and DCC and the camera teams. They have now been issued with a second pop up sign that they can deploy showing the number of offences on a 3 monthly basis. Residents have commented that there is a noticeable decrease in the speed of vehicles travelling through the village.

The mini SAT at Poole on 13 February it was noticeable that all those that attended the seatbelt course fully accepted that they had committed an offence.

**3. Mini SATs April - June 2013**

BA confirmed that obtaining resources and finance is difficult. After review and discussions it has been decided that there will be a series of mini SAT operations between April and the end of June. Traffic Officers will continue to enforce no excuse as part of their daily tasking, but once a week a specific area will be targeted on 07.00 or 14.00 shifts. SNT's, PCSO's and Camera Teams will assist these operations. The first operation was held on 8 April at Weymouth.

DI confirmed that no excuse and Traffic Officer deployments have been reviewed. As reported the first mini SAT was at Weymouth yesterday with marked and unmarked vehicles and Officers and SNT's. Some draft figures are 6 seatbelt offences, 5 mobile phone offences, 37 speed offences and 2 other offences. More

information is still coming in. There is good feedback from Officers so far. No figures are available from the camera team yet.

BA confirmed that a lot of people he knew had spoken to him later yesterday as to what had been going on, so the operation had certainly been noticed.

VK requested that if possible could any operation be avoided in the week commencing 22 April as PENTIP will be going live on 23 April.

Both DI and BA responded that it was not possible to cancel as all arrangements and overtime was in place.

**Action 1: DI to liaise with VK regarding the issue of tickets to officers for operations and in particular for the operation week commencing 22 April.**

#### **4. United Nations Road Safety Week, 6 - 11 May 2013**

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#### **5. Bike Lights**

BA reported that the Partnership has obtained approximately 300 sets of cycle lights. These have been passed out to traffic officers to fit to the cycles of young riders 15 and under not displaying lights. Their details are recorded and information given to be passed back to their parents. Older riders over 15 will be issued with a Vehicle Defect Report and if they attend a police station proving they have bought and fitted lights within 7 days the ticket is cancelled.

DI continued that he had suggested that all traffic officers have access to the lights, and in particular those deploying at on late or night shifts.

BA confirmed that funding for the lights had come from Bournemouth Council, Dorset Fire and Rescue and Dorset Road Safe. Details of where the lights are being used would be collected and reported to members.

DI confirmed he is currently collating the information on behalf of the officers.

Matter Arising - BA stated that Community Speed Watch is being pushed through by the Force. It is likely that this will be run along side Dorset Road Safe. Insp La Bouchardiere is the force lead at present.

DR requested that she needed to know where Community Speed Watch would be operating so as not the clash for Dorset Road Safe enforcement. MA confirmed that Dorset Road Safe would not be able to operate within 1.5km of a Speed Watch operation.

DC asked how communities were accessed for Speed Watch.

BA confirmed that Dorset Police would assess the area for Community Speed Watch. The Communities have to buy their own equipment. They will also be made fully aware of the risks involved and will have to take full responsibility. The Communities will feedback information which should assist us in the future.

Matter Arising - B3157 Coast Road. BA reported that there are ongoing campaigns regarding the area at present. Dorset Road Safe have been asked to comment on occasion and they have passed to DCC to deal as they are currently the lead on the concerns.

## 6. Individual Members Reports

Camera Team - MA reported that the 12/13 Financial year is complete and has been a good year considering the staffing issues experienced. The purchase of 3 laser cameras is soon to be completed with thanks to Borough of Poole for their contribution towards the purchase. Other camera equipment is being upgraded as necessary. 4 new vans are being purchased to replace old vehicles. MA is drafting a business case for presentation to the Force Executive Board for the Time Over Distance cameras. There are a couple of locations favoured but no sites have been confirmed yet.

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MA continued that the Time Over Distance cameras at Springdale Road SafeZone are in the final stages for completion. It is hoped to be able to enforce offences from May/June onwards.

Data - DR reported that they are currently closing off 2012 data. The process is complete with DFT and DCC, just waiting for Poole and Bournemouth to finalise. the process is to ensure that the information matches for each area.

Dorset Road Safe website works are ongoing and updates are being made a necessary. DR would like to include a page regarding the Bike Lights initiative and this could also be promoted on Twitter. Mini SAT information could also be included on the site, but only once complete and no offence figures shown so as not to cause adverse comment.

Finally DR confirmed that her Operational Case requirement is in progress and just waiting for finalisation.

DFRS - PB reported that DFRS Chief Fire Officers Road Safety Week coincides with the United Nations Road Safety Week. They have been asked to attend Dorchester Show along with Trading Standards and the 50/50 car is requested.

The possibility of DFRS casualty extraction demos at SATs and other Partnership events was discussed. PB confirmed that as the team were servicing fire officers and volunteered in their time for the demos, it was very dependant on availability.

(Post meeting Note: 50/50 car is booked 6th - 9th September by Trading Standards to cover the Dorchester Show).

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CTO - VK reported that Dorset will go live with PENTIP on 23 April. New ticket books are being issued to officers on an individual basis and each ticket has to be accounted for by the officer.

Driving Licences will no longer have to be submitted for Fixed Penalty tickets and DAS referrals until they are requested at point of Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty. VK stated that the new ticket books have been designed to make things clearer for the officers and offenders on what is required. PENTIP checks will also be available to officers via Control Room requests when issuing tickets.

The CTO have been given permission to advertise posts and recruit staff to try and fill the shortfalls.

Education - LS reported that the DAS Department will be fully staffed at the end of April. Courses are running well. The PhD Student from Warwick University will be visiting again to reassess and make sure the courses are effective and efficient. A letter will be sent out to participants with their course confirmation letting them know that feedback and course monitoring will be taking place. The department are hoping to get some older drivers over 75 together for a project Dorset Driver 75+ in an effort to tackle some of the problems and issues older drivers have. During February and March the department have given 16 presentations to schools and other areas.

DCC - DC confirmed that the recently installed column at New Road has been adjusted to allow full access. Refreshing of the secondary markings at Sandford is ongoing.

Dorset Police Enforcement - DI confirmed that one of the proposed mini SAT operations has been specifically planned to coincide with Tuesday night bike night at Poole Quay.

## **7. Any Other Business**

Wimborne Business Improvement District Event - BA reported that the 50/50 car along with some ADI's and SNT's will be at this event on Saturday 13 April.

Portland Community Radio - BA reported that he has been approached as to whether they can utilise our 'We haven't met' radio adverts. BA has passed the enquiry to Bournemouth as they set up the initial adverts and contracts.

Finally BA and members thanked DC for his support of Dorset Road Safe and road safety over the years.

## **8. Date time and location of next meeting**

All meetings are to held on a Tuesday at 10.00 in the SEES Board Room, Kimmeridge House, Dorset Green Technology Park

Tuesday 9 July 2013

Tuesday 8 October 2013