

# \*\*\* Operations Command Update - Roads Policing \*\*\*

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# 1. Background

**1.1** This paper provides an update on the preventative work undertaken to reduce road deaths (FMS recommendation) and other road casualties. The paper also provides an update on Drive Smart.

# 2. Content

#### 2.1. UPDATES

**Safety Cameras, Digital Upgrade.** The transition from the old 'wet film' camera technology towards digital images is progressing well. The Force are due to award the next phase of contracts for updates at two further sites in the coming month, when this is complete there will be roughly six sites remaining which require upgrade. The upgrade work is meeting the time scale set to replace all 'wet film' locations prior to the technology becoming obsolete (calibration of wet-film cameras will run out in 2019). The Force and Surrey County Council continue to work in partnership on the programme, alongside that work there is also scoping for opportunities to utilise Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) funding for new additional sites.

**Community Speed watch.** This scheme continues to provide an excellent opportunity for the community to be involved in helping improve road safety within their own local areas. Schemes across the county remain very healthy as demonstrated by the following figures:

- 12,426 letters sent in 2018
- 186 individual roads covered
- 70 active groups
- 620 volunteers
- 16 training sessions this year (including 3 planned in November)
- 202 complaints following letters (this is a less than 2% complaint rate)

The success of the Speed Watch scheme brings a number of challenges regarding administration and site risk assessments. Currently the work of Speed watch is administered by a single person in her absence there is no backup to support community action so when she is on leave, as she was in September, no letters were out. Options are being considered about how greater resilience and support can be provided to ensure the schemes remain as effective as possible. The limitations around the current structures have been brought to the attention of the PCC who is considering the option of additional financial support.

**NDORS Education courses.** Over 41K courses were attended in the last FY. The number of referrals are increasing particularly the National Motorway Awareness Course (NMAC) which is a reflection of all of the Highways England (HE) motorway schemes that we run.

**Galileo**. The Force is currently working in a partnership with Highways England and the NPCC to achieve a road environment that is safe, secure and efficient through the better use of intelligence and data. The Galileo team are working with a limited number of trial Forces in the programme which will make targeting of roads policing much more efficient. The Galileo team are also working with the Force to help define the structure and strategy for a reinvigorated - Surrey Safer Roads Partnership. There is a meeting scheduled to agree the strategy and performance for the new partnership prior to a presentation at the Scrutiny Board in January.

**Operation Crackdown**. The national Single Online Home (SOH) for policing will provide a conduit for the public to report allegations of bad driving (presently there is a web based form on the Surrey Police website). SOH is expected to go live in early December. Alongside SOH the Force is also working on accommodating the back office processing of reports about 'bad' driving through the Operation Crackdown system. Crackdown has operated successfully in Sussex for a number of years it is a very efficient way to process multiple reports of bad driving whilst focusing on the higher risk cases. The Force is also looking at

how access can be given to the public to upload dash-cam footage and where appropriate progress it through to prosecution.

**Safe Drive Stay Alive.** The OPCC and Surrey Police are strong supporters of this educational event for new young drivers. Around 12,000 young people will attend two year's events, bringing the total audience to around 150,000 since the inception of this award winning prevention programme.

**Change Programme**. As part of the Operations Command Change Programme further work is being progressed to review the road safety back office to identify where efficiencies can be introduced and where collaboration with Sussex will provide benefits particularly with regard to resilience.

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# 3. Conclusion[s]

# 3.1. Risks / Equalities / Human Rights implications (if applicable) N/A

4. Decision[s] Required

4.1. N/A

5. Attachments / Background Papers None