

**Safety Cameras**

A report by the County Network Manager to the Highways Advisory Board on 16th September 2008

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**Summary**

1. The Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership (K&MSCP) was launched in 2002. The partnership operates across the Kent Police area covering both Kent and Medway and its sole purpose is to reduce road crash casualties.
2. The K&MSCP produces an annual report which is circulated to each Partner organisation setting out progress to date and challenges for the future. Each year this report is presented to the Highways Advisory Board (Appendix 1).
3. The K&MSCP report considers issues associated with safety cameras in the county and the Kent Police area as a whole:
  - An overview of the partnership and its structure
  - Funding
  - Operations during 2007/08
  - Casualty reduction
  - Communications
  - Future activity and funding arrangements

**The value of Safety Cameras**

4. In recent years road crash casualties in Kent have reduced overall. This success is due to a variety of factors involving many areas of work undertaken and supported by our various partners and stakeholders. Much of this has been achieved through a wide range of KCC led road safety interventions including education, training and publicity, as well as engineering measures. Much of the work over the last few years has been funded through the PSA Performance Reward Grant (PRG, awarded based on KCC's notable success in reducing casualties in a targeted way.
5. The Partnership has been in existence for six years, during this time its work has reduced total casualties by 36% at camera sites across the KCC network, consistently performing above the national average. The contribution of the work of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership to overall reductions in casualties has been substantial.
6. As reported to the July meeting of the HAB, KCC is making significant progress in reducing casualties. A reduction of 471 KSI per year was achieved by the end of 2007, this included 73 at safety camera sites at known crash sites. At the sites where cameras are now used there had been 14 fatalities per year between them, but now we record four or five per year since the introduction of the devices.

**Recommendation**

7. Members are asked to acknowledge the annual report of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership, and the success of KCC's Road Safety activities and the Partnership.

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