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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 17/10/2023. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I am seeking information regarding the conditions to which your mobile safety camera vans must adhere to when operating within Leicestershire?
I would particularly like to hear what guidance or rules operators must follow in relation to the parking of their enforcement vans at the road side on sites chosen to carry out monitoring and enforcement?
Additionally what are the guidelines in respect of operating on unlit roads during the hours of darkness?*

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

In executing speed enforcement the enforcement officers follow and adhere to manufactures guidelines.

For mobile sites where an enforcement officer attends to undertake enforcement, signing is checked via means of a drive through on arrival to the site.

Examples of what to check prior to speed limit enforcement:

Restricted road:

- street lighting present at required spacing
- terminal signs present (& lit at night if on A road within 50m of street light)
- no speed limit order made under Section 84(1)(a) of RTRA 1984 in force.

National speed limit:

- no street lighting present

Any other speed limit:

- valid and accurate properly made speed limit order available.
- terminal signs present (& lit at night if on A road within 50m of street light)
- repeater sign(s) present

Temporary speed restriction:

- valid and accurate properly made temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) available.
- terminal signs present (& lit at night if on A road within 50m of street light)
- repeater sign(s) present
- regular sign checks recorded on sign check sheets (as per Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 8)

Visibility and Conspicuity. DfT circular 01/2007, re-published in October 2015 which can be found at:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a819278e5274a2e87dbe588/dft-circular-0107.pdf>

The mobile enforcement vehicle should be clearly visible from the driver's viewpoint at the following minimum visibility distances:

- 60 metres where the speed limit is 40 mph or less;
- 100 metres at all other speed limits.

On every occasion before commencing enforcement at a camera site, the enforcement officer should check that the visibility guidance is met.

All Vehicles from which camera enforcement takes place in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are liveried and clearly identifiable as an enforcement vehicle. Visibility of the livery should be maintained during enforcement. Leicestershire Police mobile enforcement vehicle livery is apparent to approaching traffic in the direction of enforcement.

On every occasion before commencing enforcement at a camera site, the enforcement officer should check that the conspicuity guidance is met.

Leicestershire Police mobile safety camera operations use Home Office Type Approved equipment. Tolerances and design features built into Type Approved equipment ensures that evidence of the offence is beyond reasonable doubt.

Offences detected by safety cameras can be of a potentially serious nature and the intention to prosecute is on this basis.

All mobile camera enforcement operators at Leicestershire Police are certificated in the competent use of the speed monitoring equipment used and follow manufacturers guidelines when operating the equipment.

Q - I would particularly like to hear what guidance or rules operators must follow in relation to the parking of their enforcement vans at the road side on sites chosen to carry out monitoring and enforcement.?

Response

Wherever possible, enforcement vehicles should be parked lawfully and where their presence does not cause an obstruction.

Speed Enforcement Officers will only park up at the pre agreed designated locations for Core Mobile Enforcement Sites. Prior to enforcement commencing at a Core Mobile Site Engineers from the Local Traffic Authority's accompany a member of the Safety Camera Team to agree the installation of camera information signage, parking locations what ground infrastructure is required. (Becky all parking locations for core sites are detailed on Site Cards, but not published, so not to attract unwanted attention which would hinder my Team carrying out their duties, or hinder the execution of mobile speed enforcement, Sect 31)

If the enforcement parking location is in an area that is subject to yellow line or other restrictions subject to a Traffic Regulation Order, these contain exemptions for vehicles which are used for 'Police purposes' and checked with the relevant Traffic Authority that it is appropriate to rely upon it.

Enforcement operators also follow guidelines for parking at Community Concern Sites, which will not have infrastructure in place as the sites are temporary and for a limited time.

Q - Additionally what are the guidelines in respect of operating on unlit roads during the hours of darkness.?

Response

Speed Enforcement Camera Vans side lights will be left on during the hours of darkness (hours dictated by the lighting up times) at all Sites with a 40mph speed limit and above. Side lights will also be left on in adverse weather conditions on all roads. When parking the Speed Enforcement Camera Van with its side lights on, the vans will be parked only in the direction of flowing traffic and not against it.

Parking on Central Reservations within the hours of darkness is not permitted.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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