

Present:

Ian Greenman	United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO)	Chairman
Mary Edwards	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	Secretary
Wayne Carey	National Highways (NH)	
Robert Bullough	National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) – via Teams	
Lance Williams	NHSS17/17B Specialist	
Mark Corbin	Transport for West Midlands (GUEST)	

Apologies for absence:

Chris Hoare	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)
Stefan Hay	National Tyre Distributors Association (NTDA)
Dan Quin	National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)
Andrew Butterfield	National Highways (NH)
James Hanlon	National Highways (NH)
Terry Hunt	National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC)

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Branding and profile of PROSE – social media platforms and proposed website
- 3) Funding for PROSE going forward
- 4) EVs and E-scooters
- 5) Industry standard priority work streams
- 6) AOB
- 7) Date of next meeting

Meeting opened

IG opened the meeting at 11:00.

Item 1: Minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved by ME and IG because those in attendance had not fully attended the previous meeting. Action items, Lance Williams had been notified of his acceptance onto the group. Branding to be covered off in the agenda.

Item 2: Branding and profile of PROSE

IG had set up a Twitter (now X) and LinkedIn Account. Names for Twitter (X) is PROSE_2023 Further work is needed for the LinkedIn account as the original set up appears to have been added to IG's LinkedIn account. IG outlined that a colleague had volunteered to develop the site, but that the backend structure to host it was still a work in progress with the IVR.

Item 3: Funding for PROSE going forward

IG said that Richard Goddard had secured funding for PROSE for the next year though Kingfisher Insurance and that it would be announced in this month's Professional Recovery magazine.

Item 4: EVs and Scooters

WC outlined a document that National Highways were working on to stop misunderstanding at the roadside. The document would give an understanding of each agency's operational procedures and roles, when there is an incident. It would be used as an aide memoir for control rooms. The leads within PROSE would be asked to sign it when completed and the document would be for internal use, whereas the DfT document was for external publication.

It was highlighted that the procedure could be different on different types of road. LW explained that there needed to be communication with MCC because traffic management might not tie in.

ACTIONS

ALL

MC asked how things worked outside of the strategic road network (SRN), WC explained that there were no standards outside of the SRN but that some contracts had some requirements. MC said that he would like to understand more about NHSS17/17B and vehicle recovery in general as he thought maybe it should cover all roads. WC said it would be great if a local authority signed up to NHSS17 as a minimum standard as it had not been done before.

ME explained that a scheme was only as good as the policing of that scheme by auditors and other bodies involved.

IG introduced the document put together by ME that showed the differences/gaps between agencies when it came to EVs. WC suggested ME discuss the document with James at National Highways to see if it could be used in the document he was producing. The intention was to have the document completed and signed in January.

ME

MC said that he was expecting a new supply of E-scooters in West Mids. ME said that she thought EVs were a challenge for VROs – especially when it came to storing them, as they could be more volatile than cars. RB said that he believed the police had a handle on storing them.

ME to send RB the DfT document draft version 3.

ME

Item 5: Industry standard priority work streams

WC said that the industry standards came from this group.

Item 6: AOB

There was no AOB

Item 7: Date of next meeting

7 December 11 am to 1pm at Transport for West Midlands, 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham.