

**Present:**

<b>Ian Greenman</b>	United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO)	Chairman
<b>Mary Edwards</b>	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	Secretary
<b>Andrew Butterfield</b>	National Highways (NH)	
<b>Wayne Carey</b>	National Highways (NH)	
<b>James Hanlon</b>	National Highways (NH)	
<b>Stefan Hay</b>	National Tyre Distributors Association (NTDA)	
<b>Terry Hunt</b>	National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC)	
<b>Lance Williams</b>	NHSS17/17B Specialist	
<b>Gareth Price</b>	South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) (GUEST)	

**Apologies for absence:**

<b>Dan Quin</b>	National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)
<b>Chris Hoare</b>	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)
<b>Mark Corbin</b>	Transport for West Midlands (GUEST)

**Agenda**

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) Red lights update
- 4) NHSS17/17B
- 5) AOB
- 6) Date of next meeting

**Meeting opened**

IG opened the meeting at 10:30 am.

**Item 1: Apologies**

As above.

**Item 2: Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes approved. Action items – National Highways document for operational use in control rooms outlining the capability and training of all agencies was pending NPCC to finalise their input. GP said that traffic officer training for Wales could be added.

**JH**

IG outlined his communication with key partners from the devolved administrations. GE now linked from SWTRA, he had also reached out to road safety organisations in Scotland and to N Ireland. ME to pass on N Ireland contact who could explain the N Ireland setup.

**ME**

**Item 3: Red lights update**

ME explained that the protocol had been sent to the DfT for comment before the Christmas deadline but the DfT contact was on leave until 10 Jan, therefore there had not been any further movement. ME and WC also said that there was a further tweak required to strengthen it.

During the PROSE meeting, the DfT contacted IG asking for a meeting during the next couple of weeks to discuss. WC said this should be moved on quickly.

**IG/ME**

There was discussion around the policing of red lights, it was agreed that this would be the next step after the protocol was accepted. This could be police enforcement and the use of CCTV on traffic officer vehicles could provide evidence.

SH explained that he would highlight in major trade journals and if there were REACT qualified companies not following best practice that they be flagged up, so that they can be checked on.

AB said that PROSE is representative of the whole sector and was continuing to grow its reach. SH also suggested that it might be good to put an editorial into the tyre industry trade press regarding PROSE. SH to contact Derek Firminger to progress. WC said that for recovery it could be highlighted in Professional Recovery and via the National Highways webpage for recovery operators. It could also be presented at conferences such as Tow Show.

SH

When asked if SH needed to add their procedures to the EV document National Highways were producing SH said that their issues were around the weights of vehicles not fires and that they were using IMI EV training.

#### **Item 4: NHSS17/17B**

LW had asked for this to be on the agenda as he had been asked by WC how long it would take to update the scheme. WC explained that PAS 43 was referenced in the document but it had not been updated since the 2018 version so he thought it was leaving National Highways wide open and that currently there was no confirmed way forward with PAS 43/the BSI.

It was suggested that references to PAS 43 be removed from the sector scheme temporarily and backfilled as necessary, until the PAS had been updated, provided that its removal did not weaken the scheme.

LW explained that it could be updated quite quickly but could not be published immediately. LW to progress.

LW

ME said that she would have to look at it to see what it looks like, to see if removal causes any issues before committing.

#### **Item 5: AOB**

##### Business Plan

IG thanked those that had fed back on the PROSE draft business plan IG said that he would make the changes and share with ME to share with the group. When available he would also put on the website.

IG/ME

##### Website:

IG said that there had been a delay in securing a domain name but this was now set as prose-uk.com to match the PROSE email address.

EVs: IG said that it would be good to feedback as a safety executive on the DfT Recovery Operator: Working with EVs document and asked for feedback to be sent to him if anyone had any comments over the next week. IG also mentioned the development of an incident flow chart which he would share the group once drafted.

ALL

Following the EV Seminar delivered by NPCC/PROF there were action points for PROSE to take forward. ME to share the report from the facilitators.

IG/ME

NPCC Seminar: TH said that the annual Police VRG Seminar was taking place in Derby on 20/21 March 2024 and if anyone wanted a delivery slot to let him know. IG would be in attendance representing PROSE.

ALL

BSI/PAS 43: There were two standards BS7121 and 7901 that BSI thought they might use if PAS 43 no longer existed. LW explained that one of those standards was about recovery equipment and was not relevant to PAS 43. He felt the second standard might conflict with PAS 43. Meeting ended at 11.40 am.

#### **Item 6: Date of next meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> March at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bridgefoot, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6YR (time tbc)