

Present:

Ian Greenman	United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) - Teams	Chairman
Mary Edwards	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	Secretary
Chris Hoare	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	
Wayne Carey	National Highways (NH)	
Terry Hunt	National Police Chief's Council (NFCC)	
Stefan Hay	National Tyre Distributors Association (NTDA)	
Lance Williams	NHSS17/17B Specialist	
Gareth Price	South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) (GUEST)	

Apologies for absence:

Dan Quin	National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)
Andrew Butterfield	National Highways (NH)
John Gulley	Llywodraeth Cymru/Welsh Government (GUEST)

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) EV– the way forward/future issues EV engagement at an incident multi-agency
- 4) Recent guidance from DfT re: Guide to becoming a recovery operator.
- 5) Red lamps review
- 6) Branding/new sponsor
- 7) Proposed work/action plan
- 8) AOB
- 9) Date of Next Meeting

Meeting opened

IG opened the meeting at 11:00 am.

Item 1: Apologies

As above.

Item 2: Minutes of last meeting

IG confirmed that previous sets of minutes have been shared on the PROSE website.

IG thanked those who had sent information in for the red lamp review. Information regarding training criteria was now on the website.

IG said that banners highlighting the new sponsor are to be discussed later in the agenda.

SH confirmed it was the last day of the tyre check campaign and that the statistics would be compiled and shared with the group.

Minutes were agreed.

Item 3: EV the way forward/future issues EV engagement at an incident multi-agency

There were ongoing concerns about EVs. WC said that the sub-group that was to sit under PROSE was no longer to be headed by or taken forward by National Highways due to a job role adjustment.

TH stated that there had been some concerns regarding storing vehicles in a container and that the general direction going forward for the Met was for the structure to be formed of brick or concrete. CH expressed concern that many operators were possibly using containers as a solution to the EV storage problem. IG said that some fire services believed that it put fire fighters at greater risk due to working in a tight space and opening doors with potentially toxic gases. IG agreed to seek a positional statement from the NFCC as an action point.

IG

Item 4: Recent guidance from DfT re: Guide to becoming a recovery operator.

There were questions regarding the latest Recovery Operator Guidance produced by VOSA regarding having to gain local authority permission to tow a loaded artic any distance. TH said that the approach the NPCC were taking was that it was guidance not legislation. CH believed that the situation now was that police forces were taking a pragmatic view. There was concern that these document changes had not come before PROSE, so VOSA may not be aware of the role of PROSE. IG to draft a letter of introduction for VOSA.

IG

Item 5: Red lamps review

The 6-month review was now due. SH said things were working well on the tyre side, CH said the take up on the recovery side was slow, possibly because operators were waiting for a new vehicle before fitting red lamps. IG would be reporting back for the 6-month review to the DfT.

Item 6: Branding/new sponsor

Thoughts were shared on a potential pop-up banner design. It was thought that it would be good to have both industries, tyre and recovery represented in the picture/s. SH to provide images.

SH

Item 7: Proposed work/action plan

IG shared a simple plan template to identify the priorities and objectives for the next year. ME to share the documents via email for feedback.

ME

Item 8: AOB

LW gave a sector scheme update which included future plans. There were to be some minor changes to the scheme to re-align with NHSS0 and to take into account PAS 43 2018 and red lamps. CH said that the PAS 43 review was progressing, it had now been agreed who would fund it.

TH said that there was a consultation period for the stat fee proposal upgrade and he outlined some issues with manufacturers not collecting batteries and was working with DEFRA to resolve. IG suggested that it could be useful to link someone from the salvage industry with the group so that EVs cradle to grave were covered. It was thought the association might be the best group to approach.

ME

SH announced his leaving in July and how he had enjoyed working with PROSE. He explained that there would be someone to replace him.

CH expressed concern about the red X not being set for ERA bays and that the control centres were relying on cameras to decide that a vehicle could/could not alight the ERA. WC explained that the guidance which was produced through a shared process and appears on their website does not promise a red X. CH will re-visit guidance. ME suggested linking the National Highways recovery operator area on their website to the PROSE website, which was agreed.

CH &
ME

IG questioned if PROSE should hold an AGM. He also asked if there should be a tenure of post timescale attached to the chair.

IG Thanked SH for his professionalism of the trade and closed the meeting.

Item 10: Date of next meeting

No firm date was set but thought it should be in late summer.