

**Present:**

<b>Ian Greenman</b>	United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) - Teams	Chairman
<b>Mary Edwards</b>	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	Secretary
<b>Chris Hoare</b>	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	
<b>Andrew Butterfield</b>	National Highways (NH)	
<b>Marc Clothier</b>	National Police Chief's Council (NFCC)	
<b>Ian Andrew</b>	National Tyre Distributors Association (NTDA)	
<b>Lance Williams</b>	NHSS17/17B Specialist	

**Apologies for absence:**

<b>Dan Quin</b>	National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)
<b>Wayne Carey</b>	National Highways (NH)
<b>Gareth Price</b>	South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) (GUEST)

**Agenda**

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) NPCC Replacement
- 4) Towing a 3500kg MAM trailer on a Cat 3 Licence
- 5) EV – the way forward/future issues – EV engagement
- 6) Recent guidance from DfT re: Guide to becoming a recovery operator.
- 7) Red lamps review
- 8) Proposed work/action plan
- 9) AOB
- 10) Date of Next Meeting

**Meeting opened**

IG opened the meeting at 14:05 am. IG introduced Ian Andrew, who had taken over from Stefan Hay.

**Item 1: Apologies**

As above.

**Item 2: Minutes of last meeting**

IG stated that NFCC had responded that the Fire Service stance on using containers to store vehicles, is based on local knowledge as to what works best. IG will update the group if there is any change to that.

ME confirmed that the DVSA document had been updated with the revised/original speed limits and DVSA had amended accordingly. There were a couple of smaller items which had been sent to the contact at DVSA. ME explained that the larger issue around SGO on the heavy recovery side was being dealt with by AVRO, operators and many others in the industry. It was felt however that perhaps PROSE should become involved.

IG explained the red lamps review had been shared with National Highways and the DfT and it was agreed to share it with the PROTECT group before putting it onto the website.

**IG/ME**

IG highlighted that NWVA were confirmed as sponsors and asked if there were any objections to them attending meetings as a guest. No objections were raised.

IG said that he was awaiting a replacement for the NPCC and that he would update the group as soon as he had further news.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**Item 3: NPCC Replacement**

Covered under item 2. Minutes of last meeting.

**Item 4: Towing a 3500kg MAM trailer on a Cat 3 Licence**

CH outlined an issue whereby a person who holds a car with trailer entitlement can tow a trailer with a MAM of up to 3500kg, whereas a person who holds a large goods vehicle entitlement and is a professional driver can only tow a trailer with a MAM of up to 750kg. CH asked if this apparent anomaly could be brought to the attention of DVSA

PROSE to send a letter to the DVSA.

**IG**

**Item 5: EV – the way forward/future issues – EV engagement**

AB explained that HSE website guidance said that National Highways could not move an EV if it was involved in any form of collision, not even to the hard shoulder or ERA. CH said that they should be trained to do that roadside. IG highlighted a potential multi-agency risk assessment and explained that UKRO had offered guidance to HSE. AB also said that the EV working group was being reinvigorated.

**Item 6: Recent guidance from DVSA re ‘Guide to becoming a recovery operator’**

Covered under Item 2: minutes of last meeting

**Item 7: Red lamps review**

IG said that there were no further reviews and asked, how to improve the numbers of those using red flashing lamps.

**Item 8: Proposed work/action plan**

IG explained it was a simple way of tracking work the group was involved with. He said it would be sent out with the minutes of a meeting going forward.

**ME**

**Item 9: AOB**

AB explained that National Highways were the independent chair of the PROTECT group and that the group had amended PAS 43. The PAS 43 document will be updated through the BSI. AB said that SURVIVE no longer exists so the website would move over to the PROTECT group once the move across was completed. There would be a link to this on the PROSE website.

MC from NPCC explained that the road safety strategy was the biggest thing on the horizon.

IA said that the Tyre Check 2025 campaign had been completed and that he would send the document to ME to forward on to the group.

**IA/ME**

LW explained that UKAS had requested that all sector scheme documents are required to have a legal owner so sector scheme committees were currently looking into this. He agreed to keep the group posted on progress.

**LW**

IG referenced a potential AGM should the group feel it necessary.

**Item 10: Date of next meeting**

February 2026.