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Safer Roads Humber annual report 2010 -2011

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Safer Roads Humber, the region's road safety partnership, has today published its annual report for the 2010-2011 financial years.

The partnership has now been operating safety cameras for eight years and the annual report gives details of the partnership's performance at core safety camera sites.

Figures from the report show that, in the eight years since safety camera enforcement began, there has been a 59 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured at the core safety camera sites. In real terms there are 411 people alive and well today that would have been killed or seriously injured if safety cameras had not been introduced.

In addition there has been a 42 per cent reduction in injury crashes at core safety camera sites which is the equivalent of 1,057 fewer injury crashes at safety camera sites.

Government research shows that every person seriously injured costs society £178,160. This is the cost to the emergency services, health services, loss of earnings and emotional costs to the person, family and friends. In financial terms, this equates to a saving to society of more than £73 million since the partnership began.

Mick Harris, Safer Roads Humber partnership manager, said: "We have now been operating safety cameras at core locations for eight years. We are really pleased that reductions in casualties and collisions have been maintained over this time. However, there is still a minority of drivers who continue to speed at our sites and therefore we will continue to enforce the speed limit."

"We are also pleased that the partnership was able to expand its remit in 2007 following a change in how it is funded. Safety camera enforcement is just one activity for the partnership. We now administrate speed awareness courses and undertake other enforcement activities to reduce the number of casualties caused by hazardous road-use such as drink driving or using mobile phones behind the wheel. We also work closely with vulnerable groups such as young people and motorcyclists to reduce their casualty risk."

Safer Roads Humber's <u>annual report</u> gives summary details of the overall performance of core safety cameras for the region which includes casualty, collision, speed, detections and financial information. The accompanying <u>spread sheet</u> gives a detailed history of each individual core safety camera site. It can be found on the partnership website at www.saferroadshumber.com just click on to the 'further information' section and then 'reports and documents'.

Key findings for each partner area include:

East Riding of Yorkshire

There are 29 core safety camera sites in the East Riding which are enforced by mobile units and fixed cameras. There has been a 65 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) at these sites since enforcement began.

There has been a 47 per cent reduction in the number of injury collisions at the core safety camera sites in East Riding. Child KSI casualties have fallen by 81 per cent and the number of pedestrians killed or seriously injured has fallen by 57 per cent at core safety camera sites.

The reductions in casualties over the past eight years are the equivalent of a £29.9m saving to society for the East Riding area alone.

Hull

There are 19 mobile and four fixed core safety camera sites in Hull. These sites have seen a 57 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured.

There was a 39 per cent fall in the number of injury collisions occurring at these core safety camera sites. There has been a 69 per cent reduction in the number of children being killed or seriously injured and the number of pedestrians killed or seriously injured has fallen by 64 per cent at core safety camera sites.

The reductions in casualties over the past eight years are the equivalent of a £21.9m saving to society for Hull alone.

North East Lincolnshire

There are 13 core safety camera sites in the North East Lincolnshire area. North East Lincolnshire sites have experienced a 31 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured. There has also been a 29 per cent reduction in the number of injury collisions occurring at these sites. There are 50 per cent fewer children being killed or seriously injured at these sites. There has been an 12 per cent reduction in the number of pedestrians killed or seriously injured at camera sites.

Over the eight years of operation, the saving to society for the North East Lincolnshire area alone were £5.5m.

North Lincolnshire

There are 20 safety camera sites in the North Lincolnshire area which are enforced by mobile units. They have experienced a 70 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured and a 52 per cent reduction in the number of injury collisions. There has been a 30 per cent reduction in the number of children being killed or seriously injured at core safety camera sites and a 70 per cent reduction in the number of pedestrians killed or seriously injured.

Over the eight years of operation, the reduction in casualties is the equivalent of £15.8m in cost savings to society for the North Lincolnshire area alone.

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