

Safety Camera Strategy in Ireland – An Overview

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Why is it referred to as a

Safety Camera Strategy?

Objective

To reduce the number of speed related collisions and therefore **save lives**.

Aim

- Increase compliance with speed limits
 - Reduce speed of vehicles at locations with a speed related collision history
 - Act as a deterrent to driving at excessive speeds
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How will the Project Operate?

An Garda Síochána

Outsourcing the operation of safety cameras (service provider - GoSafe)

6,000 monitoring hours / month

1,475 survey hours / month

- Payment is on the basis of monitoring / survey hours
(not detections)
 - An Garda Síochána issues Fixed Charge Notices
 - Project managed within An Garda Síochána by –
*Office for **S**afety **C**amera **M**anagement - **OSCAM***
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What will OSCAM be responsible for?

OSCAM

Responsible for –

Scheduling all monitoring and survey sessions, including -

- Day / Date (prioritised based on collision history)
 - Time (prioritised based on collision history)
 - Place (always speed enforcement zones)
 - Covert (unmarked) / Overt (marked) enforcement
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OSCAM also responsible for

- Enforcement zone identification
 - Monitoring of operations
 - Performance management
 - Reporting
 - Financial control
 - Communications
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How will enforcement zones be identified?

Enforcement Zone – Identification Process – 2 Phases

Phase 1

- ❑ Analysis of 5 years of collision data
 - ❑ Identification of collision clusters
 - ❑ Weighting applied in respect of -
 - Collision type (death / serious injury...)
 - Collisions per Km
 - Speed as contributory factor
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Enforcement Zone – Identification Process – 2 Phases

Phase 2

- ❑ At least one suitable enforcement location within the zone
 - ❑ Speed survey to establish the 85th percentile speed > speed limit
 - ❑ All enforcement zones notified to the public through the Garda website www.garda.ie
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What will the Service Provider
(GoSafe) be responsible for?

Service Provider - **GoSafe**

Responsible for

- Provision of mobile safety cameras (incl. vehicles) and operators
 - Implementation of monitoring and survey schedules
 - Image validation / vehicle registration identification process
 - Provision of monitoring and survey data to An Garda Síochána
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Summary



Project Summary

- ❑ OSCAM has responsibility for all scheduling
 - ❑ GoSafe will only operate in speed zones
 - ❑ Public informed of zones www.garda.ie
 - ❑ Days / Times prioritised based on collision history / speed
 - ❑ Primarily overt (marked) vehicles
 - ❑ Payment is on the basis of monitoring / survey hours (not detections)
 - ❑ Rollout scheduled to commence October 2010
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Thank you

