

Vehicle speed warning system data to be used in speeding investigations

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Overview

Between June 2013 and September 2015 eight colleagues died in driving accidents and have lost more since. Speed was a factor in a number of these incidents.

The number of speeding incidents recorded by speed cameras has declined since the safety stand down on driving. However recent data from the Vehicle Speed Warning System is recording up to four verified instances a day of colleagues driving at 20 mph or above the speed limit.

Many of the reported speeding incidents have happened on night shifts, particularly between the hours of 02:00 – 08:00.

As vehicle fitment of the system reaches 90% the data will be used in investigations, starting in some Routes from 30 May 2017.

We will continue to investigate every speeding incident in accordance with the lifesaving rules and fair culture principles and the Vehicle Speed Warning System will give us much better information about the reported speeding incident.

Speeding 20 mph or above the legal limit for the vehicle or road will continue to be considered gross misconduct except for very specific exceptional circumstances.

For Driver ID, licence check or password issues email VTSELCadmin@networkrail.co.uk

To book vehicles in for fitment, or arrange a service call to rectify faults email VehicleTracking@networkrail.co.uk

Discussion Points

- What might you need to do differently to better control your speed during night hours?
- How do you check whether the legal speed limit for the vehicle is lower than that signposted on the road?
- If you were reported as speeding by the system what would you expect to happen?
- Who would you expect to lead an investigation into a speeding incident reported by the system?

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