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People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Department for Transport orders speed camera side effect research.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has recently issued an invitation to tender for research into speed camera side effects. **The dangerous side effects from speed cameras and the 'speed kills' road safety policy have been widely known, understood and IGNORED in the interests of revenue generation for years.**

To date, over **12 million prosecutions have generated over £700 million in revenue and an additional 5000 deaths on the roads.** The PPP's independent research has confirmed these effects in extremis in North Wales and the rising road deaths unfortunately do likewise.

These figures represent corporate manslaughter on a massive scale!

Paul Smith, founder of the Safe Speed road safety campaign at <http://www.safespeed.org.uk/> said: "It's good to see a move towards proper understanding of the issues surrounding speed cameras, but this is far too little and far too late. **The research was required BEFORE the large scale introduction of speed cameras.** Not only that but we shouldn't expect to see the results of this urgent research until **2008.**" **(Now it's never!)**

The PPP comments We are NOT talking numbers we are talking individual deaths on the road and cannot therefore allow our roads safety policy to **focus ONLY on the wrong issues for another three years.** Meanwhile the DfT via the **ACPO** and virtually **ALL Police forces** are still pursuing, blindly, their abusive speed camera policies.

They must, at ALL LEVELS, be held accountable for the failure of the policy. The Ultimate responsibility rests with the Home Secretary and his representative in N.Wales and nationally, Chief Constable of North Wales, Richard Brunstrom, previously ACPO Chair of Road Policing! When the whole disaster took place!

The PPP have developed a deep understanding of the main issues effecting UK road safety and will contribute positive and constructive ideas to any reasoned debate on the subject. To this end we have requested formal meetings with the Arrive Alive management group & partners. **We have produced our own DVD explaining the reality of road safety on the A5025 which NWPF consider to be a major high risk road.**

The PPP believe in the democratic process and we expect ALL our elected representatives to support us in this AND participate freely and honestly in the debate.

We are horrified to learn today, March 14th 2007 that this vital research project has been cancelled by the Government. Coincident with the Dft devolving all responsibility for speed cameras to the partnerships.