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## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

**MINISTERS are considering using cash from speed camera fines to help victims of road accidents**

**EXCLUSIVE** In the Sunday Mirror 4/02/07 By Vincent Moss, Political Editor.

The network of **5,600 cameras** in England and Wales rakes in **£115 million** a year in fines. And campaigners want some of the money to be used to **help fund charities** working with the victims of road crashes.

**A senior Whitehall source** said: *"It's early days, but it's an idea we're looking at. Some motorists resent paying speed camera fines. But if they knew some of the cash was going to the accident victims, it might change their views."* (Really!)

**The plan** follows a spate of attacks by irate motorists on speed cameras. Some have been pulled down and others have had paint sprayed over the lens to prevent speeding motorists being caught on film.

Among the charities which could benefit from the proposals is the **road safety charity, Brake**. <http://www.brake.org.uk> Its work to cut the number of deaths on Britain's roads has won praise from **Victims Minister Gerry Sutcliffe**

**The PPP comments ...** . This story has a number of inconsistencies which are, maybe, due the tabloid style of journalism.

**Gerry Sutcliffe ...** Who is this man? ... for his credentials and track record go to [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerry\\_Sutcliffe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerry_Sutcliffe)

**Note . .** Does his job title mean that he represents the whole population!

**The faceless, nameless BUT Senior Source** states that the **early days idea** (not the **PLAN**) intends that the money **doesn't go direct to victims** but to **charities**.

The latest official 'best estimate' of lives saved by **6,500** speed cameras is about **20 per annum**. The Government headline figure of **100** in the 4th year speed camera report was deliberately NOT adjusted for 'regression to the mean' effect. See our earlier bulletin for this report.

**20 lives saved by 6,500 cameras** means that an average speed camera 'saves a life' **once in 325 years**. They will have rotted away or melted due extreme global warming! (the government's latest scare mongering to justify road charging) on before doing much good at all. The PPP believe that speed cameras particularly as abused in North Wales have actually cost lives.

Brakes heart is near to the right place but its work needs to be in other areas and more proactive and its propaganda likewise if it is to contribute to achieving its objectives!

