

Road Worker Abuse

INCIDENT

Date: 24th January 2025

Location: A63 Castle Street Improvement Scheme, Hull

Time: Approx. 02:40

Summary of Incident:

During the early hours of 24th January, an incident occurred involving two Traffic Management (TM) operatives working on a full closure at the A63 Castle Street Improvement Scheme. At approximately 02:40, a member of the public (MOP) approached a TM vehicle parked at a side road closure. The individual, reportedly armed with what appeared to be a large knife, threatened the operatives who were inside the vehicle.

- Upon being threatened, the TM driver promptly reversed the vehicle to create distance from the individual and immediately alerted another TM operative positioned further into the closure, completing paperwork inside a separate van.
- The MOP then proceeded to approach the second TM operative. When the operative attempted to avoid the situation and prepare to leave the area, the individual walked around the front of the van, produced a firearm from their coat, and pointed it at the vehicle's windscreen before walking away.
- The first TM crew had already contacted the police, and a Traffic Safety and Control Officer (TSCO) arrived at the location shortly thereafter. The TSCO alerted all personnel on-site about the incident and instructed them to remain vigilant.

The police arrived at approximately 03:15 and apprehended the MOP. Later, a foreman from Balfour Beatty discovered what was reported to be a replica firearm near the scene of the incident. The police were informed, and the item was handed over to their custody.

One of the TM operatives involved in the incident was later called to the local police station to provide a formal statement.

The incident underscores the importance of effective communication, quick thinking, and adherence to safety protocols in high-risk environments. Please follow the guidance below.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

In any instance, you should never confront anyone when a situation appears to escalate. You should always remove yourself from the situation, YOU are the priority in any interaction. You will have to judge whether you should call the police or warn people on site first, if you are with a colleague, communication is key, ensure you both take responsibility for either phoning the police or alerting site members.

- In the first instance, remove yourself from the situation. Lock yourself in the vehicle and drive away if necessary.
- Warn as many people on site as possible, as quickly as possible
- Inform the police via 999.
- Always escalate the incident. We need to know ASAP.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY, AND THE SAFETY OF YOUR TEAM