

SAFETY ALERT

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Eurovia Surfacing Road Traffic Incident

Date: 28 June 2016

Time: 03.18hrs

Division: Eurovia Surfacing

Location: A417 Staunton, Gloucestershire.

In the early hours of June 28th, whilst driving along the A417 near Staunton, a surfacing crew noticed what they thought to be a deer laying in the carriageway. Although the driver tried to take evasive action the vehicle unfortunately struck the object. It is with great sadness that I have to say that the object in the road turned out to be a person who was fatally injured as a result of the collision.

The crew were unable to administer first aid to the injured third party due to the severity of the injuries and called the emergency services. The Ambulance & Police attended the scene and carried out a full investigation. The driver of the vehicle has not been charged with any criminal charge in relation to this very distressing incident. This decision was quickly made by the police, following a review of the film footage from the forward facing DASH camera, fitted to our vehicle. *The police even made comment that the quality of the evidence provided by the camera was so clear, that they have purchased the units for their own personal vehicles.*

As a group, we will undertake a full review regarding the fitting of forward facing DASH cameras. They were initially fitted to protect us against bogus crash claims but the evidence they provide is very important for other incidents such as this.

Our thoughts go to the family of the deceased and also to our fellow colleagues through this very sad and traumatic event. We all have a responsibility to reduce road risks as much as possible. This incident illustrates why we need to continue our work in this area.



Flowers at the Roadside

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