



M6 Follow Up Hearing – 20th December 2016

Short Briefing Note - Central Motorway Police Group (CMPG)

Original Incident Update – (Please treat as confidential)

At 01:50 hours on Thursday 4th February 2016 a road traffic collision occurred on the north bound carriageway of the M6 motorway roughly adjacent to the Fort shopping Centre. The collision occurred when a black Saab 93 was in collision with the rear of a [REDACTED] LGV. As a result of the collision the driver of the Saab sustained fatal injuries and was declared deceased at the scene.

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An inquest into the death of the Saab driver was held on 12th September 2016 at Birmingham Coroners Court. A verdict of death by road traffic collision and intoxication was recorded.

What is different from 4th February 2016 to now?

Changes have been made to our collaborative approach with regards to incident management on the motorway network. Information sharing and early access to scenes has resulted in operational examples of how more effective joint working since February 2016 has improved overall incident management.

In addition the Major Incident definition has recently been amended by the Cabinet Office:

“An event or situation, with a range of serious consequences, which requires special arrangements to be implemented by one or more emergency responder agencies.”

More significant incidents involving injury or death are those likely to involve more than one agency and they will go through numerous phases requiring more or less input from each partner as the incident progresses. Traffic management therefore really depends on the scale and location of the incident.

The key to ensuring the management and handover of incidents is good communication between all partners from the outset. The processes now adopted in response to recommendations 1 and 2 have seen communication and scene access improved to enable on-going incident and traffic management to be as informed as possible, outside of Major Incident plans.

Moving forward the creation of the Combined Authority may present opportunities to consider transport more strategically and therefore provide a co-ordinated multi agency response to all incidents not just significant or major incidents.

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