



SPEN staff witness serious RTA

On 24th October at around 14:00 hours two SPEN staff in Cheshire witnessed a serious traffic accident involving a member of the public on a bicycle who was fatally injured after hitting another vehicle.

The quick reactions of the SPEN driver meant he and his passenger were not involved in the actual incident but witnessed the collision at close quarters, which understandably left the driver in a state of shock. The SPEN passenger administered first aid to the cyclist whilst waiting for the emergency services.

Due to their close proximity when the accident happened the police;

- interviewed the SPEN staff,
- took witness statements,
- breathalysed the SPEN driver,
- reviewed their phone records,
- checked the condition of the vehicle; tyres, etc.,
- reviewed the tachograph.

As the driver was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol, had not been using his phone, was complying with the speed limit and had completed his Driver Vehicle Checks report and tachograph that morning, the police were able to quickly eliminate the SPEN driver and vehicle from their inquiries absolving them of any blame or involvement in the incident.

The image shows a 'SCOTTISHPOWER 102201 DRIVER VEHICLE CHECK AND DEFECT REPORT' form. It includes sections for 'DAILY VEHICLE CHECK' (to be checked by driver before and during driving) and 'DEFECT REPORT' (details of any faults noted should be entered below). The form has various checkboxes for components like lights, brakes, steering, etc., and a section for 'ACTION TAKEN'.

VC40 Driver Vehicle Check And Defect Report



Tachograph Unit

Recommendations and action points

- Ensure you carry out your daily vehicle checks and complete VC40 Driver Vehicle Check and Defect Report
- Ensure tachographs are used correctly on applicable vehicles
- Comply with SP Energy Networks Golden Rules; ensure you do not attend work under the influence of alcohol or drugs, comply with speed limits and do not use hand held mobile phones whilst driving.