



EYES WIDE OPEN

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING ON THE ROAD?

5 GREAT REASONS TO ADD A VIDEO BASED SAFETY PROGRAMME

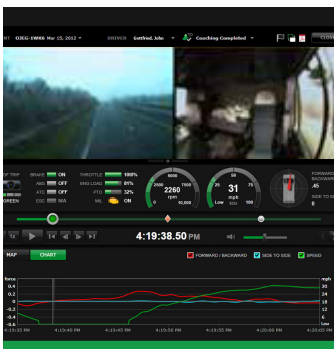
YOU JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT ONE OF YOUR VANS WAS
IN A SERIOUS COLLISION...

Immediately you enter incident management mode. Was anybody hurt? What is the vehicle damage? What will this cost us in repairs? Was our driver at fault? What about the car that was involved? You are bombarded by a series of questions. But without eyes in or around the van, critical safety events often become a tangled web of data with few immediate or clear answers. If you are managing a fleet, this scenario may sound all too familiar.

Safety management continues to be top of mind for any fleet. They continue to look for more effective solutions that deliver the driving insights required to proactively reduce risk and lower collisions. To achieve this goal, leading van fleets are adding on board video based performance improvement platforms to their safety programmes. Following are five reasons you should consider investing in such a programme for your fleet now.



VIDEO IS LIKE A
VIRTUAL SEAT
IN THE CAB



VIDEO EXONERATES
NOT AT FAULT
DRIVERS

1 YOU CAN'T MANAGE WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE

Keeping drivers, cargo and vehicles safe is the top priority for any fleet. A variety of investments have been made to achieve that goal – from classroom training to vehicle based technology like anti-lock brakes and collision avoidance systems. However, managers still lack the information they need to proactively identify risk and to get a clear picture of how their driver performed when critical safety situations occur on the road.

To improve individual performance, as well as that of the entire fleet, you must first understand the current safety operating environment. What are the biggest issues for your fleet – seat belt compliance, texting while driving, close following? Which sites are safer than others? Which drivers need help and what skills should you focus on?

A video based safety programme brings clarity by identifying a broad spectrum of potential risks, as well as areas of strength - areas that you would only be able to identify through the 'birds-eye' view video provides. Once you know where your risk is, you can manage to it and drive improvements across your fleet.

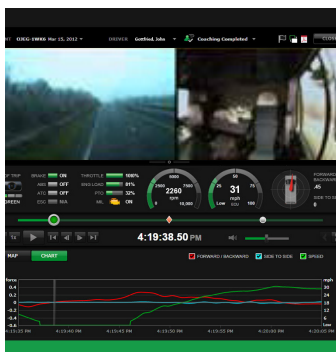
2 PROTECTING AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH DRIVERS

One of your employees driving to site in a work van was just in a collision and according to eyewitnesses he ran a red light. Are they right? If they are, you could lose one of your best members of staff. When it comes to determining fault in a collision, van drivers too often get the blame.

A video based safety program helps fleets protect their employees in situations like these, providing the information they need about what really happened when they need it most.

Not only does this information protect your fleet, it provides the fleet manager with the opportunity to engage in a positive and open dialogue with the driver.

Video based safety programmes facilitate better relationships between fleet managers and employees by providing reviewable, coachable events that focus the discussion on improvement instead of debate and argument.



VIDEO COMBINED WITH
VEHICLE DATA...THE
COMPLETE PICTURE



VIDEO BASED
PROGRAMMES DO THE
WORK FOR YOU

3 HAULING TOO MUCH DATA: BRINGING CLARITY TO INFORMATION OVERLOAD

Over the past twenty years, vehicles have become increasingly sophisticated, outfitted with a variety of safety technologies that provide data about critical events – hard braking, lane departures, sudden acceleration or deceleration and more. Instead of providing better information about what happened, this data deluge has only confused the situation, leaving considerable room for doubt.

Video based safety programmes deliver insight – not just data. Those with an open platform approach are able to incorporate a variety of inputs from other safety technologies on the vehicle, allowing that system to trigger a video event based on a wide range of criteria. This creates leverage across fleet safety investments by providing a single consolidated view of the driving environment, the driving manoeuvres, and the vehicle.

If you've chosen an integrated programme, these critical events are prioritised based on risky or unsafe driving. Because most systems are able to off load and alert managers in real time, fleets have immediate access to the information that matters most, saving time and bringing the clarity that is required to make fast and effective decisions.

4 RESOURCE MAGNIFIER: DELIVERING A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Keeping your fleet competitive and compliant requires

continued focus on your resources, managing both overhead and technology investments. As businesses grow they must balance how to partner with employees driving for work and managers in order to grow together in a way that achieves safety goals without increasing cost. Video can be an important resource that helps facilitate a productive conversation between coach and driver by clearly showing what happened.

It takes more than video to deliver the insights fleets need to have a lasting impact on safety. Imagine your fleet has 200 vans and you've installed video cameras on each truck to capture events. This quickly amounts to a mountain of video to be reviewed by your team.

Integrated programmes have a team of experts scoring and prioritising these events for you according to a consistent set of standards that focus on the risk areas that have the biggest impact on your fleet. These programmes act as a resource magnifier for your team – saving time while delivering results, building a real and sustainable competitive advantage.



VIDEO BASED
PROGRAMMES
DEMONSTRATE A
COMMITMENT
TO SAFETY

5 PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY

Businesses are operating in an increasingly litigious society, facing claims from many sources, all of which can act to drive up insurance and legal costs and damage company reputations. In particular, the issue of vicarious liability is becoming increasingly prominent; where companies can be held responsible for the actions of their employees and some sub-contractors, whilst engaged in the activities of their employer or working under their supervision.

A video based safety programme gives a real picture of what happened in the event of a collision or incident, which other vehicle technology such as telematics cannot. It is an 'independent witness' that will help not at fault drivers to be quickly exonerated, often at the roadside. Similarly, if the driver is at fault, it will enable claims to be settled quickly and easily, again saving both time and cost. Furthermore, this type of programme helps fleets proactively identify and eliminate the driving risk that leads to collisions, demonstrating to business partners, such as insurance brokers, an ongoing commitment to safety and protecting each party in the business relationship from potential liabilities.

FUELED ON SAFETY

Running a van fleet is no easy ride. Now, more than ever, fleets are focused on programmes that measurably improve safety performance, ensuring fleets operate safely, while cost effectively managing their exposure to risk. With a video based safety programme, fleets are better able to protect drivers, lower risk and improve their bottom line, by reducing 'bad costs' – delivering an important and sustainable competitive advantage.

ABOUT SMARTDRIVE

SmartDrive Systems gives commercial fleets unprecedented driving performance insight and analysis, helping save fuel, expenses and lives. Its video analysis, predictive analytics and personalised performance programme help fleets improve driving skills, lower operating costs and deliver significant ROI. With an easy to use managed service, commercial fleets can access and self manage driving performance anytime, anywhere. The company has compiled the world's largest storehouse of more than 220 million analysed risky driving events. SmartDrive Systems is based in San Diego, CA, and employs over 725 people worldwide.

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