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SOUTHERN DRIVERS
COMPANY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

Taxi Cabs.

There seems to be a perception that the DFC are not doing anything following the complaints raised by our members. This is not correct and we still need as many reports as possible to show that the problems have not been resolved to our satisfaction.

This matter was raised by our Full Time officer at the Joint Safety Committee and it has now been agreed that local representatives will agree which firms will be used as part of this contract.

Can you please take the time to continue to report unsatisfactory journeys/late arrivals etc

Ergonomic Study.

As previously reported this study has been completed and a way forward on the use of the issues it has highlighted has been agreed within the Joint Working Party.

The first steps are to seek drivers opinions on the size and strength of pressure required for the DSD.

A Trial will take place at Brighton over three days in November using a mock up.

This will be followed by a further three day trial to measure the area a driver requires when sitting in the seat. This trial will also take place at Brighton.

TAPAS/CHURROS ON 455 UNITS.

As we have previously advised, TAPAS on 455 units system has been used in the same way that MICFAST has been used on 377 units to highlight emergency brake demands not initiated by the driver and wrong side door release that are not reported by the driver.

The TAPAS system on Class 455 units has now been expanded into something called CHURROS by an outside company which can give Southern the ability to monitor a drivers driving technique automatically (an OTDR without the manager reading it).

This is still some way off introduction and we are involved in the discussions on its use and the parameters that will be set. This will also be placed before the ASLEF Executive Committee for their approval. The ethos behind this system is to be advisory and pro-active in highlighting driving styles which may lead a driver to have a future incident not as another stick to beat the driver with.

Xmas/New Year Payment Arrangements.

These have now been issued by the company and are appended to this news letter.

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