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Taxi CCTV Lowers Crime Rate in Dunfermline

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Due to an ever increasing number of [taxi](#) crime, from fare-dodging to serious assaults, Police Scotland introduced an in-cab CCTV initiative into Dunfermline cabs in May 2014.

A Significant Change

One year on and the statistics prove that the crime rate has significantly dropped since the CCTV equipment was put in place. Just two incidents have occurred since its launch last year compared to a previous 41 reports over the same length of time when the cameras were not in use.

Sergeant, Neil McGurk, said: "I've had a good response from local [taxi](#) drivers.

"The scheme has a number of different uses, both for taxi drivers and for members of the public.

"We get a lot of taxi frauds and other anti-social incidents including assaults, so we hope this will give them a bit more security."

Police Scotland also commented on the fact that the camera footage had extensively helped when investigating the recent cases.

Success

The initiative has been hailed a success by all involved and is now being rolled out across Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth. Fife Council Licensing Officer, Donald Jenks, said that 25 operators had expressed an interest in these areas, meaning that approximately 90 more taxis will hopefully sign up to the scheme.

"Levels of violence in taxis have come down quite significantly."

In response to queries over the cameras infringing on human rights, Councillor Bob Young, chairman of the Fife Licensing Board, said: "If you walk down any high street there's CCTV – the procurator fiscal said it doesn't see a problem with it.

"All taxis fitted with CCTV will have a sign to advise customers that it's in use and if someone wants it deleted it would be up to the taxi driver."

Councillor Tom Adams reiterated that joining the scheme was at the driver's discretion. He said: "In Dunfermline, since the introduction of cameras, there have hardly been any incidents of runners and levels of violence in taxis have come down quite significantly.

"That said, we're by no means trying to force this on anybody. It's purely voluntary."

Security cameras key to reducing taxi crime

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Taxi drivers say the installation of CCTV cameras in the back of their cars has led to a marked reduction in aggressive behaviour by passengers.

The county's Safer Leicester Partnership used £4,000 from a Government grant to fit 20 taxis with cameras earlier this year.

Since then drivers are reporting they suffer less aggression, although some customers are not happy about being filmed.

The cameras record footage round the clock and aim to make passengers think twice about misbehaving and provide evidence if any crime is committed.

The taxi firms taking part in the new trial are Telelink, Cityline, Street Cars and Star Taxis.

Sanjay Karvadra, who owns Star Taxis, has five vehicles with cameras fitted.

He said: "It is going very well – our drivers can go around at night and feel safe and there aren't the normal problems with people arguing and abusing drivers.

"I'd say things have improved by about 99 per cent."

Bobby Gill, 24, who is a driver for Telelink taxis, in Catherine Street, Belgrave, Leicester, agreed the cameras were a good idea.

He said: "I've had no-one misbehaving and I think if people see the camera it does improve their behaviour.

"I like knowing it's there because it can be used as evidence if something happens."

Some black cabs in the city also carry cameras, fitted by their owners. In the past, police have taken action against people for crimes ranging from vandalism to blackmail.

Sgt Caroline Graham, the officer leading the CabCam campaign, said there had been no crimes committed so far in any of the 20 cabs involved in the CCTV scheme.

The scheme could be extended to other firms in the city.

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