

## Olympic Industry Think Tank Convenes

The LPHCA attended the first Taxi and PHV 2012 Olympic Games Working Group Meeting on Thursday 19 November 2009 in Canary Wharf.

Representatives from TfL /the Public Carriage Office, the Taxi Industry, Licensing Enforcement Officers, GoSkills and the Department for Transport were present.

LOCOG and the ODA were represented by Allan Edmondson – Client Manager ODA Transport, Roger Silvers – Client manager ODA for Taxi & PHV, Karen Agbabiaka – ODA ORN project manager, John Fryer – LOCOG Fleet manager, Dave Majorich – ODA transport operations venues and Stephen Jolly – ODA Transport Stakeholder relations Manager.

The meeting presented the progress of the Olympic Site and outlined specifically the 'transport challenges and realities' in respect of Private Hire and Taxi.

The group will re-convene in the coming months and appoint specialist sub groups in the interim period. The LPHCA will continue to support this excellent initiative to enable Private Hire to play a full part in the 2012 Games.



## Website Video Killed the Radio Star

Yes, if you can't beat 'em join 'em! The AGM saw the powerful world of video reach the LPHCA by showing the PHB's Bus Lane Campaign Video and videoing the event and key speakers for the first time.

Even if you were there – take another look at the presentations, you may find something you missed – we did! You can also use them for training, informing colleagues and staff as well as a referencing and fact finding tool.

For non members there is a unique insight into our work and the great camaraderie that exists between Members, Suppliers, Regulators and Administrators.

For Members even more is available to you as transcripts of the speeches and PowerPoints are available in the 'Members Only' area of the website at [www.lphca.co.uk](http://www.lphca.co.uk)



## Private Hire in Bus Lanes



The Private Hire Board's 'bus lane committee' will be meeting with London Councils on 10 December to present the case for access to bus lanes. This is part of the Board's ongoing strategy to raise the campaign with politicians at all levels.

This follows the successful public launch of their video at the recent LPHCA AGM and Road

Show. The 'Are you in for a Pound?' Campaign continues and work is being done on the website [www.phvinbuslanes.co.uk](http://www.phvinbuslanes.co.uk).

## Cab Enforcement Unit London Action

A further crack down on illegal cabs in Islington saw 23 people arrested during a Cab Enforcement Operation to tackle illegal cabs and touting across London.

The Met Police's Cab Enforcement Unit, part of the Transport for London funded Safer Transport Command, continues to carry out operations as part of their ongoing drive to tackle illegal cabs and touts operating in the Capital.

Cab Enforcement Unit officers carried out an operation in Charterhouse Street, Islington, over two weekends in October.

The operation was an undoubted success and over two weekends, 23 people were arrested, 20 for taxi touting offences.



### ROUT THE TOUT



## Check that insurance!

A Member Company recently reported that a accident replacement car

service in London providing PCO Licensed Cars for Hire and Reward were supplying vehicles 'specifically not insured' for Hire & Reward work.

They were shocked that the accident replacement car service's insurance policy specifically prohibited the car being driven for reward. It was 100% uninsured for the purpose it was being hired for!

In the short term they put the vehicle on their own insurance and had it not been for their diligence, if a serious accident with a passenger had taken place, they could have found themselves in legal hot water as the provider of the car and their duty of care as the licensee responsible for checking the insurance could have been cited.

Never presume that because a vehicle has a Local Authority license disc or plate on it that the insurance of the provider is appropriate! Always check!