

Traffic cops to get a third eye

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Bangalore: DL4C-AD-1580 — this isn't the registration number of a high-end multi-utility vehicle. It belongs to the moving robotic traffic cop which was in the city on Friday.

The Interceptor CrashLab was brought to the city commissioner's office for the inaugural session of a traffic safety workshop. The Interceptor will join Bangalore traffic police if the ongoing trial runs are successful. In the past four days, the Interceptor has caught hundreds of motorists overspeeding, jumping signals and committing other violations.

"The idea is to bring in effective law enforcement. The Interceptor has a video-recording facility. If the violator argues, we can produce the CD of him/her committing the crime," explained ACP (traffic) Praveen Sood.

A camera atop the vehicle can rise to 12 feet and take accurate pictures up to 1.5 km. High-voltage lights help take pictures at night. "Apart from enforcement and documentation, the clippings can be used for educational programmes," Sood said.

He was instrumental in getting the first Interceptor for the state when he

ROVING ROBOCOP

K Sunil Prasad



- The vehicle will have a driver and a camera expert
- It will be fitted with an internet-enabled laptop, breath analyzer, speed detectors and high-end cameras
- Each vehicle costs about Rs 21 lakh
- The department is likely to buy 10 Interceptors in the next 3 months
- The vehicle is a product of Institute of Road Traffic Education, Delhi
- Interceptors are in operation in Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala and Rajasthan

was Mysore police commissioner. "The Interceptor in Mysore was provided by the Centre. For Bangalore, the department needs to fund the vehicles," he added.