

Issue

Now, I want you to imagine you're making a movie. Not just any movie, you're making a big budget, Hollywood, feature film. Part of a long running movie franchise that has delivered time after time and there are huge expectations for this new film. Did I mention that the movie is based on a DC Comics character so there's no additional pressure there! Oh, and that DC Films is producing the movie and you are Warner Bros so making big budget movies is something of the nature of the beast for you.

With all that in mind, now imagine you've spent some considerable time planning this movie. You've had people scouring the globe for suitable shooting locations and they've settled on part of London for some key scenes in the movie. In order to shoot the scenes necessary for this movie you will need to have complete control of the area which includes busy roads. You've got actors and crew who all need to do their jobs without thinking about the possible dangers around them, you want them and need them to focus on the movie.

Now add into this, a global pandemic the likes of which we haven't seen before. There are several precautions which need to be taken to ensure the filming can go ahead without putting the movie in jeopardy, or the safety of the cast and crew who all need to be on top of their game for the entire film and not just these scenes.

So, what do you do?







Solution

The answer, of course, is you call City TM and let our specialist team help take some of the pressure off you.

We had 16 of our operations team COVID tested to ensure they didn't present a risk to any of the film crew or cast. The COVID tests were all carried out within 72 hours of our work starting. With the team committed and zero room to change at the last minute we set about completing the video inductions for Warner Bros and planning our work to facilitate this Hollywood blockbuster.

Over the next two weeks our team pulled out every stop to ensure nothing was left to chance and everyone's safety was taken care of. The team worked around the clock to get everything setup in time for the shooting. Lane closures with stop and go works in place made sure the traffic wouldn't be an issue for the caped crusader and his crew.

Our team were on hand as emergency cover in case the cast and crew needed to evacuate their cave in a hurry, with the emergency exit coming out in close proximity to traffic, we would swoop in and ensure their safety.

Outcome

As with all these things, the glory goes to the man with the flashy car and not those of us who keep the streets a safe place to work. We received some excellent feedback from those involved and we're really looking forward to seeing the movie when it gets released.

Once again, the City TM team have proven their ability and agility to get the job done, even when faced with overwhelming odds and a Hollywood cast and crew.

Let's hope this leads to more of this type of work for the City TM team as they continue to grow their business, maybe next time they will get a starring role and "KAPOW!" the bad guys.

Tune in again next time, same Bat time, same Bat station......

As James Gordon Jr would have said, "Because City TM, are the heroes London deserves, but not the ones it needs right now......Because they are not our heroes. They're silent guardians, watchful protectors, Dark Knights."

City Traffic Management Facts:

- Established in 2009
- Fleet of over 60 specialised Vehicles
- Directly employs nearly 100 staff
- Specialising in ALL aspects of Traffic Management
- Dedicated 24/7 Emergency Response Teams
- Operating from 3 Strategic locations across Southern England
- Phone our specialised Operations team to see what we can offer your company