



NBCC NEWS

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The NBCC Newsletter

Welcome to the new monthly e-newsletter from the NBCC to keep you up to date with the latest news, campaigns, crime prevention guidance and support for businesses in the joint fight against business crime. Please share with your networks.

NBCC Team Support Business Community during Op London Bridge

The sad passing of Her Majesty The Queen saw the largest police operation in history, involving police officers and staff from forces across the UK.

The NBCC were part of the community engagement command for Operation London Bridge, specifically responsible for business communication.



The team were central in the onward dissemination of key daily updates about plans in London regarding the schedule for the days ahead, road closures, expected routes and other key information impacting businesses in London. The NBCC distributed the daily bulletins to their business network and were supported by the the Cross-sector Safety and Security Communications (CSSC) sending the information to their members.

The regular updates enabled businesses to assess the impact the daily activity and changes would make to their operations and plan contingencies..

The NBCC also acted as a conduit between police and businesses. When businesses raised concerns or issues the NBCC were able to feed them into to the command structure and work with police and business to solve any issues. The team worked closely with some key stakeholders who supported police in running a safe operation such as safeguarding critical infrastructure buildings and assisting police search teams in the key areas.

A number of businesses offered support to policing in a number of ways including use of their buildings for toilets, drinks and respite.

PS Paul Fagg from the NBCC said: "I am very proud that the NBCC were able to play such a critical part in supporting businesses during such a large operation. All the businesses impacted by the events in London were supportive and understanding of the disruption caused to them. The feedback we got was overwhelmingly positive with gratitude for the frequency and consistency of the communication and the speed in which questions were answered to enable businesses to adapt and plan."

Report and recommendations to enhance BCRPs released by NBCC

The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) has released a report and recommendations regarding further enhancing the work of Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) in response to the results of a national survey conducted in August.

The survey was commissioned by the NBCC working with Professor Emmeline Taylor City, University of London, to better understand the role of BCRPs and other crime reduction initiatives, how to promote their value-add to business, the police and community, and how to increase levels of BCRP accreditation.

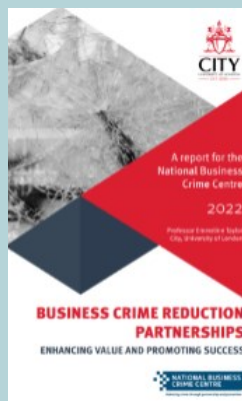
The survey received 132 responses from a mix of businesses, BCRP representatives, BID representatives, police, Pubwatch and Shopwatch representatives and other industry and stakeholder groups.

As a result of the survey the report has produced ten recommendations relating to, the national governance structure of BCRPs, the relationship between Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and BCRPs, and how the accreditation process might be developed so that it is more appealing and valued.

One of the main focusses of the survey was to understand why some BCRPs choose not to go for national accreditation awarded by the Police Crime Prevention Initiatives (PCPI). The survey revealed that some of the reasons included the amount of time and resource it would take, feeling intimidated by the process and worried about not meeting the criteria, and that there wasn't enough guidance readily available to research the process before applying.

The NBCC will work with key stakeholders to review the recommendations and consider the next steps to enhance the work of BCRPs moving forwards.

[Read the full report here](#)



London security partners take part in nightclub terror attack response exercise

The Security Industry Authority (SIA), which is the regulator for the private security industry, held a safety resilience exercise in September where security staff were confronted with a series of real-time simulations or potential emergency incidents, involving volunteer actors.

The scenarios included an attack with a bladed weapon and a suspicious package.



Jason Dean, SIA Liaison Officer to the NBCC, who co-ordinated the event, said: "The main aim of exercises like this is to increase public safety in the night-time economy by working with venues and security staff. It's also to showcase best practice by putting the Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) security e-learning package, which we've been recommending to all SIA-licensed operatives, into practice. We're really pleased with the commitment that all the security staff put into the exercise at the Steel Yard."

NBCC launches national week of action to target business crime



The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) is holding a national week of action to support businesses and reduce business crime across the country.

The week of Action will start on Monday 17th October and involve police forces and partners working together to hold targeted operations in towns and city centres, running high profile media and social media campaigns, and engaging with local businesses, retailers and the community to raise awareness of business crime in the area.

The City of London Police, who host the NBCC, will be holding a Safer Business Action (SaBA) Day to deliver a focussed operation with joint patrols, the targeted intervention of offenders and a range of crime prevention activity including raising awareness of the local issues with the general public.



Supt Patrick Holdaway, lead for the NBCC said: “The week of action is an opportunity to bring police and partners together to tackle the key issues of business crime in their communities. Each police force taking part will be holding various crime prevention activities and initiatives to increase engagement with local businesses and retail outlets and tackle some of the most prolific offenders.”

Businesses trading on high streets and town centres are also encouraged to get involved and display the ShopKind messaging in their stores. All the ShopKind materials are free to [download here](#).

Edward Woodall, ShopKind campaign co-ordinator said: “We encourage all businesses to get behind the national week of action and share messages with their customers and colleagues about ShopKind”

The NBCC social media channels on LinkedIn and Twitter will have updates of the activity taking place throughout the week.

For more information about the NBCC and SaBA Days visit



SAFER BUSINESS ACTION DAYS

Toolmarking roadshow underway to combat commercial tool theft

The National Business Crime Centre has partnered with Williams Trade Plumbing Supplies to hold a number of tool marking events across the country in September to tackle the theft of power tools and other high value items from commercial vehicles.

Seven police forces signed up to take part in the national event which involved police officers and staff from each force working with their local Williams Trade Plumbing Supplies outlet to mark the property of tradespeople in the area, making the items less desirable to thieves.

Once marked using SelectaDNA property marking kits, the items were registered on the Secure Asset Register (SAR) property database, making them easy to identify and hopefully to return to their rightful owner if they are stolen. The SAR database is available via both mobile and web Apps, 24/7 for police to search for recovered property, and SelectaDNA is already used successfully by police forces to reduce burglary, vehicle theft and rural crime.

The initiative is being used as a pilot to test the principle of marking property and to see just how effective it is as a deterrent and if tools are stolen, as a means of returning items to owners. The pilot will involve follow up questionnaires to those whose property was marked on whether they have been a victim of crime and if so whether their property was recovered.

The NBCC has also produced crime prevention guidance on [‘Commercial Vehicle Security’](#) which can be downloaded from the website.



Reporting a Business Crime

All crimes and instances of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the police, particularly crimes involving violence, the threat of violence or abuse. If the crime is in progress the most important thing to think about is safety for all those at the scene. Do nothing that would provoke the offender, if possible, get to a safe place and only if safe to do so dial 999.

The NBCC has produced a digital poster to help businesses and their staff know when and how to report a business crime to police. It can be downloaded from the website. Just click on the poster image:

