

Pol-PRIMETT



Tackling Metal Theft

First Law Enforcement Expert User Group Meeting 0930 - 1300

The Cutler's Hall, Sheffield, UK

Thursday 11th November 2010

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Initials
Ashley Croft – BTP	British Transport Police	AC
Simon Jones	British Transport Police	SJ
Caroline Harris	British Transport Police	CH
Bruce Norquay	British Transport Police	BN
Bill Hotchkiss	South Yorkshire Police	BH
Richard Collingwood	South Yorkshire Police	RC
Chris Bunyan	British Transport Police	CB
Jose L Diego	Local Police Valencia	JD
Angel Alpoendin	Local Police Valencia	AA
Philip Walker	Humberside Police	PW
Andy Hayes	Humberside Police	AH
Steve Palmer	West Yorkshire Police	SP
Ged McManus	West Yorkshire Police	GM
Allan Harder	North Yorkshire Police	AH

Agenda Points

- Welcome and introductions.
- Introduction to Pol-PRIMETT.
- Understanding the problem.
- Current prevention and deterrence strategies.
- Current gaps in good practice.

AC welcomed everybody to the Pol-PRIMETT project and the Law Enforcement Expert User Group. He explained that Metal Theft presents significant challenges to Law Enforcement and Industry in the UK, across Europe and North America. One of the main purposes of this project was to improve co-operation, exchange of intelligence and collaboration between partners.

All members of the group introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their organisation.

AC then gave a presentation on the structure and objectives of the Pol-PRIMETT project.

Each partner provided an overview of metal theft within their region/country and details of the challenges they were facing. It was apparent that the problems and difficulties being experienced were the same regardless of country/region.



There was then group discussion about possible workstreams for the user group and the project generally. It was agreed that the following workstreams/actions would commence:-

Action	By whom	Deadline
Develop the UK Good Practice Guide for Law Enforcement into a European wide document. This will be led by Chris Bunyan.	Chris Bunyan	New
Recommend to work package 4 that the UK Good Practice Guide for industry be developed into a European Guide.	Dave King	New
Develop a training package for frontline Officers on how to respond to metal theft. Initially to be regional and then expand.	Ged McManus	New
Develop the South Yorkshire Metals Watch database into a regional database and then consider expanding or including in the Good Practice Guide for European Partners to adopt.	Bill Hotchkiss	New
Request work package 2 undertake research into existing legislation/regulation across Europe to identify where enforcement is working well.	Dave King	New
Request work package 2 to undertake research to fill the existing intelligence gap in respect of Serious and Organised Crime involvement in metal theft. Terms of Reference to be drawn up.	Dave King	New
Research Best Practice from Tispol and any learning/cross over into metal theft.	Allan Harder	New
Plan a European wide day of action to coincide with Rogue Traders Day taking place between 17 th and 19 th October 2011.	Dave King	New
Law Enforcement representatives to be identified from Greece, Bulgaria and Italy to work with work package 3.	All	New