

PoI-PRIMETT



Tackling Metal Theft

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**Police – Private Partnership
to Tackle Metal Theft**

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Agenda

- PoI-PRIMETT overview
- Key note speakers
- Morning workshops
- Lunch
- Afternoon workshops
- Summary of workshops
- Open forum
- Summary and close





Partnership



People | United
Against ↓ Crime



Three year project: September 2010 – August 2013
€1.25 million investment



Aims

- ⦿ Develop a police-private sector partnership to reduce metal theft across Europe
- ⦿ Improve collaboration between law enforcement agencies and the private sector to provide a better understanding of metal theft
- ⦿ Create an Expert User Group from law enforcement agencies and the private sector to improve communication and to share good practice
- ⦿ Provide a legacy of collaboration and a reduction in metal theft



Objectives

- ✓ Reduce risks and improve security for organisations using metal in their daily operations
- ✓ Improve liaison and co-operation between the private sector and law enforcement agencies
- ✓ Develop technological and operational solutions to tackle metal theft
- ✓ Identify and prioritise the type of information to be disseminated to stakeholders
- ✓ Influence national and European policy and legislation



Avoiding duplication, working in isolation or 'reinventing the wheel'



Activities to date



1. Sheffield, UK – November 2010
2. Rome Italy – March 2011
3. Wakefield, UK – June 2011
4. Sofia, Bulgaria – December 2011
5. London, UK – March 2012



Next EUG meeting – Valencia, Spain – November 2012



Expert key note speakers

Action focused workshops

Future actions and activities agreed

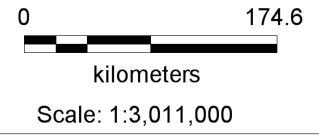
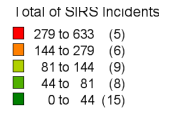
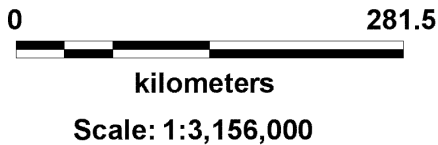
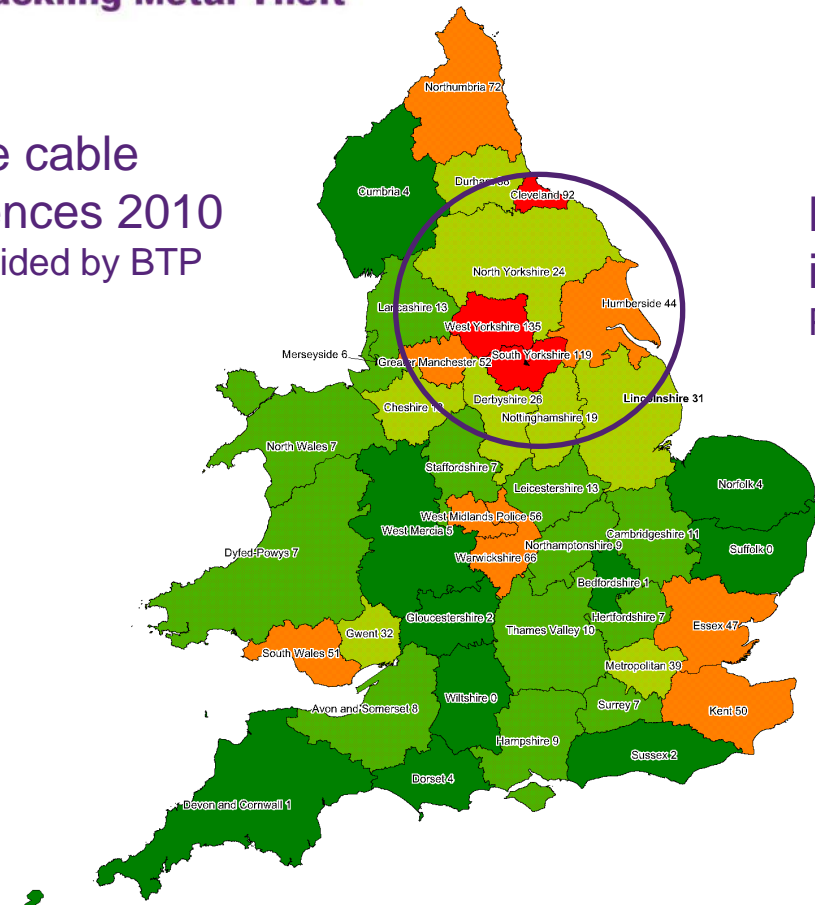


- Metal theft costs the UK £770 million per year
- Insurance companies pay out over £1 million a week to metal theft victims
- Cable theft has cost the rail industry £43 million in three years
- In 2011, rail freight lost 114,000 minutes in delays due to cable theft
- UK utility company fined £24 million for the loss of service following an incident of cable theft

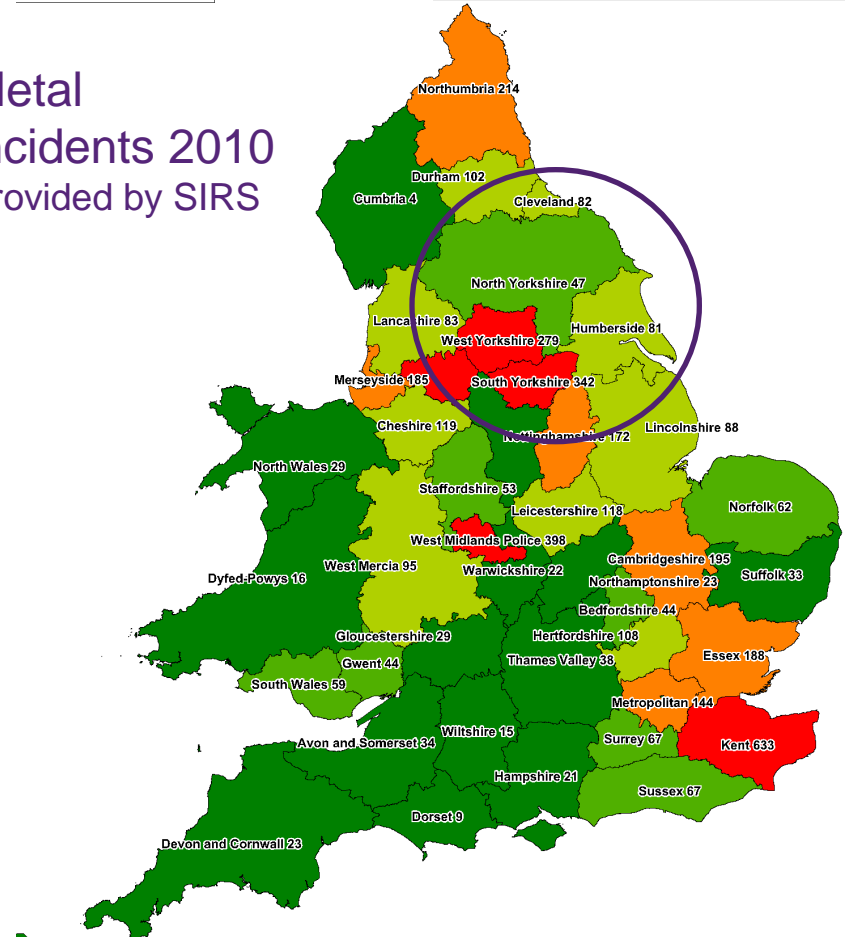


Metal theft – UK picture

Live cable offences 2010
Provided by BTP



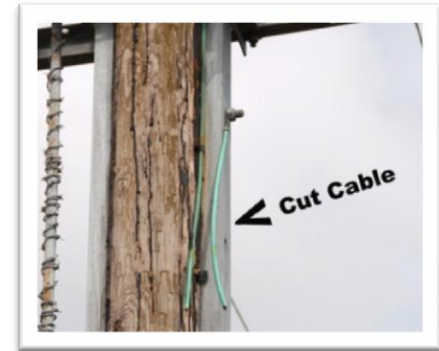
Metal incidents 2010
Provided by SIRS



METAL THEFT REDUCTION CENTRE

Metal Theft Reduction Centre

- Reduce metal theft as per National Metal Theft Taskforce key objectives
- A proactive metal theft reduction initiative to work with all potential victims of metal theft, including SME's, PLC's, faith groups, heritage groups and local authorities
- Produce a scalable model capable of transfer to other parts of the UK
- Build a force-multiplier network by working with local agencies and existing crime prevention initiatives
- Provide a responsive 'one stop shop' for the prevention / reduction of metal theft



- Development of a National Monitoring Centre for Copper Theft (NMCCT) including police, customs and private sector organisations
- NMCCT will:
 - ✓ Assess and analyse copper theft phenomenon, including links with organised crime
 - ✓ Propose appropriate strategies to prevent and tackle metal theft
 - ✓ Propose initiatives for amendment or adoption of legislation
 - ✓ Promote campaigns to raise awareness of the phenomenon
- Stolen metal used in carousel fraud a major problem in Italy
- 25% of exported metal involves organisations participating in metal theft
- Legislation being reviewed to allow seizure of stolen metals, closure of illegal sites to protect licensed scrap metal dealers
- Italian offender profile developed with advice from British Transport Police



- Closing down unlicensed / illegal scrap metal dealers involves lengthy legislative procedures
- Scrap metal dealers are not registered (except regarding waste disposal) - recommendations for a registration system have been submitted
- A cable marking system to track cable is being implemented
- Police are monitoring cable peeling machine purchases to track thieves
- Spanish LEAs sharing good practice with the UK Environment Agency



Scrap purchases from individuals without required permit carries a prison sentence - convictions are extremely rare

Legislation introduced to ban the purchase of:

- Cables and wires
- Railway and wagon items
- Road crash barriers and signs
- Water pipes
- Metal pieces of art

Cashless system:

- Strict sanctions for cash payments above the allowable limit
- Individuals are fined the amount of the sum paid following a second offence



- New Waste Management Act passed – June 2012
- 50% of scrap metal dealers have been forced to close following the implementation of the new legislation
- Changes appear to favour large corporations
- Municipalities encouraged to build their own scrap yards where Bulgarian citizens will be required to deposit their scrap metal for no fee
- Protests will be made to the President, the Constitutional Court and the European Commission



Cashless system implemented:

- Phase one – January 2011 cash payment limit of €500
- Phase two – August 2011 industry went cashless

Scrap metal dealers complete a daily police log, specifying:

- Seller's identity
- Description (nature and characteristics) of the scrap metal
- Origin of the scrap metal
- Payment method

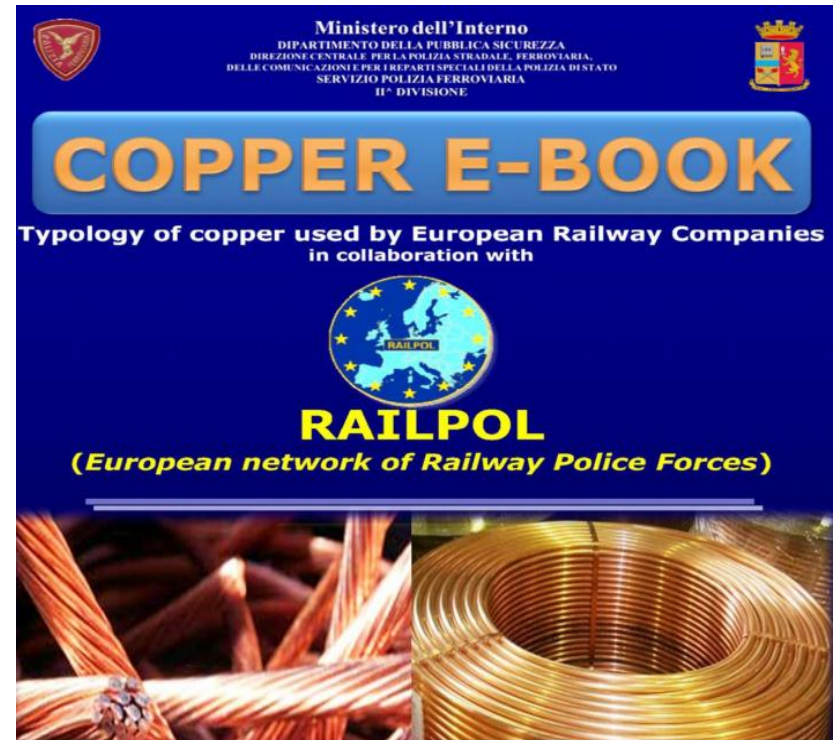
A national database has been developed to identify frequently targeted areas of the rail network

SNCF (French railway) is deploying helicopters to survey cable theft hotspots along the rail network



Produced an e-booklet describing copper cabling used by railways in:

- Austria
- Belgium
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Romania
- Slovakia
- UK



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Key note speakers



1 - Preventing and deterring metal theft

Led by Panagiotis Skiadas,
Hellenic Federation of Recycling and Energy Recovery Industries

2 - Influencing the judiciary system and sentencing metal thieves

Led by John McBride,
British Transport Police



3 - Law enforcement utilising existing legislation

Led by Rui Moura,
Guarda Nacional Republicana

4 – Media training

Led by David Ransom,
People United Against Crime





Expert User Group meeting

Thursday 19th July 2012

