

Inaugural Non-Ferrous Metal Theft Seminar *'Stripping the Heart Out of Britain'*

8th February 2012, Kettering Conference Centre

08:30 **Registration and Refreshments**

09:30 **Welcome and Housekeeping**
Mark Easton, Home Editor, BBC News, Conference Facilitator

09:40 **Introduction and National Overview**
Paul Crowther, Deputy Chief Constable, British Transport Police, ACPO Lead for Metal Theft

10:00 **Ministerial Address**
Lord Henley, Minister of State for Crime Prevention and Anti Social Behaviour Reduction, Home Office

The Minister will take questions directly following his presentation.

10:30 **Theft from Heritage Sites, in Particular The Church**
Richard Crompton QPM, Chief Constable, Lincolnshire Police, ACPO Lead for Wildlife and Rural Crime

This presentation will discuss the importance of communities working with law enforcement agencies to tackle metal theft.

10:50 **The Scrap Metal Industry – Are we the Problem or the Solution?**
Ian Hetherington, Director General, British Metal Recycling Association

This presentation will explore:

- *What is the UK metal recycling industry?*
- *What can the metal recyclers do to curtail the disposal of stolen metal?*
- *What can others do to reduce metals thefts and make disposal more difficult?*

11:10 **Questions to the Panel of Speakers**

11:15 **Refreshments and Networking**

11:35 **SmartWater Case Study – Achieving a 21% Reduction in Cable Theft on LNW Route, Network Rail**
Phil Cleary FRSA, Chief Executive Officer and Creator of the 'SmartWater Strategy'

This session will disclose:

- *How data sharing led to the 'Nuneaton 4' being charged with 29 offences of cable theft*
- *Examples of targeted psychological warfare against the metal and cable thief/receiver*
- *Risks for consideration when buying forensic services for use within the Criminal Courts*

11:55 **The Role of the Environment Agency**
Mat Crocker, Head of Illegals and Waste, Environment Agency

This presentation will explore:

- *Introduction of legislation surrounding waste*
- *Waste Carrier Registrations*
- *Duty of care requirements for the carriage of waste*
- *The Environmental Permitting System (esp. for Metal Recycling sites) and the Exemption system*

12:15 **Delegates move to Discussion Forums**

12:20 **Discussion Forums Session A (40 minutes)**

After brief presentations from the forum facilitators, delegates will be encouraged to discuss ways in which the issues raised during the conference can be developed further to deliver meaningful solutions to the issues of Metal Theft.

ONE **Environmental Crime – Partnership Working**

Phil Henderson, Environment Crime Team Leader, The Environment Agency

This session will explore:

- *Intel-led enforcement and adoption of the NIM - offences and penalties*
- *Overview of examples of successful partner working*
- *Where we can support the Police on metal theft enquiries etc*

TWO **Metal Theft Task Force**

William Jordan, Inspector, Staff Officer to Deputy Chief Constable Paul Crowther,
British Transport Police

John McBride, Superintendent, British Transport Police

This session will explore:

- *A case study outlining best practice*
- *The make up and objectives of the team*
- *The scope and remit of the team*
- *Other agency involvement*

THREE **Operation Tornado**

Rob Edwards, T/Chief Inspector, Operation Tornado, British Transport Police

Operation Tornado is a multi agency pilot in the North East launched at the start of 2012 to restrict the sale and movement of stolen metal.

- *The purpose of the trial*
- *How it will work and the perceived benefits*
- *The challenges*
- *The outcomes and next steps*

FOUR Policing the Past: Tackling Metal Theft in the Historic Environment

Mark Harrison, Chief Inspector, Policing and Crime Advisor - Heritage Crime Programme and Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage (ARCH), English Heritage
Diana Evans, Head of Places of Worship Advice, National Advice & Information, English Heritage

This session will explore:

- . *Heritage Crime Programme*
- . *Partnership development and the role of ARCH - Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage . Impact of metal theft - who pays the price?*
- . *Theft of metal from church buildings - English Heritage guidance.*
- . *Case study*

FIVE HMRC and Police Scottish Joint Taskforce

13:00 Lunch and Networking

14:00 Discussion Forums Session B
Sessions 1 – 5 repeated

14:40 Refreshments and Networking

15:05 The Effects of Metal Theft on the Electricity Distribution Network
Peter Lowe, Network Services Security, Western Power Distribution (WPD)

This presentation will discuss:

- *Highlighting the vulnerability of essential electricity distribution assets*
- *Types of metal theft attacks from the electricity network*
- *The subsequent societal impact*

15:25 Driving Out the Trade in Stolen Metal – the Need for a Change in the Law
Tony Glover, Head of Press & Public Affairs, Energy Networks Association (ENA)

This presentation will focus on the political imperative for change and set out the reasons why the current legislation is out of date and not fit for purpose. This includes the legislative changes we would like to see and why we think they would stop the illicit trade and therefore discourage a large proportion of metal theft. Our position is to support and encourage the Government to make these changes and critically, work with the respectable scrap metal industry and local government to make this work effectively.

15:45

Crimestoppers and Metal Theft

Dave Cording, Deputy Chief Executive, Crimestoppers

This presentation will discuss:

- *General information about the charity organisation and its past success including reference to case study evidence*
- *The reasons why the Crimestoppers campaign is necessary and will prove to be successful in increasing actionable information regarding this crime type*
- *How our public-facing campaign will take shape in association with our partners and stakeholders*
- *The ways in which the campaign will be evaluated*

16:05

Questions to the Panel

16:20

Closing Address

Paul Crowther, Deputy Chief Constable, British Transport Police, ACPO Lead for Metal Theft

16:30

Conference Close

The organisers reserve the right to change the format and content of the seminar without prior notice