



Greetings CCTV aficionados. The more observant amongst you may have noticed that there's been a wee bit of an interlude since my last Newsletter. The truth is that with ever increasing demands and the challenges of life in general, given the huge amount of time and effort required to throw one of these together unaided, it's become increasingly difficult to produce as a regular monthly. So for the time being at least, comprehensive versions will in future be published on a quarterly basis. If you've missed out on any previous editions, you can easily catch up in the Newsletter Archive at www.doktorjon.co.uk; and as always if you have any comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to drop me a line - [newsdesk\[at\]doktorjon.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk[at]doktorjon.co.uk). Happy reading! D

Doktor Jon's CCTV & IP Video Newsletter

One vision we hope never to see again

A new year generally brings a more positive outlook, with most peoples objectives for the coming months usually quite clearly defined. It's only when nature and the unforeseen decide to intervene, that we realise just how suddenly the world can change, and not always for the better. So it was with the absolutely catastrophic earthquake and tsunami that struck the island of Japan last month.

Time after time, television news reports carried extensive video and CCTV footage showing the true horror of the minutes, hours and days, as the calamitous story unfolded and indeed continues to unfold.

Whilst the after effects of this tragic natural disaster will no doubt continue for very many years to come, our thoughts and prayers must be with all of our japanese colleagues and friends, and their families, whose lives have been touched and no doubt in many cases absolutely devastated, by such an appalling event.

Our deepest condolences go out to all those who have been affected.



Q1, and there's a queue of material to get through

The beginning of the year saw an announcement from London's Metropolitan Police Service, looking back at a significant 25% increase in CCTV based identifications of offenders, achieved during 2010.

Their specialist VIIDO teams managed to identify 2,512 wanted suspects including murderers and rapists, using a more targeted approach towards developing the discipline of Forensic Surveillance.

The officer in charge, Detective Chief Inspector Mick Neville commented "We've had great success with CCTV this year CCTV is important in the fight against crime as it helps to tell us what actually occurred. Together with DNA and fingerprints, CCTV Evidence is a vital forensic tool".

Meanwhile Devon and Cornwall Constabulary have just become the subject of an Information Tribunal Decision relating to the force's current use of ANPR (LPR) cameras.

A member of the public took an appeal against the Information Commissioner relating to the Constabulary's failure to disclose the precise location of it's existing ANPR cameras, following an earlier Freedom of Information request. Whilst the defence arguments were generally based on an unwillingness to divulge details that relate to operational policing matters, the Tribunal found that "... the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in maintaining the exemptions ...".

As such, the Information Commissioners earlier ruling that supported the police position has now been overruled, and the Constabulary given 35 working days in order to provide the information requested.

From minor to major, and the UK Governments 'Protection of Freedoms Bill', which is the most significant legislation with content affecting CCTV proposed in recent years, has now passed through both first and second stage readings in the House of Commons, and is currently being considered in greater detail by the Public Bill scrutiny committee.



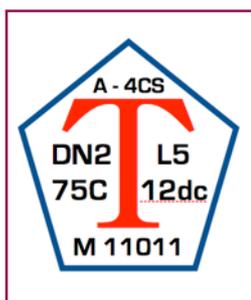


When it comes to TRUSTED CCTV, things are certainly moving forward ...

I did mention from the start that with my recent pressure of work, it's not been possible to publish regular monthly editions of my Newsletter, and whilst I'd love to say that for the last few months I've been putting my feet up with a nice cup of tea, that would probably be a little bit too much like wishful thinking on my part.

So it's probably time to come clean and just briefly outline what's been happening recently in my less than exhilarating day job, and specifically the latest work on progressing the TRUSTED CCTV Improvement Project.

Many readers will be aware that TRUSTED was originally started back in 2007, with the specific objective of developing mechanisms and procedures to help improve CCTV image quality - to be specific, enabling "Target Recognition Using Surveillance Technology for Evidence and Detection". At that time, the work was concentrating on how best to address the technical issues created by cameras that have been incorrectly deployed, and as a result were often operating at ridiculously low levels of efficiency.



Fast forward a week or two hundred, and I'm now at last in a position to very briefly reveal the most recent TRUSTED development work, which is looking at addressing some of the fundamental problems and concerns which affect not only our industry, but all the various "stakeholders" that are users of both video surveillance systems, and the eventual "product" (aka video recordings), that are so often required to assist in criminal investigations, and consequently court proceedings.

I've actually been looking at a number of separate issues, starting with improving the mechanisms for product selection and procurement at one end of the process, right through to the final quality and integrity of recordings, and trying to determine how best to make improvements easily, and with minimal cost and effort involved.

In addition, one key issue that has consistently been raised, is how best to operate video surveillance systems, in a more publicly accountable and transparent way. Here in the UK, support for CCTV which was at one time rated in the high 90 percents back in the '90s, has more recently been gradually eroding away, as press and media have tended to concentrate more on the 'Big Brother' perception of CCTV, and less on the positive aspects that can enhance civil liberties, if the technology is applied and operated correctly.

To that end, I've been looking at developing a number of initial objectives that I believe will be capable of producing significant improvements and benefits, hopefully with minimal effort and cost at least, that's the theory!

- TRUSTED® 'Product' specification compliance marks (an example of a comprehensive Camera Mark is shown above)
- TRUSTED® 'Video Record Performance' testing procedure, and a measured 'performance' test mark
- TRUSTED® 'Notification' marks and signage to highlight operational objectives and procedures (example below)

There is also some further work underway, including tests and marks for evaluating and confirming installation set up.

Earlier this year, I did actually carry out a brief targeted survey amongst a small group of selected and trusted(!) experts who very kindly agreed to provide some feedback, and what feedback it was! - many thanks chaps it was very helpful!!

85.7% approval for a Manufacturers TRUSTED® Product Mark

85.3% approval for a TRUSTED® Recorder Performance Mark

69.3% approval for a TRUSTED® System Notification Mark



The development of a TRUSTED® Product Classification system, and accompanying compliance Mark for manufacturers to apply to individual products at source, will undoubtedly assist both Specifiers and End Users in determining what class of equipment is best suited to their project, and which items actually fit the bill.

A useful and easily applied Video Recorder performance test is a lot more difficult to resolve, and that may well not be ready for quite some time yet, but the public notification marks and signage are already very well advanced.

Apart from the original [TRUSTED material on my main site](#), I've also recently quickly thrown together the start of a new TRUSTED® Minisite, which you can visit at www.trustedcctv.com

At this stage I'd be very interested to receive any comments you might have, and any expressions of interest or requests to become more involved, will certainly be warmly welcomed ... after all this work can only really proceed apace if positively supported by our industry, and of course the people that rely on it!



DJ's pick of recent CCTV related news stories from around the globe

If they could see ... - Ongoing thefts and vandalism on a Scunthorpe housing estate, have prompted the managers North Lincolnshire Homes to resort to drastic action. At selected locations on the Westcliff estate, hidden CCTV cameras are being trialled to see if they can identify those responsible. If successful, the technique may well be rolled out at other locations. - Source - [BBC News](#)



Young solution to an age old problem - New Plymouth Police Station in New Zealand, has a rather unusual way of providing CCTV monitoring coverage. Around 20 volunteer students from the local schools, man the monitors at specified times to help keep an eye on the Central Business District. The police Area Commander commented that the youngsters pick up the use of the surveillance technology very quickly; "... it's essentially like a video game, sort of." - Source - [The Dominion Post](#)

A roadmap to improving safety - The rapidly increasing number of road deaths in France, has encouraged the police to urge politicians to expand the use of LAPI (ANPR), in order to increase the detection of motoring offences. Before any decisions are made, there must first be approval from the french privacy commission, the CNIL. - Source - [TISPOL](#)

Toys and pram, spring to mind - A Wimborne shop keeper who "... paid more than £ 3,000 for CCTV for my own protection", has refused to allow police access to his recordings. Officers investigating a break in at the next door premises were hoping the security camera system might assist their inquiries, but having previously had a bad experience with the police failing to use his recordings when he was injured in another incident, they are likely to be disappointed. - Source - [Bournemouth Echo](#)

A vintage example of - Thomas Docherty MP invoked the full force of the law, after his half drunk bottle of Chardonnay went missing from the House of Commons Bar. Two suspects were sought by parliamentary guards and a police officer was despatched to identify the culprits using CCTV footage. The bottle was eventually apprehended and returned, but those responsible ... were not. - Source - [Mail Online](#)



Throw the book at them - An elderly man was mugged in the parking lot of the Woodmont Library in Des Moines, Washington in view of a CCTV camera. But when investigating officers requested access to the video recording, officials refused to hand it over without a warrant. The legal wrangling took over a week to resolve, but when officers did finally manage to view the recording, a suspect was arrested within fifteen minutes. - Source - [King5.com](#)

Simian suspects spotted on surveillance - Danville Park Girls School in Durban, South Africa was suffering a spate of somewhat unusual thefts, with packed lunches being half eaten and wallets disappearing. Concerned teachers quickly realised that this was no normal criminal case, when having trawled through the schools surveillance footage, they identified the suspects as a bunch of thieving monkeys ... vervet monkeys to be precise. Now one of the grade 11 pupils has persuaded the school authorities to set up a sanctuary for the animals, so the pupils can study and better understand their natural behaviour. - Source - [Times Live](#)

Florida passes key CCTV legislation - Legislation to control unwarranted demands for video surveillance has been passed in the Florida State House. Approved unanimously through various committees, the Bill is intended to curb excessive ordinances requiring businesses to deploy expensive CCTV systems, although it does make provision for the laying down of operating standards where deemed appropriate. - Source - [Bradenton.com](#)

The city of green is decidedly blue - The City of Lincoln Council are undertaking a public consultation on the future use of their 133 CCTV cameras. Five options are being put forward for discussion in an attempt to cut operating costs, with a complete shut down being suggested as the most dramatic possible outcome. - Source - [BBC News](#)

They move to improve - A CCTV bill approved by the Illinois House Judiciary Committee was passed unanimously this week. The legislation will require all agencies to post details of the number of video surveillance cameras they have across the state, and also specific information about their privacy policies. - Source - [The News Gazette](#)



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We promise to do our best ... - Sussex Police Authority are the first in the UK to sign up for a 'responsible' use of CCTV charter, which has been drawn up by the European Forum for Urban Security. As one of the partners involved in the charters development, the Authority are committed to upholding seven key principles, to make sure their use of video surveillance is appropriate and accountable. - Source - [Crawley Observer](#)



A far from arresting sight - A Police Officer has been found guilty of common assault after a 'stop and search' on a south London street went very wrong. In attempting to restrain a 16 year old male, the officer was clearly captured on camera forcibly throwing the youth against a shop's plate glass window, which shattered under the impact. Whilst the CCTV recording proved that the victim did not pose any threat to the officer, fortunately, he did not sustain any serious injury as a result of his experience - Source - [Mail Online](#)

A burning desire to protect - A CCTV camera captured the dramatic moment when 36 year old Engin Kocak did the unthinkable. The hero driver jumped into the hot seat as his fuel tanker burst into flames, and drove away from the petrol station just south of Istanbul, with flames spewing from the rear of the vehicle. He eventually abandoned the truck in a safe location about a kilometre away, and left it for 60 firefighters to extinguish. - Source - [9News](#)

Security, but not as we want it - A 26 year old portugese cleaner has taken her employers, a tourist attraction in Edinburgh to an employment tribunal citing sexual discrimination. The case revolves around a security guard who last year received a conviction, with a £ 500 fine and a placement on the sex offenders register, after having been caught using the sites CCTV to track his victim, who he later sexually assaulted. He is also believed to have used the video surveillance system to record members of the public, but the tribunal has been informed that all the video recordings have apparently gone missing. - Source - [Herald Scotland](#)

Out of this world surveillance - News from the US, where a major government agency is currently installing a network of all seeing high resolution surveillance cameras right across the country. Civil libertarians need not be unduly worried though, as the system known as the "All-sky Fireball Network" is actually being deployed by NASA to track and record fiery meteors as they cross the heavens. - Source - [Singularity Hub](#)

Now who's getting carried away - The american actress Lindsay Lohan is apparently preparing to sue a jewellery store, that accused her of stealing a \$ 2,500 necklace. The security video which purports to show the incident, was sold to the media by the retailer, supposedly for \$ 35,000, so Ms. Lohan is set to take action against them over the use of her image for profit, without her consent. Her court appearance on charges of grand theft was scheduled for 10th March. - Source - [Cleveland Leader](#)



A lesson to be learned? - According to an anonymous source within the german security services, it's been reported that the surveillance cameras were not working in Frankfurt Airport, at the time when a murderous gunmen went on a shooting spree. A 21 year old Kosovan airport employee apparently opened fire on a bus outside the terminal building using a semi automatic pistol, killing two US servicemen, and seriously injuring two others. - Source - [The Local](#)

Camera cars left smarting - Medway Council's CCTV equipped traffic enforcement Smart Cars have been having a bit of a tough time of it lately. A band of merry bikers calling themselves the "No to Mob" group, have been out and about drawing attention to the vehicles, and warning off drivers that would ordinarily have been captured on CCTV committing minor traffic infringements. Their most recent successes have seen the vehicles being left parked up in the council depot, at an estimated cost running in to thousands, through revenue lost by the inability to issue Penalty Charge Notices. - Source - [This is Sussex](#)

Half working or half not - The authorities in New Delhi may be on high alert against the possibility of a terrorist attack, but unfortunately the same cannot be said for their CCTV system. According to a reply in the Rajya Sabha (Indian Parliament), out of 206 cameras sited throughout the Capital, 98 are currently not working. - Source - [Hindustan Times](#)

Nowhere and nothing left to hide - Los Angeles Police are appealing for help in trying to identify a man recorded on CCTV inside one of the city's preschools, completely in the buff. Having broken in to the premises, the unknown naked intruder was apparently captured on camera "...parading around for several minutes while engaging in strange behaviour of a sexual nature" according to a spokesman for the LAPD . - Source - [Contra Costa Times](#)



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There's good news, isn't it ... - The Safer Vale Partnership have announced that a total of 51 outdated Public Space CCTV cameras currently operating in Barry, are now to be updated, in addition to new cameras being installed following a £ 160k award (\$ 250k, € 175k) of funding from the Welsh Assembly. - Source - [Barry & District News](#)

Facing up to the consequences - A hapless thief who stole cash from a movie theatre in Swansea, Massachussettes, accidentally overlooked the fact that his crime was caught on CCTV. The investigating officer showed the recording to staff, and they showed him the crooks Facebook page. The 25 year old suspect was arrested and is currently awaiting trial. - Source - [The Herald News](#)

A uniform approach - In the wake of five civilian CCTV operator redundancies, the Jersey City Police Chief has announced a new strategy for monitoring the towns security cameras. A three tier approach will be used to define the level of risk, and sworn officers and dispatchers will be required to provide the monitoring. - Source - [NJ.com](#)

A case of pots and kettles ...? - The US Consulate in Lahore, India have been making strenuous requests for the removal of CCTV cameras from the cell of a US citizen being detained in a local prison. Raymond Davies is being held in the Kot Lakhpat Central Jail pending trial on murder charges, and whilst diplomats are reported as being displeased by the lack of cooperation from the Punjab Government, the prisoners high security cell remains under constant surveillance. - Source - [Sify.com](#)

Good news in the Forest - Financial cutbacks affecting the Forest of Dean District Council, were expected to impact on their CCTV operations, but at the n'th hour, councillors decided to reprove the cameras currently operating, for another year. However its been made clear that if a new source of funding isn't found, the cameras will be switched off in twelve months time. - Source - [This is Gloucestershire](#)

Don't care in the community - A 37 year old former nurse faces up to 10 years in jail after pleading guilty to charges of neglecting a patient. The health care employee working in Troy, New York State, is just the latest one out of dozens of workers caught on hidden CCTV cameras, installed to identify individuals who are either abusing or disregarding their vulnerable charges. - Source - [Fox 23 News](#)



No more ticket to ride - A couple of Mersey bus drivers came unstuck, when their less than professional behaviour was caught by the vehicles on-board CCTV. Both have been sacked and their driving licences suspended for a year, after a catalogue of incidents were caught on camera, including jumping red lights, failing to stop for passengers, making mobile phone calls, eating at the wheel, and in one instance, even leaving the bus unattended with the engine running, whilst visiting a nearby shop. - Source - [Liverpool Echo](#)

Driving down costs - The British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association (BVRLA) are suggesting that with the current regime for registering vehicles in the UK, coupled with the increasing use of ANPR cameras for traffic monitoring and enforcement, there is no longer any requirement for the old 'tax disc' system to be retained. The abolition of paper discs in vehicles would according to the BVRLA likely save the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA) around £ 90 million a year in administration charges. - Source - [Fleet News](#)

Captured but not caught - Following an investigation by the Independent Police Complaints Commission, it's emerged that three UK police forces failed to capture a wanted man, who went on to murder a 17 year old in late 2009. The 33 year old suspect was already on a police hotlist for a number of offences, but despite his vehicle being captured by ANPR cameras on a dozen occasions, he was eventually apprehended on the 26th October, the day after he raped and murdered his victim. - Source - [Fleetwood Weekly News](#)

Who's the daddy now? - Authorities in the chinese city of Chongqing have announced ambitious plans to deploy 500,000 security surveillance cameras, at an estimated cost of \$ 2.6 billion. The sprawling city which has seen violent unrest in recent times, is scheduled to see it's mega project go live by the end of 2012. - Source - [Daily Mail](#)



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Shopped by a camera - Shopkeepers in South Woodford, Essex are up in arms, after the local authority installed CCTV, which has subsequently been used for parking enforcement. Both staff and customers have been targeted by the cameras, and with trade falling, even the local charity shop has seen it's donations dry up. - Source - [Waltham Forest Guardian](#)

Not always on the record - Following an investigation into procedures at the Australian Defence Forces insurgents detention centre in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan, it's been revealed that the CCTV system being used to monitor detainees, isn't recording around the clock. Since Australian forces took over from the Dutch about six months ago, there have been nine allegations of prisoner mistreatment, which have all been discounted due to lack of any evidence. - Source - [The Sydney Morning Herald](#)

Teach your children well - The British Retail Consortium are less than impressed after students at Queen Mary College in London, published a guide on how to steal from stores. Included in the comprehensive advice, the now widely distributed booklet provides a number of top tips on how best to avoid being captured on CCTV. - Source - [Mirror News](#)

Not such a bright idea - Detectives investigating the murder of 25 year old Jo Yeates are unlikely to be assisted by the CCTV operating on Clifton Suspension Bridge. The cameras might have caught images of a suspect vehicle, given that their location is on the only main route between her flat, and the roadside verge where her body was discovered some three miles away. Staff working on the bridge have confirmed that the night time images are virtually useless since new high intensity lighting was installed. - Source - [Mirror News](#)

Deep in the heart of Texas - In a somewhat unusual security arrangement, the Houston Police Department are now able to access five privately funded surveillance cameras worth \$ 100k, that have been set up to cover public space on the East Side. If successful, the PD is hoping that additional cameras will be donated to help protect high crime locations. - Source - [KTRK-TV Houston](#)



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Miniature flying camera causing a bit of a flap - Engineers working on an experimental project in the US, have developed the world's first video camera equipped remote control 'hummingbird' airborne imaging platform. Designed as a 'nano' flying video asset, the tiny prototype remote control aircraft can sustain self powered forward and hover flight, whilst providing useful video transmissions. - Source - [AeroVironment Inc](#) - ([Video Demo](#))

One small step or one giant leap? - The UK's Coalition Government has announced a civil liberties focussed 'Protection of Freedoms' Bill, which includes various CCTV provisions scheduled to be regulated for the first time. Addressing the widescale operation of Public Space Surveillance and ANPR cameras, public sector authorities will be required to adhere to a standardised "Code of Practice", which will be overseen by a soon to be appointed Commissioner. - Source - [eGov monitor](#) - [DJ Comments](#)

Looking at what exactly ...? - Preston Council's Crime and Disorder Task Group has been carrying out a comprehensive review of the town's CCTV system, and the results are not good. According to their report, the 22 cameras installed in the bus station failed to produce any arrests over a twelve month period, and overall the 136 cameras located throughout the town failed to provide " any evidence that our CCTV system in reality does anything to either deter or detect crime". The system currently costs £ 165k (US\$ 250k, €185k) a year to operate, and in the face of impending austerity measures, is apparently now overdue for a £ 500k upgrade. - Source - [Lancashire Evening Post](#)

Hail the coming cameras - The Western Australia Transport Minister has announced that a AUS\$ 7.74 million (£ 4.85m, \$ 8.1m, € 5.4m) project to install CCTV cameras in all WA taxis, will begin to roll out in July of this year. The state safety project which is expected to take 30 months to complete, will allow on board cameras to record and store images for around 12 days. - Source - [Perth Now](#)



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When they're wrong ... - A frustrated motorist has hit out at Wiltshire Police, after he was told that installing a CCTV camera to protect his car, would not be permitted. Twice in one week the vehicle has been attacked by vandals, but the advice given suggested that using CCTV would not be acceptable as it's parked in a lay-by, and not on the owners property, so any passing pedestrians would be unwittingly caught on camera. - Source - [Gazette & Herald](#)

Not exactly a shot in the dark - A night vision surveillance system being used by National Guards in Cochise County south east of Tucson, Arizona, spotted a number of smugglers trying to use a catapult to fire packages of drugs over the US border. Border Patrol agents contacted their colleagues in Mexico, who arrived as the suspects fled, leaving behind the launcher and 45 pounds (20 Kgs.) of marijuana. - Source - [MSNBC.com](#)

The brass faced cheek of it - A 34 year old scrap metal dealer from Gorseinon in Wales, captured himself on his own CCTV system, as he crushed some stolen musical instruments. The local brass band had earlier warned him to be on the look out for their £ 16k worth of instruments, which he later purchased from the thieves for just £ 61. At court he received a suspended six month jail sentence, £ 2,800 court costs, and an order to pay £ 500 in compensation to the victims. - Source - [WalesOnline.co.uk](#)

No fire without smoke - The Landau Forte Academy school in Tamworth, Staffordshire, has adopted an interesting approach to tackling the issue of pupils indulging in tobacco consumption on the premises. If a child is caught smoking on the site's CCTV system, the parents are sent a £ 10 fine. But according to the independent data monitoring organisation Camerawatch, the schools failure to notify the Information Commissioner of this somewhat alternative use of video surveillance technology, would most likely be in breach of existing data protection legislation. - Source - [This is Tamworth](#)

Light or shade, it's all the same to me - Scientists working at the University of Warwick, UK, have developed a revolutionary Wide Dynamic Range High Definition camera, that is claimed to be capable of imaging at a range of 20 f-stops, in 30 frames per second real-time recording. This advance imaging system has been created under research funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council . - Source - [University of Warwick](#)

Illegals taken off the old Kent roads - It's been reported that in the UK, Kent Police have recently been increasing their Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) capabilities. Last year alone, 320 illegal vehicles valued at £ 1,372,738 (approx \$ 2m, €1.6m) were seized on the county's roads for a variety of offences, many of which lead to other criminal seizures. - Source - [BBC News](#)



Bit of an own goal - A brazilian footballer named Somalia, could face up to six months in prison, after filing a false report that he'd been kidnapped at gunpoint on his way to training. Investigators checked the CCTV camera in his apartment building, and spotted him leaving for the ground alone, two hours later than he should have been. Apparently the Rio de Janeiro club Botafogo automatically dock their players pay by 40% if they are late for work. - Source - [BBC News](#)

Lights, camera, and ... cut! - North Kesteven District Council have announced the decommissioning of twelve CCTV cameras currently operating in North Hykeham and Sleaford. As part of a £ 2.6 million (\$ 4m, € 2.9m) cost saving strategy, the cameras which apparently have so far failed to achieve any convictions in their decade of operation, will finally be switched off in April 2012 . - Source - [This is Lincolnshire](#)

Take it as read - A hugely popular 47 year old school librarian faces a number of serious charges, after having been caught on a surveillance camera stealing prescription painkillers from a colleagues purse. With 22 years excellent service under her belt, the accused turned herself in to police in Westport, Connecticut, USA after having twice been caught on camera, removing the purse from a locked filing cabinet. - Source - [Westport Now](#)

You don't want to do that! - Acts of vandalism have been halved at Peterhead's Clerkhill School, following the installation of "Talking" CCTV. Aberdeenshire Council decided to install the system after a spate of attacks at the school, but in the year after the installation went live, there's only been twelve recorded incidents. - Source - [The Press and Journal](#)

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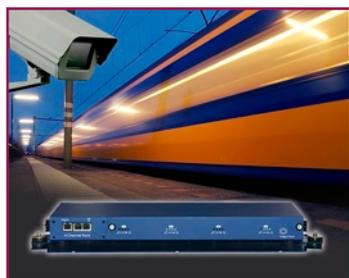
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Who's moving ... who's really moving ... and who's shaking!

There's been so many new appointments and promotions just lately, that I thought it might be worth gathering them all together in one great big friendly group hug, so here goes; in absolutely no particular order ...

Mark Novak has recently been appointed as Senstar's new UK Managing Director, whilst Yoav Stern (photo below right) has taken up the position of President and CEO of DVTel.



IndigoVision have announced a raft of new hires to their North American team (photo left); with Bill Morehouse (2nd left), Andrew Myones (centre), Jeff Swanson (2nd right), and Ted Marolf (right), taking up roles as Regional Managers, and Scott Coulson (left) promoted to A&E Development Manager.



In the UK, Andy McCreedy has joined CCTV Center as a New Business Development Manager, David Cooper fills a new role as Customer Support Manager for CBC (Europe) (photo below right), and John Phelan has joined Panasonic (photo below left) as their Ireland Area Sales Manager

Meanwhile, across the pond, in the US, Tim Fagin has been appointed as SightLogix new New Director of Support Services, whilst Guy Walker takes up the role of Northeast Director of Sales. Altronix latest Customer Support appointment has seen Ronnie Pennington join the team as National Accounts Manager.



Avigilon have expanded both their North American & European sales teams, with Dennis Dyer, Bill Parkinson, Doug Macias, and Greg Wilson appointed as Regional Sales Directors, Daryn Drullas as Senior Director of Sales, all in the US, and Badhir Shir and Dominique Debusshere taking up positions as Regional Sales Directors in Europe. Robin Hughes has been promoted to Business Development Director, and Robert Lay, Regional Sales Manager, both for UK & Ireland.



OnSSI have also enhanced their North American Sales Team, with Trevor Newton and Steve Kingsbury appointed as Region Managers, and Brad Anderson taking up the new position of National Sales Manager - Channel Partners.



IQinVision have recently announced that Rob Ledenko will be taking up the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

Also two additional senior appointments with Lisa Bradshaw (photo right), promoted to Director of Sales Western US and Canada, and Norman Wade (photo left), Director of Sales for the Eastern US. New Regional Sales Managers Chad Schermerhorn, Bud Eula, and Doug Dickinson, are also joined by Colleen Callaghan who is the newest member of the Technical Support Team.



Steve Van Till, (photo below left), President and CEO of Brivo Systems, has recently been re-elected to a second two year term on the US Security Industry Association's (SIA) Board of Directors.



Topping off a hugely successful 2010 racing season, AD Group CEO Mike Newton headed off to Paris recently, to pick up an individual Le Mans Series LMP2 Driver Trophy, along with his co-driver Tommy Erdos, at a glittering awards ceremony held at the Automobile Club de France.

During race events, the AD Group sponsored #25 Lola HPD racecar, actually serves as a test platform for the company's TransVu mobile DVR, providing vital video and telemetry recordings for post event performance analysis.



Photo right - Mike Newton (l) and Tommy Erdos (r)
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... and here's just a little bit more Industry News in Brief!

Amongst a number of new European distributor announcements received recently, Panasonic PSNE have appointed Richmond Electrical Wholesalers (REW) to distribute their product range in the Republic of Ireland.

Video Analytics specialist iOmniscient have appointed Essex based ClearView Communications as a supplier of their leading software solutions.

In the US, LCA Sales are to represent Power Supply specialist Altronix in the New Jersey and Greater New York City locations, whilst The Atkins Group are set to cover New England, Connecticut and Upstate New York.

In the virtual world, new or significantly updated websites have been launched by [American Fibertek Inc.](#) (AFI), specialists in fibre transmission solutions, and also [ASL Vision](#), suppliers of Video based Smoke and Fire Detection systems.

When it comes to bottom lines, some of the recent financial statements make for very interesting reading ...

At the beginning of the year the news from [Mirasys](#) was that 2010 had seen an 18% growth in annual revenue, and a 70% increase in January 2011 alone, when compared to the previous year. Overall Q1/2011 saw a 22% growth year on year, with further increases projected. The business is growing so fast that in addition to the three sales offices recently opened in Milan, Tallinn and Frankfurt, a presence is now also being established in India, Sweden and the Gulf Region.

Allied Vision Technologies (AVT) who recently [acquired camera manufacturer VDS-Vosskuhler](#), announced record sales of € 43.4m (£ 38.2m, \$ 63.1m) and growth of about 58% during 2010.

News from another German Hi Res. camera manufacturer, this time [Mobotix who posted a 45% growth in sales](#) (€ 34.6m, £ 30.5m, \$ 50.3m,) for the second half of 2010, with 74% of production going for export.

[IndigoVision](#) also turned in very positive half yearly results, with a 25% increase on sales to £ 15m (€ 17m, \$ 24m) during the period up to 31st January 2011.

Overall, manufacturers seem to be confirming a rapid recovery from the difficulties during 2009, and looking ahead, most are predicting strong growth for the coming months.



When it comes to the honours, wireless transmission specialist Fluidmesh are reportedly thrilled to have made it onto the Security Sales & Integration's Top 30 Technology Innovations list for 2010; whilst High Def. experts Avigilon recently picked up their fifth award, having been named to the 2010 Red Herring 100 Global list, highlighting some of the most promising and innovative private venture companies, operating throughout the world.

In an inspirational demonstration of their commitment to service, Malta based security specialist Alberta Group, have taken the unusual step of putting all 200 of their personnel through the MSA's security certification process, with stringent procedures that include vetting by both the local police, security services and even Interpol.

Closer to home, the UK's world renowned Home Office Scientific Development Branch (HOSDB) have as of the 1st April 2011, been restructured and renamed as the [Centre for Applied Science and Technology \(CAST\)](#).

.... and finally, what's happening with the Security and CCTV related Shows and Events

As global Security Events began to crank up at the beginning of a new year, the UK show season got off to a flying start with last month's excellent HOSDB gathering at Farnborough; swiftly followed by the impressive Counter Terror Expo in London, which also carried a useful representation of specialist video surveillance related suppliers. Hardware items of particular interest on show, included the [Lynn Hawk 'Real-Time' Video image Enhancement unit](#), the [iOptec P313 Full HD Body Worn Video package](#), [Timespace X300 miniature DVR](#), and an item not normally considered in relation to CCTV; the LRAD series of directional 'focussed' long range audio speakers, which could potentially be used on PSS cameras to intervene with violent and Anti Social Behaviour.

For those already in training, [IFSEC 2011](#) is now literally just around the corner. With regret, this year I won't be able to put together my customary comprehensive IFSEC Show Preview Section, as apart from the Press Releases received from exhibitors which will be available to view on my main site, unfortunately there hasn't actually been any information forwarded by the organisers - a full list of forthcoming events is available for you on the following page >



Doktor Jon's brief Guide to some Forthcoming CCTV and Security Related Events

- 4th - 5th May - [Homeland Security Innovation Conf.](#) - Charleston - USA
- 4th May - [IP in Action LIVE USA](#) - Georgia - USA
- 10th - 13th May - [IDET 2011](#) - Brno Exhibition Centre - Czech Republic
- 16th - 19th May - [IFSEC 2011](#) - NEC Birmingham - United Kingdom
- 17th - 19th May - [Fire & Security Pakistan](#) - Karachi - Pakistan
- TBC May - [IP in Action LIVE Latin America](#) - Buenos Aires - Argentina
- 19th - 21st May - [CIPATE 2011](#) - Beijing Exhibition Center - China
- 24th - 26th May - [EXPOSEC Internat. Security Show](#) - Sao Paulo - Brazil
- 25th - 26th May - [Security Canada Alberta](#) - Alberta - Canada

- 1st - 3rd June - [IFSEC South India](#) - Bengaluru (Bangalore) - India
- 15th June - [Security Canada West](#) - Richmond - British Columbia - Canada
- 16th June - [IP in Action LIVE](#) - Newcastle - United Kingdom
- 20th - 22nd June - [INDESEC 2011](#) - Pragati Maidan - New Delhi - India
- 30th June - 2nd July - [Secutech Thailand 2011](#) - Bangkok - Thailand

- TBC July - [IP in Action LIVE](#) - Holland & Germany
- 6th - 8th July - [SeguriExpo 2011](#) - Buenos Aires - Argentina

- TBC August - [IP in Action LIVE Latin America](#) - Mexico
- 23rd - 24th August - [MS&PCE](#) - Peoria - Illinois - USA
- 24th August - [IP in Action LIVE USA](#) - Connecticut - USA
- 24th - 26th August - [Secutech Vietnam 2011](#) - SECC - Saigon - Vietnam
- 24th - 26th August - [Security 2011](#) - SCEC - Sydney - Australia
- 30th Aug. - 2nd Sept. - [AVSS 2011](#) - Klagenfurt University - Carinthia

- 6th - 8th September - [IFSEC South Africa](#) - Johannesburg - South Africa
- 13th - 14th September - [TranSec World Expo](#) - Olympia - London - UK
- 14th September - [Security Canada Atlantic](#) - Nova Scotia - Canada
- 15th September - [IP in Action LIVE](#) - Birmingham - United Kingdom
- 19th - 22nd September - [ASIS International 2011](#) - Orlando - Florida - USA
- 19th - 22nd September - [SPIE Security + Defence](#) - Prague - Czech Republic
- 20th - 22nd September - [SibSecurity 2011](#) - Novosibirsk - Russia
- 20th - 22nd September - [APS 2011](#) - Porte de Versailles - Paris

- 4th - 6th October - [SIPS 2011](#) - Sochi - Krasnodar
- 11th - 12th October - [Total Workplace Management 2011](#) - London - UK
- 12th - 14th October - [Safety & Security Asia](#) - Suntec - Singapore
- 12th - 14th October - [FINNSEC 2011](#) - Helsinki - Finland
- 17th - 21st October - [LEVA Annual Conference](#) - Indiana - USA
- 18th - 19th October - [SECTECH Sweden](#) - Stockholm - Sweden
- 18th - 21st October - [Milipol 2011](#) - Porte de Versailles - Paris - France
- 19th - 20th October - [Security Canada Central](#) - Toronto - Canada
- 29th Oct - 1st Nov - [CPSE China Public Security Expo](#) - Shenzhen - China

Well that's it, all done and dusted for the first quarter CCTV & IP Video Newsletter of 2011.

I hope you've enjoyed reading it or at the very least found it useful. Keep your stories and case studies coming in, and if you have anything for inclusion in the next edition, the deadline for submission will be 11th June 2011.

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