DOKTOR JON'S ROUND UP OF RECENT CCTV & IP VIDEO NEWS - Q1/2012



A very warm welcome to the first quarterly CCTV and IP Video Newsletter for 2012. It hardly seems possible that it's now just over three months since the start of the new year, and in almost as much time again, the London 2012 Olympics will be upon us, quite literally for all those like me ensconced in the great metropolis. In this edition apart from all the Global and Industry CCTV news, there's also details of a new TRUSTED CCTV Improvement Project initiative, the UK's first National CCTV Improvement Week - more on that to follow. As always, if you've missed out on any previous editions, you can easily catch up in the Newsletter Archive at www.doktorjon.co.uk; if you have any comments or suggestions please don't hesitate to drop me a line - newsdesk[at]doktorjon.co.uk. Happy reading! and let's all look forward to a safe, spectacular and enjoyable Olympic Games. D.J.

Doktor Jon's CCTV & IP Video Newsletter

So, what's been making CCTV headlines in the ever so recent past?

Well I suppose the big story here and indeed the nearest thing to a viral report on CCTV, was the recent offering from Big Brother Watch, highlighting the supposedly scandalous calculated spend of £ 515 million (US\$ 785 m, € 575m) on the UK's Public Space CCTV over a period of four years, which hardly surprisingly resulted in global headlines. The figures were apparently obtained through Freedom of Information requests made to 434 Local Authorities, asking for a breakdown of costs for a specific 'three' year period from April 1st 2008 > 31st March 2011; which is curious in itself given that the FOI requests stated "I am writing to obtain information about the amount your authority has spent on its CCTV network in the past four years." Intrigued by the accuracy of the published figures, Security News Desk recently carried out a review amongst a small number of Local Authorities that had submitted their returns, and found a number of inaccuracies particularly where stated overall costs and the seperated out staffing figures, appeared to have been miscalculated. Well, curiosity is a terrible thing, so I just happened to pluck three councils off the internet for the quickest of quick comparisons of the figures they'd provided, against those published in the report. Shepway District Council responded to BBW with overall operation and equipment procurement figures which if totalled come to £872,170; this then re-appeared in the report as £1,823,768. Harrogate Borough Council advised a total of £ 1,088,590, which was detailed as £ 1,407,034 and Elmbridge Borough Council, responded with £ 1,093,622 for equipment and overall operating costs, which ended up in the report as £ 2,517,306. In describing their methodology, BBW state that the fourth year figures for 2007>8 were actually extracted from earlier research, published December 2010 in a report called "The Price is Wrong", which incidentally appears to have gone AWOL on the internet. Overall, the costs for just those three councils resulted in a whopping 88.2% bloating of the figures when they eventually appeared in the latest report, and that's simply based on reviewing a trio out of well over 400 Local Authorities, that were apparently consulted for the exercise.



In Big Brother Watch's first CCTV report at the end of 2009, they estimated 59,753 cameras being operated by Local Authorities. Fast forward two years for the 2011 figure of "at least 51,600", and voila, a 13.6% overall reduction in camera numbers, which isn't something the media would necessarily rush to report, but hey at least it makes for good reading amongst civil libertarians you'd think! Civil liberties and privacy 'watchdogs' have a vitally important role to play, but credibility and respect really needs to be earned, not simply based on encouraging the sensationalist reporting of possibly misleading data.

The UK's first National CCTV Improvement Week - NCIW 2012

Most people reading this Newsletter will at some time or other have looked at CCTV images, either on a TV news report or maybe on a monitor in a local store, and thought that really shouldn't be allowed. Poor quality, incorrect camera placement, and amateurish image framing are all common everyday problems, and that's even without the issues of often rubbish video recording. Which got me thinking; here in the UK with the impending Diamond Jubilee celebrations almost immediately followed by the 2012 Olympics, we're about to enter possibly the highest security risk period



in decades. So, what can easily be done about encouraging CCTV Operators and Users to assess their systems, and then see what if any simple steps could be taken to improve things as a matter of priority. Introducing the UK's First National CCTV Improvement Week, which as part of the TRUSTED CCTV Improvement Project, is being held on the 6th - 12th May 2012. Over the coming days, a number of evaluation documents will be made available through the project's website, and hopefully in some way we can all make our own small effort to help support the initiative.







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DJ's pick of recent CCTV related news stories from around the globe - Part 1

Cameras care in the Community - Uttoxeter is the first town in Staffordshire, UK to receive 19 CCTV cameras that are being fitted into the homes of their community's most vulnerable people. A total of 72 units are set to be installed to help tackle the problems caused by rogue traders and bogus callers, that prey on mostly elderly residents in the supposed safety of their own homes. - Source - Burton Mail

Cracking on with the investigation - A man sustained burns to his nether regions, after a minor explosion caught the victim unawares in a toilet at the Sri Rampai LRT train station in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. CID police officers are studying CCTV recordings to try and identify the previous occupant, who is believed to have taped a lit firecracker under the toilet seat, just seconds before the hapless 22 year old fell victim to what appears to be a mindless prank. - Source - AsiaOne News

Not exactly an arresting site - News from Vikaspuri, India, where shocked officers discovered eleven prisoner transport vehicles parked up in the local police barracks, had themselves become the victims of crime. The vans were all equipped with CCTV, that is until persons unknown decided to remove nine cameras and six monitor screens, all in the dead of night. Whilst a case of theft has been recorded by local police, three officers have subsequently been suspended as part of an investigation into negligence of duty. - Source - The Indian Express

Generosity in the face of tragedy - Appalled by the death of a cab driver who was attacked in Bedford, UK earlier in the year, Matthew Stockdale the boss of local firm PoliceWitness.com decided to donate 90 CCTV camera units for use in the towns taxis. A spokesperson for the local Taxi and Private Car Hire Association was quick to show their appreciation for the public spirited donation, saying "This is fantastic news for us ..." - Source - Bedford Today

Making criminals pay - The West End of London has for many years been subject to a Congestion Charge Zone, where drivers have to pay a daily toll in order to enter the centre of the city. Now Mayor Boris Johnson has indicated that he wants the thousands of ANPR cameras previously used just to manage the scheme, to in future be jointly operated by both the Metropolitan Police and Transport for London. - Source - The Guardian

It wouldn't happen in the movies - A 45 year old malaysian actor best known for playing the part of a TV detective, has had his conviction for alleged shoplifting quashed after a hearing in the Court of Appeal, upheld an earlier ruling by the High Court in Kuala Lumpur. The accused was alleged to have removed two books from a shop some four years ago, but in court the judge ruled that the prosecution had singularly failed to prove it's case, after police returned the evidence to the bookstore, and not even bothered to recover vital CCTV recordings which would have clearly shown the sequence of events. - Source - New Straits Times



Schools are learning fast - Under the federal Secure Schools Program, Doonside Technology High School in Sydney, Australia, installed CCTV specifically to help reduce crime, but since the 57 security cameras went live, reported incidents of bullying amongst pupils have actually dropped by a staggering 70 percent. Interesting to note, when The Telegraph news site questioned their readers about whether they agree with having CCTV in local schools, out of more than 7,000 votes cast almost 92% were in favour. - Source - The Telegraph

Here, there ... lets all share - Cheshire Constabulary are urging local businesses to become more proactive in tackling crime, through better use of their privately operated CCTV systems. Apart from requesting users to register with police the precise details of their camera's locations, shops and offices are also being encouraged to share CCTV images of suspects, using an online reporting system, which it is hoped will speed up the identification of crime suspects. - Source - Ellesmere Port Pioneer

Careful what you tread - A 59 year old man was convicted at Gloucester Magistrates Court, after being caught on CCTV slashing his 73 year old neighbours car tyre. The female victim who had been on the receiving end of 19 slashed tyres in 10 seperate incidents over a period of a year, was relieved when a suspect was finally apprehended after another concerned neighbour set up a security camera to watch over the victims driveway. On conviction, the court handed down a 12 month conditional discharge, ordered the payment of £ 85 (US\$ 135, €95) court costs, and the grand sum of £ 28 (US\$ 45, € 32) compensation to the victim. - Source - This is Gloucester

Facing up to the future - Engineers working at the Hitachi Kokusai Electric company have reportedly developed a surveillance camera system capable of capturing a relatively low standard facial image, that can be efficiently compared against as many as 36 million records in less than a second. No information is provided as to it's actual accuracy on identifying individuals, or indeed how the 36 million facial images are going to be obtained! - Source - IEEESpectrum

Forensic Surveillance on a grand scale - London's Metropolitan Police Service final report into the riots last year entitled "4 Days in August", has determined that with around 200,000 hours of recorded material to review "CCTV proved to be a critical issue for the investigation of offences ...", and described how a number of lessons have been learned from "... the handling of the vast amounts of footage that was seized." - Source - Metropolitan Police



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The price of brown envelopes these days - Following a ten year investigation which apparently included seven tons of evidential material, three men were convicted at Belfast Crown Court on charges relating to bribery over tenders for the placement of CCTV contracts in Northern Ireland. All three received custodial sentences totalling seven years behind bars, and were also fined a total of almost £ 1.1 million (US\$ 1.75m, € 1.25m). A fourth person was given a conditional discharge after pleading guilty to a minor charge. - Source - The Wall Street Journal

Chinese food for thought - A leading chinese security expert has cautioned against the wholesale use of foreign surveillance technology. Highlighting national security risks that might result from using overseas manufactured CCTV systems in certain "important areas and industries", the Deputy Director of the Ministry of Public Security's first research institute, went on to cite the important role that security cameras play in helping to tackle crime in China. Leading manufacturers such as Cisco, Samsung, Sony, Canon and Panasonic are thought to have between them around 80% share of the overall Chinese market for video surveillance products, according to research by Frost & Sullivan. - Source - Bloomberg Businessweek

Blue sky thinking, or pie in the - According to recent figures from IMS Research, Video Surveillance as a Service (VSaaS) otherwise known as "cloud" based video surveillance, grew globally by 25% to around US\$ 500m in 2011, compared to the previous year. Notwithstanding a number of technical and operational issues connected with the application of this technology, IMS Research go on to forecast a potential market possibly valued at around \$ 1 billion by 2014. - Source - CBR App Dev and SOA News



If they've done nothing wrong - The ongoing saga of Oxford City Council compelling less than enthusiastic taxi drivers to install CCTV in their cabs from April 1st, took a bizarre twist after the drivers organised a meeting to discuss their concerns and their 250 signature petition against mandatory CCTV, with local council officials. Nick Pickles, a prominent spokesperson for the civil liberties group Big Brother Watch, was also invited to attend by the drivers, but was then apparently barred at the last minute from entering what council officers later described as a "private meeting". - Source - Oxford Mail

Facing up to the facts - News from Mumbai, India, where hidden CCTV cameras in a plastic surgeons office, have left his patient bailed on charges and threatening a lawsuit against the doctor. The asian model come actress was apparently disatisfied with the corrective surgery carried out by Dr Vijay Sharma, and demanded the fees be refunded. Having allegedly threatened bringing a case for molestation, her outburst was captured on camera and the recordings handed over to the police, who quickly arrested the patient on an extortion charge. In a bizarre twist, it's been revealed that the doctor has previously faced three charges of molestation by other aggrieved patients. - Source - NDTV

Something's not right ... so it is - It's been revealed by the City Council that out of 166 Public Space CCTV cameras dotted around Dublin, almost a quarter are not working. 22 areas have been identified where the cameras have failed, and whilst 36 replacement units have been promised for six of the needlest locations, repairs that remain outstanding are still apparently "subject to funding". - Source - Irish Examiner

They wear it with pride - Body Worn Video systems have been around for a while now, but the latest incarnation of the technology has seen a couple of local authorities in the UK, equipping their parking enforcement officers with high tech identity badges. Virtually identical to conventional ID, the new look badges are just as likely to be looking back at the public, using a miniature built in surveillance camera which is effectively covert in operation, save for a small strip along the top advising "CCTV in Operation" - Source - Mail Online

A double edged sword - The Public Security Chief Major General Tariq Al Hassan, has confirmed that all police interview rooms in Bahrain will be equipped with video and audio monitoring systems, to help tackle human rights violations. The systems which are expected to be up and running within months, will also be used to counter allegations of brutality made against police officers, by suspects held in custody. - Source - <u>Arabian Business</u>

Now you see them, now you won't - Following on from the debacle of Operation Champion, where hidden police CCTV cameras were secreted in predominantly ethnic areas of Birmingham, UK, it's now been confirmed that all the units have been removed and either redeployed or else sold off to other police forces, at a nominal cost of £ 1 per camera. In a report presented to the West Midlands Police Authority, the Chief Constable has revealed that the costs associated with decommissioning all the equipment, has come in at almost £ 200k (US\$ 315k, €230k). - Source - WMPA Finance & Resources Committee



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Guilty ... until fortunately proven innocent - A Filipino medical assistant working in the King Fajad Medical City Hospital in Riyadh, has been released from jail along with three others, after being cleared of stealing medicines from the pharmacy. In total, 28 foreign workers were accused of taking pharmaceutical products valued at over a quarter of a million dollars, but after having been held in jail for two weeks, the authorities eventually reviewed the centre's CCTV footage and released the four without charges. - Source - The Visayan Daily Star

History has a habit ... - The authorities in Uzbekistan have reportedly directed that CCTV be installed in all the country's mosques, apparently on the basis of there having been a recent increase in crime. In the light of further restrictions outlawing the sale of islamic clothing such as hijabs and burqas, an expatriot imam residing in neighbouring Kyrgyzstan has told Radio Free Europe that these are just the latest moves to monitor and control the daily activities of practicing moslems. - Source - The Atlantic

Looks like they're out of luck - Faced with the consequences that 4% of motorists in the UK driving without insurance, are thought to be responsible for around 150 deaths on the nations roads each year, accountants Ernst & Young appear to have come up with a cunning plan. Reporting their findings to the Prime Ministers Office, a suggestion has been made to use the ANPR cameras on petrol station forecourts, to identify uninsured drivers vehicles and then withold supplying them with any fuel. - Source - The Telegraph

Served up on a plate - A family that eats together, stays together or so the saying goes, but for one father sharing breakfast with his 26 year old son, the early morning TV news report proved somewhat difficult to swallow. Police in Woods Cross, Utah had earlier released to the news channel, CCTV footage of a burglary at a local computer store, and unfortunately for the dad, junior was caught on camera apparently helping to remove \$ 6,500 worth of equipment. Jeremy Blair subsequently handed himself in to Davis County Sheriff's Office, after a bit of gentle persuasion from his father. - Source - Boston.com

Crime in the fast lane - It's been revealed through a Freedom of Information request, that last year Northamptonshire Police's 67 fixed and 16 mobile ANPR cameras, snapped no less than 113 million vehicles on the county's roads. Of these, 2.7 million were flagged as either suspect drivers or vehicles, but no figure is available to indicate how many drivers were actually stopped or arrested . - Source - The Hunsbury Herald



Now there's a first - The UK's first National CCTV Improvement Week NCIW 2012, has been widely reported in the media, with an emphasis on encouraging a wide range of CCTV Users and Operators to 'health check' their existing security camera systems, in the heightened risk period leading up to this summers Diamond Jubilee and London Olympic celebrations. - Source - <u>Bapco Journal</u>

He moved to strike - A New Mexico divorce attorney fell foul of the law, after his somewhat unconventional methods were deemed by a court to be just a step too far. Furious at the way his client was being treated by her estranged husband, he turned up at the family home with a removal crew intent on recovering the wife's property. After forcing his way in and recovering numerous items, the entire episode which was faithfully captured on the husbands CCTV, was eventually shown to the court. Initial felony charges were pleaded down to misdemeanours, resulting in an order to pay \$ 5,000 in damages, and a 30 day jail term, to be served at weekends so the lawyer can continue to practice law during the week. - Source - <u>ABC News</u>

Neighbours that look out ... at each other! - The problems of a neighbour dispute with one party fixing a CCTV camera that looks over the boundary are really not that unusual, but in one street in North Weald, Essex, over a dozen cameras are watching the goings on in two neighbouring properties. One owner has erected a fence festooned with shoes, fabric and ribbons to help block the view of the eight security cameras which she claims look back into her property. Meanwhile the local authority have ruled that no planning regulations have been breached, and the council leader suggested there is nothing more they can do to bring the situation to an agreeable conclusion. - Source - The Guardian Series

Should have been kept locked in a chest - Officers from the Gardai (police) are puzzled over the theft of an item from Dublin's Christchurch Cathedral. A small wooden box that contained the preserved heart of the City's patron saint, St. Laurence O'Toole, was stolen after thieves prised open the iron bars that should have prevented it's removal. Whilst valuable silverware remained untouched and nothing else has been reported missing, officers are trawling through CCTV recordings to see if they can identify the body responsible. - Source - Independent.ie

Time for a quick break from the Global CCTV News, but Part 2 will be coming up shortly ...



It's almost time for the two major focal points of the year

So you're probably thinking that the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the London 2012 Olympics are the two most important events to be held here this year; well not if you're a keen observer of the UK Security Industry!

In a matter of days, the Counter Terro Expo will be opening for business at London's Olympia Exhibition Centre. This restricted event which is held over the 25th and 26th April, will not only showcase many of the leading specialists involved in developing high tech solutions for countering the ever present threat of terrorism, but will also play host to an <u>impressive conference</u> and <u>workshop programme</u>. Of particular interest for those with a penchant for video surveillance, the '<u>CCTV</u> and <u>Monitoring</u>' workshop will take place on wednesday the 25th from 9.25am through till 13.05pm. A number of expert speakers will explore a range of topics, including:-

- 09.30am Updating progress with the ONVIF forum, including a panel discussion on IP Video various speakers
- 11.00am Looking at mobile surveillance using low bandwidth video transmission Stewart McCone Vemotion Interactive
- 11.20am Multidisciplinary incident management and response Chris Williams Wavestore
- 11.40am Fighting crime using video evidence in the courtroom Fred Hugen IMIX Vision Support Systems
- 12.00pm The rapid deployment of temporary CCTV infrastructure David Savage Excelerate Technology
- 12.20pm Real Time Video Enhancements, overcoming common everyday obstacles Robert Chandler Lynn
- 12.40pm Making CCTV a barrier not a weakness Steve Armstrong Logically Secure

Following on, the <u>Electro Optics, Thermal Imaging and Nightvision</u> session runs from 14.25pm through to 15.25pm, and includes speakers from TI specialists FLIR Systems, Axis Communications, and Thermoteknix. On day two, there's also an interesting workshop session on <u>ANPR technology</u> being presented by City Sync



at 11.40am. Apart from the comprehensive <u>Conference programme</u> covering all aspects of counter terrorism work over both days of the event, amongst the hundreds of stands there are also dozens of companies and organisations exhibiting, each with their own unique perspective on key aspects of using video surveillance, in a challenging counter terrorism role. If you're interested in attending but haven't applied online, you can still register on site but this will be subject to a fee; further details on the <u>Counter Terror Expo website</u>.

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After the CTX show, coming up fast will be the highlight of the UK Security Industry's calender, the <u>IFSEC International 2012 event</u>, being held this year over the 14 - 17th May within the cavernous expanse of the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Billed as the largest annual security event in the world, IFSEC is a truly international gathering that's an absolute must for anyone interested in <u>CCTV and IP Video</u> surveillance (or even security for that matter!), with literally hundreds of stands offering everything from connectors to advanced video analytics, and anything else in between.



This year will see an unprecedented number of exhibitors highlighting their video surveillance related products and services, along with lots of new features running alongside some established old favourites.

This time around there's actually eight dedicated product areas covering <u>Access Control</u>, <u>CCTV</u>, <u>Counter Terror</u>, <u>IP and Network Security</u>, <u>Fire Solutions</u>, <u>Intruder Alarms</u>, <u>Lone Worker Protection</u> and <u>Physical Security</u>, and in addition there's also an <u>Enterprise Area</u> for new exhibitors, and a <u>New Product Innovation Showcase</u> highlighting equipment and technology being presented at the show for the first time.

The key theme for this year will see a concerted focus on free education, so alongside the <u>Tavcom Training Theatre</u>, there's also a <u>Security Management Education Theatre</u>, <u>ipAssured Education Zone</u>, <u>Intelligent Integration Zone</u>, <u>Next Generation CCTV & Surveillance Theatre</u>, <u>IFSEC International Centre Stage</u> forum, live demonstrations on <u>How Lighting Affects Surveillance</u>, and additional features for <u>Lone Worker Protection</u> Education and fire safety systems. <u>A full list of the planned sessions</u> is available on the IFSEC website.

This year, there's also a new 'IFSEC Connections' 1-2-1 meeting service being made available, so anyone interested in networking with pre qualified buyers and suppliers from around the world, can save a load of time and effort with this very sensible approach to marrying up potential future business partners.

If you haven't already done so, there's still time to register online for this year's must visit event.



If you're seriously "smart phone" inclined and you're well into Apps., you can also download the new IFSEC 2012 App which has just become available. As my mobile is of the significantly dumb variety, sadly I'll have to give that a miss, but hopefully see you all at the show, who knows where, who knows when!



We return to DJ's pick of recent CCTV related news stories from around the globe - Part Two

If it looks like a criminal ... - Every shade of society has passed before the lenses of Wrexham's 90 street surveillance cameras, but now the North Wales local authority has notched up a significant milestone, with over 25,000 arrests now having been attributed to their team of CCTV Operators. In fact, the scheme has been so successful at spotting criminals, from shop lifters to murderers, that it's estimated around 40% of all those arrested in the town, have actually been caught by them on camera. - Source - <u>Daily Post</u>

Seemed like a good idea at the time - As part of Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce' plans to deploy CCTV in the coastal town, a total of £ 31,000 (US\$ 48k, € 35k) was donated into the start up fund by local businesses and individuals. Since the plans were shelved due to rising costs, organisors have been trying to return the monies to the various donors, but unfortunately without complete success. Any funds still left outstanding by the end of next month will instead be donated to local good causes. - Source - Sidmouth Herald 24

That wasn't in the recipe - A US synagogue has taken the unusual step of installing surveillance cameras in it's kitchen, after a kosher food scandal broke involving their caterers. The Temple Beth Torah in Melville, New York, has alleged that the contract catering company was using their facilities to prepare 'send out' non kosher party bites, including pork and seafood, both of which are strictly forbidden. The rabbi has confirmed that their contract will only be terminated if the company is found guilty in court. Meanwhile, the rabbi of a neighbouring synagogue that also uses the same caterer, has been slapped with a \$ 10m lawsuit for defamation, following comments he made about the crisis. - Source - HalfHollowHillsPatch

Careful what you chews - The Police Chief at Deer Park PD in Texas was getting a bit fed up with reports of food being taken from the staff room fridge. Anxious to put a stop to the constant thieving, Chief Griggs had a covert CCTV camera installed, which in no time at all captured Officer Kevin Yang helping himself to the latest free feast. When confronted he claimed to be helping out his colleagues by keeping the fridge clean, but unimpressed with the explanation, he's now on a 30 day suspension for theft and misdemeanour charges. - Source - Allvoices



Compare the masterful.com - A first for the Russian Presidential elections, with all 91,000 polling stations linked by video surveillance to the Central Election Commission. 80,000 polling venues are apparently being monitored in real time, with the rest recorded for later review, and all this in addition to the local observers who are supposed to ensure that widsespread allegations of vote rigging are prevented this time around. - Source - RIA Novosti

He should have looked the other way - An arsonist who torched a shop and a post office in Peckham, South London, has been given an eight year jail term. The 23 year old set the fires which caused $\mathfrak L$ 1m worth of damage during the London riots last august, and he might well have escaped capture had he not been caught on CCTV, with detectives identifying him from the unique appearance of his cross eyes. - Source - $\underline{\text{Daily Times}}$

Something so sweet, leaves a bitter taste - A National Express coach driver has been sacked, after being caught on CCTV popping a single grape into his mouth, whilst waiting in his vehicle at the bus terminus in Bedworth, Warwickshire. The 66 year old was apparently captured on camera behind the wheel of his stationary coach with no passengers on board, but after five years service has been dismissed for breach of the company's health and safety policy. - Source - iol News

Keeping an eye on the Bill - Coastwatch volunteers have a new tool in their armoury, after a remote control surveillance camera has been installed on the historic Portland Bill Lighthouse in Dorset. Volunteers have assisted the coastguard for the last 15 years, but due to the lay of the land, up until now it's not been possible to monitor the treacherous waters of the inshore passage. Using the high tech CCTV equipment, a constant lookout will be kept for 12 hours per day, 364 days of the year. - Source - BBC News

You've got to laugh - An eagle eyed CCTV Operator spotted a suspicious looking man hanging around in a small market town in Sussex, in an area apparently subject to a spate of recent burglaries. Having quickly radio'd the details and location to an undercover officer deployed as part of the ongoing investigation, the probationary constable immediately gave chase. Unfortunately for him, over a period of about 20 minutes of intensive CCTV co-ordinated pursuit through the winding back streets, he eventually had to give up the chase when the duty sergeant realising that he'd actually been trying to apprehend himself, became uncontrollably consumed with hysterical laughter. - Source - The Telegraph



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Sounds like a bad plan - A 32 year old man from Bellingham, Washington State, thought it was a great idea to sell a map showing the locations of video surveillance cameras dotted along part of the US and Canada border. Even better when a local drug smuggler offered him \$ 6,000 for the plan, that is until he discovered the buyer was in fact an undercover Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent. In trying to evade arrest he ended up getting himself tasered, and thanks to the local court house he's now serving a 1 year jail term. - Source - Bellingham Herald

Combing through CCTV pays dividends - 44 year old Darren Dixon is probably not a huge fan of CCTV, not least because he was caught on camera stalking his attractive 19 year old student victim through the streets of Manchester, before taking out a pair of scissors and cutting off a chunk of her shoulder length red hair. Having carried out a second attack on another victim a month later, his image was released by police and he was quickly arrested. Sentencing at court has been deferred pending a psychiatric evaluation. - Source - <u>Daily Mail</u>

It's not always good to share - In a move never likely to win fans amongst civil libertarians, the police in Lower Saxony, Germany, have started putting images of crime suspects on their Facebook page. Despite the move being welcomed by the state interior minister Uwe Schuenemann, the state commissioner for data protection Joachim Wahlbrink is less impressed, highlighting the fact that any personal data placed on the internet, particularly if it's in breach of european data protection laws, is almost impossible to remove - Source - Reuters

Now who's the guilty one? - A second degree assault charge against a 19 year old man, has been dropped after the Prince George's County state attorney's office reviewed a CCTV recording which conflicted with the account given by the arresting officer. The veteran Maryland police corporal claimed that the man tried to reach for a gun, forcing him to discharge his own weapon in self defence, but the recording apparently tells a different story. A second officer is also under investigation for providing a less than accurate account. - Source - Gazette.Net

The fastest camera car in the west - When a motorist decided to carefully pull off the road to drop off her passenger, she obviously thought that her actions would avoid any inconvenience and obstruction to other road users. But for the parking enforcement officers working for Sutton Council, south of London, the opportunity to issue a £ 55 penalty charge (US\$ 84, \in 62) using their vehicle mounted CCTV, was just too good an opportunity to waste. So in less than 19 seconds, the dastardly deed was captured on camera and the hapless motorist can at the very least be assured by the words of the local councillor, who said " Sutton Council takes a firm but fair approach to parking ...". - Source - Sutton Guardian



It's not a pretty picture - It's been reported that on an average day, almost 50% of Philadelphia's street surveillance cameras are not actually operable, and the remainder that are working have been described by one detective as " ... a white elephant from day one". Problems with camera location, lack of night sensitivity and an inability to capture faces clearly, have all been highlighted as common issues throughout the system. - Source - philly.com

Costs go up, as cameras come down - The latest report from privacy watchdog Big Brother Watch, has suggested that local authorities across the UK have spent more than £ 515million (US\$ 770m, € 572m) on Public Space CCTV systems in the last four years. Interesting to note that whilst some doubt has since been raised over the accuracy of the figures, which were apparently obtained through Freedom of Information requests, the total number of cameras being used by councils when compared against Big Brother Watch's inception report published two years ago, appears to show a reduction in total local authority camera numbers of around 14%. - Source - BBC News

All talk, don't walk ... then silence - Camden Council in North London is the latest local authority to put their mouth where other peoples feet are, so to speak, with the deployment of a new type of 'Talking CCTV'. The Walker House Estate near St. Pancras has been fitted with CCTV cameras that are linked to automatic recorded messages, so anyone that happens to stroll within range are suddenly informed that they are in a restricted area, and should move away immediately. Somewhat predictably the idea has not gone down well with privacy campaigners, but within hours of the story first being published in the national media, the council issued a statement to the effect that the pre recorded message should never have been turned on in the first place, and would be switched off as soon as possible. - Source - The Telegraph and supplementary piece

A recipe for success? - Amongst the almost constant stream of market reports that appear virtually on a daily basis, the latest offering from MarketsandMarkets, suggests that the size of the global cake for video surveillance products is forecast to reach a mouth watering \$ 25.43 billion by 2016. - Source - PR Newswire



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You never know who's watching - A popular range of web based security cameras have been cited as carrying a software flaw that easily allows unauthorised access to their video streams. Manufacturer Trendnet confirmed that they were aware of the problem, and that 26 models had recently been identified as potentially vulnerable to a very simple mistake in their coding. A fix was promised within a matter of days - Source - BBC News

Not a lot of people know this - Concerns about the use of video surveillance and in particular the privacy and civil liberty implications, are now almost universal. No surprise then that the Information and Privacy Commissioner in British Columbia, Canada, has decided to launch an initiative to educate the public about the way in which CCTV is used in the private sector, and what the implications are in terms of upholding privacy requirements. To get things underway, the Commissioner is conducting a survey of retailers, to find out how well the rules on video surveillance are understood, and equally whether they are being upheld. - Source - Coast Reporter

Drivers left smarting - CCTV Traffic Enforcement vehicles are a common cause for complaint amongst motorists in the UK, but in the latest news report, a Smart car operated by the London Borough of Brent has been spotted parked up on double yellow lines in Wembley. According to a council spokesperson "Civil Enforcement Officers have a statutory exemption which allows them to contravene parking restrictions to carry out their statutory duties" - Source - London 24

... and smarting ... and - As if to reinforce the point, news from Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, where another enforcement vehicle, which this time has apparently already issued more than 5,000 motorists with £ 60 (US\$ 95, € 70) fines for offences, has also been captured parked "illegally"in the town centre. - Source - Daily Mail

Money's too tight to mention - In the days following last summers riots in the UK, Prime Minister David Cameron apparently suggested in the House of Commons that money would be made available to fund additional security cameras where necessary. It now transpires in a Home Office response to shadow Home Affairs spokeswoman Gloria De Piero MP, that the governments priority is to reduce the "deficit", and any funding for community CCTV will have to come from local authorities and police within their existing budgets. - Source - <u>Daily Mirror</u>



There's a crack on the pavement - A quick witted appartment complex manager in Brisbane Australia, has helped police to track down the owner of a bag of cocaine. The 25 grams pouch was accidentally dropped on the pavement outside the block, so having reviewed the CCTV and identified the drugs owner as a 30 year old resident, he immediately called the cops. Despite initially denying any knowledge of the drugs drop, the accused eventually pleaded guilty to one count of possession, and received a 12 month suspended sentence for his clumsiness. - Source - Herald Sun

Watching as shoppers walk 'n buy - It may be over twenty years since CCTV was first used to carry out market research in the retail sector, but now a US company Prism Skylabs, is taking the idea one step further. Their shopper monitoring system is designed to operate with existing security cameras, providing detailed insights as to how 'guests' move around in a retail space, and producing animated graphics that help retailers plan displays and decide on the ideal layout for their shops and stores. According to Steve Russell, the company CEO "There's a lot of wonderful information locked up in video ..." - Source - Technology Review

Virgin on the ridiculous - The manager of a spa in Bridgend has lost his job, after an out of hours appreciation of the facilities, came to the attention of his bosses. The twenty something manager let himself and four work colleagues into the Virgin Active complex, and having disabled the site's CCTV system, they all proceeded to strip off and become jolly good friends. Whilst two female employees entered into meaningful conversation with a male colleague in the inviting waters of the jacuzzi, the manager and his girlfriend decided on a bit more privacy in the expansive volume of the swimming pool. Unfortunately for the party animals, all was revealed so to speak, when bosses discovered that the CCTV system had automatically reverted into back up mode, and every tiny detail of their exploits was captured on the video recording. - Source - MailOnline

Citizens with an eye on surveillance - Traditionally privacy conscious Parisians are becoming ever more polarised over the merits or trials of deploying video surveillance throughout the city. Following an agreement between the Mayor of Paris Bertrand Delanoe and Prime Minister Francois Fillon, the nations capitol city is likely to see around 1,100 CCTV cameras installed in carefully selected locations. Whereas socialists are increasingly supportive of the crime tackling proposals, the Green's invariably see red at the merest suggestion of any technology which potentially leads to civil liberties being eroded.. - Source - France 24



Hands up who's been on the move this time around!

A new year, and a new career for many of the movers in the global CCTV & IP Video Industries; taking a brief look at just some of the personnel that have taken up new positions since the beginning of the year. As always, in absolutely no particular order

Canadian High Definition camera manufacturer Avigilon have confirmed that Bryan Schmode (photo right) has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Global Sales. It's also been revealed that the company is having a significant expansion to it's European Sales Team with Pedro Simoes promoted to Vice President of Sales for Europe, Africa and Latin America. Dean Brazenell has been appointed Senior Director of Sales for Northern Europe, and Dave Small takes up the role of UK Regional Sales Manager. Celestino Gheoni has stepped up to the position of Senior Director of Sales, South Europe, whilst Andrej Curakovic becomes Regional Sales Director for the same region. Avigilon is also moving east with expansion into the russian market place, so Pavel Zhorin has been given the role of Regional Sales Director for Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).





After six years with the company, <u>Jurgen Klijn</u> (photo left) has been appointed as the Senior Vice President EMEA at IndigoVision, the end to end IP Video security solutions specialist.

G4S Secure Solutions are strengthening their US team with the appointment of <u>higher education security and safety expert John Pack</u>, who will be providing technical expertise and consultancy particularly in the field of campus security.

Another industry veteran Kevin Bozarth, joins the <u>North American Video engineering</u> team as Manager of Large Systems Engineering. NAV is a specialist in providing integrated security solutions across a range of market sectors.

Ed Suski (photo below right) has taken up a <u>senior appointment at IQinVision</u> assuming the position of Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, for the HD MegaPixel camera manufacturer. Further promotions include <u>Rob Ledenko as Executive Vice President</u> (photo below left) in addition to his role as Vice President Sales and Marketing, and Kyle Kayler, Regional Sales Manager for the Northwest Region. Matt Transue has also returned to IQinVision as a Technical Servcies Engineer.



OnSSI, a specialist in open architecture intelligent IP Video surveillance and security software, has named <u>Russ Caldwell as Sales Manager</u> for North Central United States. Meanwhile, SightLogix Inc. a leading supplier of intelligent thermal imaging systems, <u>has appointed Jim Augustine</u> to the role of Western Region Sales Support, covering western US and Canada. The Security Industry Association (SIA) as the leading trade group for businesses in the US electronics and physical security market, have appointed <u>Quantum Secure's Business Development and Marketing VP</u> Laurie Aaron to their Board of Directors.





Axis Communications, a global leader in the network video market, has announced a number of key appointments in it's Northern Europe team, which covers the UK, Ireland and Nordic countries. Henrik Bowman takes up the role of Sales Engineering and Training Manager, whilst Annika Frejj becomes Regional Controller. Markus Lai also joins the team as a Regional Sales Engineer. Additional hires include James Smith (photo left) who fills a position as Regional Distribution Manager, and Ian James joins the company as a UK Sales Engineer, both based in Axis new UK headquarters. Patrik Westerlund and Jimmy Ek become Key Account Managers based in Finland and Sweden respectively.

Closer to home, and the former Deputy Chief Constable of Cheshire Police, Graeme Gerrard, has recently retired from the force after 37 years of dedicated service. Perhaps best known as the ACPO lead officer on CCTV, chairman of the National CCTV Strategy Programme Board and co-author of the UK's National CCTV Strategy, it's recently been announced that he will be joining 3G Associates Security Consultancy as a Strategic Policing Advisor.

Great good fortune to all of the above colleagues in their new roles!





Recent CCTV & IP Video Industry News Releases

Discussion and debate takes 'Centre Stage' at IFSEC International </ Rare Peregrine Falcons captured on Cathedral using high end cameras Avigilon unveils it's 'H3' next generation h.264 high definition platform BSIA & Security Media Publishing join forces for a corporate video project Frost & Sullivan's New Product Innovation award for Arecont Vision cameras Axis Camera Companion entry level IP solution introduced to market Meet up with Mirasys at ISC West for all their latest product developments

Arecont Vision named as Milestone "Camera Partner of the Year"
Hannah Food's stay safe with Bosch Security Systems CCTV solution
Ladbrokes & Facewatch pilot new crime reduction initiative across London
New Pelco by Schneider Electric products go on show at ISC West event
Vast ORLEN Lietuva Lithuanian oil refinery deploys IndigoVision system >>>
Mobotix to present more innovations at the 2012 Light+Building event
Latest Autoscope and CitySync news from Image Sensing Systems





Latest news updates from wireless transmission specialist Fluidmesh Networks
SightLogix CEO John Romanowich CEO presents on Thermal Imaging at ISC West
<<< NVT invites visitors to 'Dem and Win' on their stand at IFSEC International
IndigoVision adds clarity and security at the Shanghai Diamond Exchange
Pelco delivers affordable hybrid video management with new MegaPixel HVRs
Arecont Vision sustains double digit growth for eighth consecutive year
SightLogix Video Analytic cameras integrate with Geutebruck's VMS system

MuxLab HD-SDI Fiber Extender supports up to 30km operation on Singlemode Pelco by Schneider Electric introduces their latest C20 Series CCTV Box cameras Mobotix kicks off their UK roadshow to help educate partners on new products Synectics 'riots research' talk to be given at Global MSC Bristol event >>> Amseco IP65 rated Switch Mode PSU's launched for security applications Sightlogix Thermal Imaging featured on ABC World News with Diane Sawyer Wavestore update on high frame rate video recording systems





ACTi KCM 3911 Hemispheric 4 MegaPixel fisheye camera profiled IndigoVision reports robust results and growth in new product development IndigoVision SMS4™ release 4 focuses on fast and efficient alarm response Optex Redscan Detectors shed light on security at 32 acre solar farm Winsted EMEA to exhibit at Global MSC CCTV event in Bristol

<<< Bridgend updates to iComply V-TAS Pro Integrated Security Application Platform Pelco's Sarix TI Thermal Imaging equipment goes on show at ISC West

Mirasys announce their latest model V2000 and V4000 series recorders
IndigoVision is open for business with their latest product launches at ISC West
IQinVision's Warrenty Program extended to 5 years on IQeye cameras >>>
H264 High Definition Video Server and Decoder Codec launched
Retirement community under MegaPixel safety watch with Arecont Vision
Surveon announce their latest model SMR 2000 MegaPixel RAID NVR







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GJD to launch new range of digital D-TECT detectors at IFSEC 2012 event Shropshire Council opts for viable and cost effective monitoring with Vemotion <<< AVT products achieve ISO 13485 certification for medical equipment Infra Red lighting specialist Raytec partners up with Optex Co. Ltd. of Japan Mobotix cameras celebrate 10 years in operation at german antarctic station NVT NV-214A-M UTP Video Transceiver is Benchmark Recommended Mission 500 Charity Organisation 2012 Corporate award winners announced

Small business property crime tackled with MegaPixel cameras
Facewatch low level crime reporting now available free to UK businesses
Mississippi School District standardises on IQeye MegaPixel Cameras >>>
UBM announces London's sole end user Global Security Summit
Surveon to showcase their entire product range at ISC West
Latest Elmdene low profile switch mode products added to Vision range
Crooks caught through Clear Image Freedom using Mobotix technology





North American 2 day IP training days with Samsung set for US and Canada Lincolnshire County Council Highways depot goes for Avigilon HD solution OnSSI to present it's next innovation in Ocularis Video Management Systems <<< Winsted equips major energy suppliers national monitoring centre Security Industry in training for Mission 500 5K charity run at ISC West show IQinVision announce the release of IQeye 7 Series HD MP indoor cameras 2011 success for IFSEC India, the regions largest international security event

Agribank in Vietnam decides on a Surveon Technology MegaPixel solution
Samsung Techwin America announces new 3MP outdoor bullet camera
Panasonic provides "Kids School" Eco Learning initiative
Latest financial results from Mobotix, fiscal year 2011/12 gets off to good start
Optex high performance perimeter protection on show at Counter Terror
Forest Heights Police Department deploys IQinVision to improve public safety >>>
IndigoVision's OPC Data Access Server Integration Module v2.0 released





Dedicated Micros announces a lift on HDD surcharges across it's entire range Arecont Vision's MegaPixel cameras keep watch on food distribution centre <<< State of the art Platinum Processing Plant goes for NVT transmission projectiondesign's video projection technology helps offshore production Latest "Lighting for Surveillance" webinar programme announced by Raytec Church tackles lead thieving criminals with high tech security solution Latest news on Dallmeier's PService Configuration Application for IP Video

Multipix Imaging introduce the Pleora iPORT™ Analogue to IP convertor units Allied Vision Technologies update on latest Prosilica GT camera models Panasonic i-Pro Smart HD WV-SP509 MP camera is sharpest in shoot out >>> Latest Pelco by Schneider Electric DS NV software adds support for analytics GPM PR rallies to victory on the Riponian, first competition of the season Elmdene powers ahead at Intersec 2012, reporting record interest in their PSU's MuxLab introduce their latest Active VGA managed cable system







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North American Video's north east US office expands to new location
The BSIA Export Council attracts record interest at Intersec 2012 event
<<< Essex Council reduces crime with IndigoVision IP technology
Arecont Vision MegaPixel cameras secure first place in 'Track & Field'
American Fibretek Inc. publishes white paper on Networking 'Legacy' systems
Axis Communications cameras cast in Hollywood blockbuster movie

MuxLab announce their latest HDMI fiber extender which streamlines cabling UK Police Control Room deploy's Compound Security solution

Mobotix introduce their latest model T24 IP Video Door Station product

University of Miami increases it's deployment of IQeye MegaPixel cameras >>>

Axis Communications latest ARTPEC-4 chipset announced with benefits

IndigoVision offer unlimited client views over restricted bandwidth

Elmdene invests in advanced test facilities to aid product development





Raymax Infra Red lighting helps out with Video Analytics in storage yard Vulnerable wildlife sites in Dumfries and Galloway protected by Vemotion <<< Britain's largest casino chooses Dallmeier high tech video surveillance solution Santiago Metro raises safety and security standards with IndigoVision system US Transportation Security Administration validates Sightlogix tech at Buffalo Airport Axis Communications Q7424-R rugged video encoder launched Synectics streaming innovation for law enforcement at Security & Policing event

IndigoVision launches advanced support for Gallagher Command Centre v7.00

New Panasonic WV-SP500 SmartHD i-Pro network camera announced

BSIA Export Council reports growing demand for UK security solutions

New Raytec VARIO Infra Red lighting products announced >>>

Axis Communications Northern Europe team unveils it's new UK HQ

Elmdene powers ahead with enhanced TR Series PSU range

IFSEC International gets connected with high level meetings for buyers and suppliers





Specialist CCTV Distributor UBIQZ changes name to Midwich Security

Europe's biggest CCTV repairer Maxey Moverley, just got bigger >>>
Oxford University's new 'state of the art' data centre deploys Mobotix cameras
OT Systems showcase their latest fibre optic solutions at InterSec 2012
Surveon Technology announces new compact Megapixel camera range
Synectics to launch official partner programme to help installers and integrators



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So to finish off, here's a tiny bit more last minute stuff ...

Well, I started off with NCIW 2012 - the UK's first National CCTV Improvement Week, so I might as well finish asking if you could kindly help to do your little bit by perhaps encouraging CCTV users to spend a small amount of time, evaluating the effectiveness of their existing systems.

At the time of writing, a number of 'Official Supporters' have already stepped up, including major events like IFSEC International and the Counter Terror Expo, 'Industry Supporters' such as CheckMySystems, ClearView Communications, CRPix, JB CCTV and 'Media Supporters' Security News Desk, CRP News and Locks and Security News. There's already been quite a bit of publicity appearing across the news media, so if you'd like to become a bit more involved, perhaps as an Official Supporter, or maybe you'd simply like to help spread the word; or even if you just want further information, why not drop me a line at:- nciw2012[at]trustedcctv.org



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

- 15th 17th April <u>ASIS 11th European Security Conference</u> London UK
 18th 20th April <u>SecuTech Expo 2012</u> Taipei Taiwan
 24th 26th April <u>EXPO Seguridad</u> Banamex Center Mexico City Mexico
- 24th 26th April ISC Brasil 2012 Sao Paulo Brazil
- 25th 26th April Counter Terror Expo 2012 Olympia London UK
- 25th 26th April CNi Critical National Infrastructure Olympia London UK
- 24th 27th April MIPS 2012 Expocentr Moscow Russia
- Security Canada East Quebec Canada
- 23rd 27th April SPIE Defense, Security + Sensing Baltimore USA
- 6th 12th May NCIW 2012 National CCTV Improvement Week UK
- 8th 10th May Fire & Security Pakistan Karachi Pakistan
- 8th 10th May EXPOSEC Internat. Security Fair Sao Paulo Brazil
- 9th 10th May IP Expo Sweden Stockholm Sweden
- 24th May - <u>IP in Action LIVE Latin America</u> - Medelin - Columbia
- 14th -17th May IFSEC 2012 NEC Birmingham UK
- 16th -17th May Counter Terror Expo Washington D.C. USA
 15th 17th May CAIPS 2012 Uzexpocentre Tashkent
- 23rd 24th May Security Canada Alberta Alberta Canada
- 30th May 1st June IFSEC South India Bengaluru (Bangalore) India
- 4th 6th June Asian Securitex 2012 Hong Kong Convention Centre
- 5th 7th June PRAGOALARM / PRAGOSEC Prague Czech Republich
- 6th June - IP in Action LIVE - Cambridge - Massachusetts - USA
- 13th June - Security Canada West - Richmond - British Columbia - Canada
- 13th 14th June IP Expo Spain Madrid Spain
- 19th 21st June IFSEC South Africa Johannesburg South Africa
- 21st June - IP in Action LIVE - Newport - U.K.
- 25th 27th June Securing Asia 2012 QEII Conference Centre London UK

A fully updated list of events for 2012 is available on my main website; if you're organising a show, event, conference, seminar, roadshow, webinar or coffee morning related to CCTV & IP Video, why not drop me a line if you'd like the details included both on my website, and also in future editions of this CCTV & IP Video Newsletter.

Well that's the first Newsletter of 2012 all done and dusted. 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've anything that you'd like to be considered for inclusion in the next edition, the deadline for submission will be just after midnight on 5th July 2012, give or take a few minutes. So until the next time, maybe see you at Counter Terror Expo or IFSEC International or...

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, or if you'd like to register a friend or colleague to receive future copies of this regular quarterly CCTV / IP Video Newsletter, please drop a line to:- newsdesk[at]doktorjon.co.uk

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