

AutoMetrics at JCB

The Construction Industry Theft Solutions

Forum 2008 was held 27 March at the JCB world head quarters in Rocester. The event was well attended with valued contributions from the Home Office, the police and recognised security providers.

CITS is an independent body established by the construction industry to help combat the ever-growing problem of plant theft.

Autometrics presented mtrack a Thatcham TQA accredited theft recovery service to construction groups, manufactures and several representatives of the UK's police forces.



Vernon Coaker M.P. Parliamentary Under Secretary of State released some disturbing statistics, **£400 million theft replacement losses** every year. Mr Coaker explained that plant theft would be managed at a local level with design against crime and crime prevention methodologies.

The Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Tarique Ghaffur presented how **Organised Crime Funds Terrorism**. He detailed four key areas, hierarchy, cash laundering, multiple crime commodity and local, national and International markets.

Mr Ghaffur reported mini excavators to the value of £20 million had been stolen in 2006 and that only 5% were recovered. If you factor in indirect costs such as the loss of work time, delay and rescheduling, this put total losses to the construction industry at over £1Billion.



Friday evenings and Saturdays were the peak risk periods for plant theft according to David Ainsworth ACC Kent Police.

Mr Ainsworth explained that stolen plant was often cloned, and hidden in shipping containers or curtain side trailers. He advised that heavy goods vehicles were also at risk, some being dismantled and shipped through south coast ports to Europe and Africa.

Chief Superintendent David Snelling responsible for the **Olympic Security** explained the site covered 270 acres and that he would need between 4000 to 8000 additional officers to manage site protection.

Mr Snelling reported that he was encouraged by the first six months works where only 23 crimes had been reported, though warned that areas outside the main site, having less security, could instead be targeted.

Further details presented included the Olympic Security Directive crime prevention focus using threat and risk assessment with terrorism. Security teams would link specifically to site construction needs.

Mr Richard Taylor from Autometrics advised delegates to protect themselves with threat reduction initiatives such as CESAR and mtrack theft recovery services.



Delegates could also take the opportunity to tour the impressive JCB factory.



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