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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter

The latest period has continued to see further development of our work at the Scottish Business Crime Centre and I am delighted that we have secured our funding from the Scottish Government for the year 2011/12.

In March we held the first ever National Award Ceremony for Best Bar None in Scotland. This most successful event was held in the Apex Hotel in Dundee and was attended by over 250 representatives of bars and clubs in Scotland. We were delighted to welcome Kenny MacAskill, Justice Secretary, John Leford, the Lord Provost of Dundee, and Angela Wilson, Assistant Chief Constable, Tayside Police. We also welcomed representatives of our initiative sponsor Diageo, and award sponsors Blackadders Solicitors, G4S and Wave 102.

This event will act as a catalyst for the further

development of the initiative in Scotland.

It is unfortunate that the Fire and Rescue Service have decided not to continue with the secondment of a Fire Officer to the Centre. Richard Norman's contribution has been valuable and I thank him for his support and hard work in his time with us and wish him well for the future.

I am delighted that work progresses toward the hosting of the 2nd Scottish Commercial Crime Group Conference at the end of May. The work of this group continues to expand under the leadership of Detective Superintendent Willie Semple and several influential speakers have been secured for the event including Assistant Chief Constable Angela Wilson to open the event, Bill Matthews, Chair of NHS Scotland, Frank Mulholland, Solicitor General for Scotland, our Board



Members Hugh Brown of The Edrington Group and Chair of Distribution Industry Partnership Scotland, who will deliver the closing speech and Ken Milliken of KPMG who will present to delegates on the Bribery and Corruption Act. This promises to be a most informative event.

On behalf of the team at the SBCC I would like to thank all of our partners for their continuous support of our work. I look forward to the summer period which promises to be an important period in the ongoing growth of the SBCC.

Alan Dobie
Executive Director

Top Fraud Detective wins inaugural Trophy for Economic Crime Program

Alan Dobie presents an inaugural Glass Trophy provided by SBCC to DC David White from the SCDEA for outstanding student on the Scottish Police College Economic Crime Programme 2010.

The course is based on 5 separate seminar days which took place at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan. The aim being to provide students, from all Scottish Police forces and a variety of partner agencies, including DWP, Standard Life, NHS Counter Fraud, Students Award Agency and the Royal Bank of Scotland the opportunity to develop the attributes and knowledge required in dealing with Complex Fraud Investigations whilst giving them an awareness of the variety of agencies and



professional bodies who can assist them in their role.

This years program will run from August through to December on 6 separate training days. For further information please contact DS Colin Aitken on colin.aitken@spsa.pnn.police.uk



Scotland's best bars, pubs and clubs recognised as the 'Best Bar None'

Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill was joined by more than 260 people as they celebrated the effort of publicans and club owners in making Scotland's town and city centres safer, at the first national Best Bar None Awards ceremony, which was held in Dundee recently. It is the first time national recognition has been given to bars, pubs and clubs for their contribution to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

Supported jointly by Diageo and the Scottish Government, the Best Bar None scheme has been running at local level across Scotland for seven years, encouraging hundreds of licensed premises to do their bit to improve public safety in town and city centres.

Mr MacAskill said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the Best Bar None scheme. We recognise that changing Scotland's long standing drinking patterns cannot be achieved by the Government alone. It requires a concerted effort by everyone and accreditation schemes such as Best Bar None are exactly the kind of initiative we want to encourage, and we are delighted to promote and support it. It is wonderful to see the people working so hard to make our communities safer in our clubs, pubs and bars and being recognised tonight at the national awards."

Mark Baird, Diageo's Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, said: "Scotland's bars, pubs and clubs have a crucial role to

play in helping make our towns and city centres places which are safe for the public and free from crime.

"At Diageo that is what we also want to see and that is why we are delighted to support this scheme and to encourage publicans and club-owners to play an active role in making public safety a priority."

Alan Dobie of the Scottish Business Crime Centre, said: "The work and effort which is being put into tackling crime and anti-social behaviour by Scotland's bars, pubs and clubs is fantastic and deserves recognition. I'm particularly pleased the efforts of the people who run these premises are now being recognised at a national level.

"I am grateful to Diageo, whose support over the past seven years has been vital to the success of the Best Bar None initiative."

Each of the 30 finalists received an award for their efforts. The best bar, best pub, best nightclub and best specialist entertainment venue also received an overall winner award.

Additional sponsorship of the event was provided by John Letford, Lord Provost of Dundee who supported the pre-dinner drinks reception; Blackadders Solicitors of Dundee who sponsored the Best Pub category award; G4S who sponsored the Nightclub category and Wave 102, Dundee's local radio station, who provided the Master of Ceremonies and supported the production of the night's event.

The overall winners in each category were:

PUB	AREA
Tickety Boo's	Dundee
BAR	
The Archibald Simpson	Aberdeen
NIGHTCLUB	
Fat Sams	Dundee
SPECIALIST ENTERTAINMENT	
Abertay Student Centre	Dundee



DIAGEO



Upcoming Conference

Scottish Commercial Crime Group 2nd Conference



'Partnership Without Borders – Tackling Commercial Crime Together'

As advised in our Winter 2010 newsletter, the Scottish Commercial Crime Group 2nd Conference is scheduled to take place on Thursday 26 May 2011 at the Scottish Police College. Topics of discussion at the event will include: Intellectual Property Crime, Human Trafficking, Metal Theft and Supply Chain Crime. The Conference agenda and booking information is now available to download from the events page of the Scottish Business Crime Centre. For further information please contact tel: 01786 447 441 or e-mail: events@sbcc.org.uk.



Perth Taxi firm signs up to city centre safety scheme

Drivers from a Perth taxi firm will be keeping an eye on Perth city centre goings-on under a new radiolink initiative that will allow them to share messages with Tayside Police, CCTV operators, city centre shops and pubs, and street pastors.

Perth Taxis Ltd, based at Perth Railway Station, has joined forces with the Perth Safer Cities Initiative. Under the scheme the taxi office will be able to share criminal and safety radio messages with other city centre members during the daytime and evening.

Up to 15 taxi drivers will have the capability of linking in with other agencies and partners to report potential safety issues in the city centre.

Community Safety Partnership Convenor, Councillor Willie Robertson, said: "Information sharing through radiolink between agencies is an important part of maintaining safety within our city centre. Early calls of potential anti-social behaviour to CCTV



room staff can help monitoring of incidents. Police can then be directed as required to prevent any escalation. Perth Taxis will be a valuable partner in the safety initiative."

Perth Taxis company secretary, Kenny Harrison, added: "We are delighted to be a part of the Perth Safer Cities Initiative. Perth Taxis takes the safety of our customers and the wider public very seriously and we are glad to be able to work with partner agencies to reduce anti-social behaviour in Perth".

Safer Retail Awards – Fife and West Lothian

A group of Fife retailers have been awarded Safer Retail Awards for their efforts to minimise the sale of age restricted goods such as alcohol and cigarettes to young people.

Through a partnership between Scottish Business Crime Centre, Fife Council Environmental Services and Fife Constabulary a pilot scheme for the Safer Retailer Award was carried out in Burntisland, Kirkcaldy and Rosyth. Six retailers from these areas achieved 'accreditation with merit' through an assessment and audit process against certain criteria.



A further 20 David Sands stores in Fife also achieved accreditation with merit and these 26 stores were the first to receive the Safer Retail Award in Fife at an award ceremony held in the Rothes Halls recently. The certificates were presented by Councillor George Kay, Chair of the Police, Fire and Safety Committee.

Scotmid, the largest independent co-operative in Scotland, has also been awarded 14 Safer Retailer Awards covering all its stores in West Lothian. The assessment for the awards was carried out by Lothian and Borders Police and Trading standards Officers who examined age related sales procedures, staff training, CCTV and the activities Scotmid carries out to make the community a safer place.



Malcolm Brown, Head of Corporate Communications with Scotmid, said:



"Scotmid Co-operative Society works hard to ensure that it is a responsible retailer in every community it serves. We are extremely pleased that our West Lothian stores have been accredited with this award and would like to congratulate all the store managers and staff whose efforts have made this possible".

Alan Dobie, Executive Director of the Scottish Business Crime Centre, presented the awards to the 14 store managers at an award ceremony at Scotmid Head Office in Newbridge. The award winning stores are located in Broxburn, Winchburgh, West Calder, Uphall, Bathgate, Blackburn, Fauldhouse and Pumpherston. The stores in Armadale, East Calder and Livingston were each 'Accredited with Merit'.

Scotmid was also presented with a special plaque in recognition of its commitment to the concept of safer retailing by David Strang, Chief Constable of Lothian Borders Police.



Stunning Results from Falkirk's Safe Zone!

Businesses and visitors to Falkirk town centre over the Festive period benefited from the Scottish Government's Safer Streets programme which helped fund the local partnership's innovative Safe Zone initiative.

Supported by the Falkirk BID, Falkirk Council, Central Scotland Police, Scottish Ambulance Service, N.H.S Forth Valley, Falkirk Street Pastors, British Red Cross and Signpost Recovery, the Safe Base ran mainly at weekends from 10am until 4am the initiative successfully dealt with alcohol related violence and disorder in the night time economy.



Widely acclaimed by both local businesses and the general public the results of this initiative were stunning and showed that:

- ★ 84 revellers were assisted by staff at the Safe Base;
- ★ 15,290 night-time revellers used the taxi rank in 2010 compared to 7,650 the previous year;
- ★ Of the 8 referrals were made to the Police, only four required Police action;
- ★ Two people were found in possession of drinking glasses in the taxi rank compared to 28 in 2009;
- ★ 61 possible 999 calls and subsequent transfers to A&E were averted;
- ★ Only 12 revellers were taken to Stirling A&E, 6 by the Scottish Ambulance Service and 6 by the British Red Cross;
- ★ 14 possible arrests were prevented;
- ★ Recorded Crime and Anti-Social behaviour was reduced by 34%;
- ★ Central Scotland Police estimate that 244 policing hours were saved.
- ★ Overall, it is estimated that £28,182 of savings were made to partners.

Alastair Mitchell, Falkirk BID Manager said of the initiative "The Safe Zone started at the height of what was a very bad winter period. Considering the number of people that visited the town and used the Taxi ranks this was a huge team effort and the success of the Safe Zone played a key role in improving safety and confidence during the time it was in operation".

BEWARE THE FUEL THIEVES

No-one will have failed to notice that fuel prices are rocketing and the cost of filling a car has increased dramatically. This has led to reports of theft of fuel increasing greatly also.

George Mitchell, Project Manager for DIPS, attended a Truckpol meeting in January and every police force represented reported a significant rise in reports of thefts of fuel. It is likely that the 1p per litre reduction in the budget will do little to slow this trend.

Be aware that fuel thieves are well organised and well prepared and will readily puncture the fuel tank of a vehicle if they need to, to get to your fuel.

If you need any advice regarding security of fuel, please contact DIPS.

Metal theft also continued to be a huge issue. Even if your business is not directly concerned in metal, there is no doubt that your business will have metal in your vehicles, or your premises will be secured by a metal fence. These things are attractive targets for these well organised gangs.

You may also have heard of thefts of cable etc from power lines and rail lines etc. This will affect you if your business is disrupted because power has been cut

when cable was stolen. Please report any suspicious activity to the police.

DIPS is part of the Scottish Commercial Crime Group based at the SBCC. This is an ACPOS led group looking at crimes and crime trends across Scotland which impact on all and any areas of business.

DIPS is presently involved in the planning the SCCG Conference to be held at the Scottish Police College on 26 May 2011.

Among the presentations there will be information on how the Bribery Act will affect your business; how truck crime in Europe can impact on your business and Project Restore, an ACPO project to secure vehicles and the supply chain. Come along and hear all about it.

This year DIPS has been contacted a number of times by police officers in Strathclyde and in Fife asking us to circulate details of crimes affecting their police areas. DIPS is only too happy to assist and get the message out to our partners in Europe and hopefully help to cut crime here in Scotland. In February, DIPS was notified by VOSA that they would have the power to stop vehicles in Scotland from 28 March 2011. The DIPS AGM will be held at Dunblane New Golf Club on 5 May 2011 and have invited VOSA to attend to update DIPS members on how VOSA will use the new powers.



DC Tracy Moffat from Fife Constabulary is now the SBCC liaison officer with SICU, which is the Scottish Intelligence and Coordination Unit based in Livingston. This unit is part of the SCDEA and we have already worked on a number of issues with her and shared information. This liaison link can only be a benefit to DIPS and the SBCC.

Recently, George Mitchell and Hugh Brown, Chairman of DIPS, were afforded a behind the scenes look at Glasgow airport. They saw how high value goods are dealt with on arrival at the airport and saw how the security works airside. Thanks to Tom Hughes at Servisair, David Wright at BAA for their assistance, and to DC Jeff Hattie at Glasgow airport for helping to organise the visit.

On 6 April, the Multimodal 2011 event will be taking place at the NEC Birmingham. George Mitchell has been invited to take part in security presentations and answer questions on security from visitors. If you will be attending the event, please come along and take part.



Secured by Design Update

There are now in excess of 120 residential developments in Fife, which have been completed to 'Secured by Design' standards, which have not suffered from any type of break-ins.



Fife Housing Association is delighted to announce the completion of its latest housing development of 29 new affordable homes in the historic Fife burgh of Dysart, which were officially opened by Alex Neil MSP Minister for Housing and Communities. The village of Dysart forms

one of 48 conservation areas in Fife, therefore the brief for the design team was to provide an innovative new build which would complement the existing structures in Dysart, while meeting the latest building standards and achieving 'Secured by Design' accreditation.

The development has been made possible by a support-funding package from the Scottish Government, Fife Council, the Townscapes Heritage Initiative, Kingslaw Trust, the Housing Lottery Fund and the Associations own Private finance. Sinclair Watt Architects completed the designs for the development, which were built by Muir Construction, commencing on site May 2009 with the units being handed to Fife Housing Association in September 2010.

The properties, all built to the Police 'Secured by Design' specifications, offer the residents a higher standard of security which further ensures a feeling of safety and confidence for residents. Head of Community Safety for Fife Constabulary

Superintendent Alex Duncan, was on hand to present 'Secured by Design' Certificates for the development to Iain Mitchell of Sinclair Watt Architects, Ian Muir, MD of Muir Construction and Tom Hainey Technical Director of Fife Housing Association.

Alex Neil MSP preformed the opening ceremony and was joined by Stuart Ward ALO for Fife Constabulary.



Asda Supporting Safer Areas/Communities

As part of their contribution to reducing crime and crime prevention within communities, Asda recently put forward five of their Scottish stores for the Park Mark, Safer Parking Award.

The stores located in Hamilton, Torglen, Bearsden, Cumbernauld and Falkirk all successfully achieved the Award.

Superintendent Grant Manders of Strathclyde Police said, "I would like to congratulate Asda on the achievement of the Park Mark, Safer Parking Award for their stores. The Scottish Police Service is committed to building safer communities and these Awards demonstrate a strong commitment from Asda in helping us to achieve that goal. In today's society, it is important that we all play

a part in preventing crime and creating safer areas. Asda have clearly shown that the measures they have put in place within their car park facilities will make them safer for the local communities who use them."

Chief Inspector Gordon Taylor of Central Scotland Police who presented the Award at the Falkirk store said, "I would like to congratulate Asda on achieving the Park Mark Safer Parking Award for their Falkirk store. As a Police Service we constantly recommend that car parks should be upgraded to meet the 'Park Mark' safety criteria and it is heartening that Asda were keen to achieve this award.

The car park had already been upgraded to a very high standard and by working closely with Asda very few alterations had to be made to achieve the 'Park Mark' award. "The regular patrols carried out by staff from Town & City Parking



undoubtedly help to keep the reported crime at a very low rate. This new award brings the total number of Falkirk town centre car parks which have achieved the prestigious 'Park Mark' award to eight.

Asda are hoping to build on their success and are currently considering putting forward more stores for the Award. Pictured below are staff at the Asda Falkirk Store receiving the Award from Chief Inspector Taylor.



Fire and Rescue Service Update

FireLaw

Are you aware of your responsibilities?

www.firelawscotland.org

When the Fire Precautions Act was replaced by the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, the requirement for a fire certificate was removed from non-domestic premises. Instead of a fire certificate being issued for certain specified premises, all non-domestic premises are now required to carry out a specific Risk Assessment for Fire.

Most businesses are required to record the significant findings within this assessment, and this document must be made available to your local Fire and Rescue Service when they visit you for an audit.

The number of premises which are now included in this legislation has increased considerably as it now covers all businesses. In reaction to this, Fire and Rescue Services now audit premises on a frequency determined by a relevant risk rating. This assessment is based on: the type of occupancy; the nature of the business carried out; the history of incidents at the premises; and the potential for harm. Premises which provide sleeping accommodation are deemed to be of a higher risk to life, and will be subject to auditing more frequently.

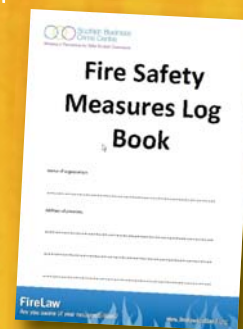
You may receive visits from the Fire and Rescue Service for a number of reasons. For the purposes of the Fire (Scotland) Act a visit to determine your compliance with

the law will usually be carried out by a uniformed fire safety enforcement officer and is called a fire safety audit.

Fire Safety Measures Log Book

To assist you, the SBCC has published a Fire Safety Measures Log Book template on its web site to help Scottish businesses comply with the Fire (Scotland) Act. This book is designed to be used to fulfil the requirements of a fire risk assessment which requires records of Fire Safety measures to be kept. The book is split into 5 parts with an introduction; details of fire safety measures; maintenance and test records; staff training and finally some fire safety guidance. Completing this document is not equivalent to conducting a fire risk assessment, but may form part of the outcome of such an assessment.

Advice on the legislation is available from your local Fire and Rescue Service or via the Scottish Governments Fire Law web site at www.firelawscotland.org.



Financial Crime Scam - Vishing

Vishing is the criminal practice of using social engineering over the telephone system, most often using features facilitated by Voice over IP (VoIP), to gain access to private personal and financial information from the public for the purpose of financial reward. The term is a combination of "voice" and phishing. Vishing exploits the public's trust in landline telephone services, which have traditionally terminated in physical locations known to the telephone company, and associated with a bill-payer. The victim is often unaware that VoIP makes formerly difficult-to-abuse tools/features of caller ID spoofing, complex automated systems (IVR), low cost, and anonymity for the bill-payer widely available. Vishing is typically

used to steal credit card numbers or other information used in identity theft schemes from individuals.

Vishing (voice or VoIP phishing) is an electronic fraud tactic in which individuals are tricked into revealing critical financial or personal information to unauthorized entities. Vishing works like phishing but does not always occur over the Internet and is carried out using voice technology. A vishing attack can be conducted by voice email, VoIP (voice over IP), or landline or mobile phone

The potential victim receives a message, often generated by speech synthesis, indicating that suspicious activity has taken place in a credit card account, bank account, mortgage account or other financial service in their name. The victim is told to call a specific telephone number and provide information to

"verify identity" or to "ensure that fraud does not occur." If the attack is carried out by telephone, caller ID spoofing can cause the victim's set to indicate a legitimate source, such as a bank or a government agency. Consumers can protect themselves by suspecting any unsolicited message that suggests they are targets of illegal activity, no matter what the medium or apparent source. Rather than calling a number given in any unsolicited message, a consumer should directly call the institution named, using a number that is known to be valid, to verify all recent activity and to ensure that the account information has not been tampered with.



Tackling tobacco smuggling in Scotland

The Tobacco Manufacturers' Association (TMA) has for a number of years been an active participant in the ACPOS Scottish Commercial Crime Group Strategy Meetings, to assess Scottish tobacco crime and tackle the illicit cigarette market in Scotland.

The TMA welcomed the broadcast of BBC Scotland's recent programme, 'Smoking & the Bandits', which illustrated the fact that tobacco smuggling is a widespread problem in Scotland. The BBC tracked down organised criminals selling illicit products at street markets in Ayr and Glasgow and the TMA assisted the programme by providing Scottish data and related expertise.

For many years the tobacco industry has been fully committed to tackling tobacco smuggling and Memoranda of Understanding between the TMA's member companies (BAT, Imperial Tobacco and JTI) and HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) have created a comprehensive framework for co-operation. This is aimed at combating the smuggling of both genuine and counterfeit tobacco products into the UK. More recently the TMA's member companies and Philip Morris have implemented anti-counterfeit technology, in the form of an electronic counterfeit reader, which has allowed HMRC and Scottish Trading Standards Officers to readily identify counterfeit products in retail outlets.

The UK acts as a magnet for organised crime as it has the second highest cigarette tax regime in the European Union. A typical pack of 20 cigarettes currently costs £6.63 in the UK against £2.25 in Poland. As a result of these price differentials, organised criminals are relentlessly finding innovative ways to smuggle illicit goods into the UK and Scottish ports in particular. Their activities are illegal, unaccountable and untaxed. The non-UK duty paid (NUKDP) market cost the Treasury up to £3.8 billion in lost tax revenue in 2008/09, equivalent to over £10 million per day. HMRC estimates that up to 22% of cigarettes and up to 61% of hand rolling tobacco consumption was NUKDP in 2008/09.

The TMA conducts discarded pack collections (annual sample of around 12,000 packs) across the UK and the various locations are visited twice a year. The packs are analysed to determine their origin and all brands purporting to be TMA member company products are subject to counterfeit analysis. Results from these collections show that NUKDP cigarette consumption dropped from 31% in 2005 to 20% in the second half of 2010, primarily as a result of the recession and reduced travel. In Scotland NUKDP fell to around 15%, although there is an increasing, and worrying, percentage of counterfeit and 'Illicit White' products.

HMRC defines 'Illicit Whites' as brands produced by smaller, overseas manufacturers that make no legitimate supplies of any tobacco products to the UK. Effectively, these products are produced for smugglers. 'Jin Ling' is an example of an 'Illicit White' produced in Russia and smuggled into the UK where it is illegally sold at half the retail price.

In Ayr the BBC programme found smugglers selling Jin Ling packs of 20 cigarettes for £3.00. Market sellers there are known to have made thousands of pounds on illicit trade since 2000.

All smuggled tobacco poses a serious threat to legitimate manufacturers and retailers. Although a cheaper product may tempt them, the TMA has always urged smokers not to buy it. They may be, unwittingly, purchasing counterfeit, the contents of which are unregulated and unknown.

They could also be indirectly funding organised crime, including terrorism, drugs and people trafficking.

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The Federation Against Copyright Theft

The Federation Against Copyright Theft is the UK's leading trade organisation established to protect and represent the interests of the film and broadcasting industry against counterfeiting and copyright and trademark infringements.

Established in 1983, FACT works closely with statutory law enforcement agencies to combat the growth of pirate film and television programme DVDs and other forms of broadcast material including the increasing threat from online/internet based piracy.

FACT works in three key areas:

- Online piracy in all forms – with a focus on those distributing large volumes of illicit film and TV content
- Hard goods piracy – organised criminal networks operating in the UK (and worldwide) have adopted audiovisual piracy as a crime type to generate substantial illegal profits
- Prevention and detection of illegal recording in cinemas – over 90% of the counterfeit versions of movies originate initially from a copy recorded in a cinema

FACT works closely across the UK with Police, Trading Standards, HM Revenue & Customs, UK Border Agency, Serious and Organised Crime Agency and the other agencies. FACT also has a close association with other industry enforcement bodies.



FACT's Intelligence Unit plays a key role in assessing, analysing and reporting on the threats to its members' businesses from criminal activity and tasks FACT's own investigators as well as producing strategic documents available to partner agencies.

FACT plays a key role in creating awareness of the dangers associated with counterfeiting and continually gathers evidence to prove that film piracy is linked to other criminal activities, from benefit fraud to violence. FACT has an important role in ensuring that the government and public understand the threat to the UK's film and television industry and to the community at large from the growing threat of DVD and online piracy.

Film piracy in the UK is:

- A business generating £200m a year for criminals
- A crime which affects other people and the wider community – involving benefit fraud, people smuggling, drugs and other serious criminality
- A real crime, punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment

The seemingly innocent purchase of a cheap DVD from an irregular source can therefore have far reaching effects. David Nolan is the Scottish investigator for FACT working closely with Police, Trading Standards and other law enforcement agencies along with the Scottish Crime Business Centre to combat the illegal sale and distribution of hard discs and also the investigation into the illegal use of the internet to facilitate such activities.

FACT's recent successes in Scotland include the discovery of major factories in the west of Scotland being run by Organised Crime Groups producing thousands of counterfeit films per hour and the arrest of persons involved in the recording of blockbuster films at Scottish Cinemas.

David can be contacted by email at david.nolan@fact-uk.org.uk or by contacting the FACT head office by telephone at 020 8568 6646

Further details can be obtained from the FACT web site at <http://www.fact-uk.org.uk>.



SCDEA/SBCC Liaison Unit

In November 2010 the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency introduced the Scottish Business Crime Centre Liaison Unit. Building on work already undertaken following the publication of the Scottish Government's Strategy to tackle Serious Organised Crime – Letting Our Communities Flourish, the Unit is to help deliver the Serious Organised Crime Strategy, in particular the four SCDEA objectives Divert, Disrupt, Deter and Detect. For the full document go to - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/274127/0081989.pdf>.

The Unit promotes and supports effective business crime information/intelligence sharing between the SCDEA and the Scottish business community. Our aim is to reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime and to make Scotland a hostile environment for members of these criminal groups. Recent activity has included the Unit providing information

bulletins regarding crime trends and prevention measures.

The SCDEA is committed to providing a safe, healthy and productive working environment, to that end the Agency are currently working on providing a guidance document for companies who do not have a substance misuse policy. This document will provide a frame work for the prevention and management of substance misuse related problems in the work place. It will also outline the legalities surrounding the issue. If you would like a copy of the 'Employers Guide to Substance Misuse – Policy Implementation' please do not hesitate to contact the Unit using the details below.

The Unit can be contacted on direct dial:
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