

Doktor Jon's CCTV & IP Video Surveillance

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It's certainly been a heck of a month, what with a huge increase in news stories, and of course that tiny security extravaganza held at the NEC. IFSEC 2009 may be over for yet another year, but with excessive foot swelling and no fingerprints left on both of my typing fingers, the memories will certainly linger awhile. In the great scheme of things this years show was, despite predictions to the contrary, a resounding success. With so much to report, the Newsletter has ever so slightly grown this month, so ... happy reading! DJ

IFSEC 2009 - how was it for you ...?

When it comes to writing a review of this must see show, there's just far too many adjectives to choose from!

Overall, many exhibitors reported a noticeable drop in visitor numbers, but conversely a marked improvement in the actual quality of the enquiries they were receiving on their stands.

Some visitors were obviously wishing they could have brought their SatNavs into the halls, but, for the seasoned show junkie, there were lot's of pearls to be found, if you took the time to look.

If you want to find out about some of the more interesting new products on show, why not download my [IFSEC 2009 CCTV & IP Video - Show Review](#)



So who were the big winners on the night ...?

There were actually two outstanding CCTV winners at the IFSEC Security Industry Awards 2009. Sanyo Europe Ltd. picked up the accolade of "CCTV Product of the Year", and Dedicated Micros scooped the prestigious "Integrated Security Product of the Year" prize - [click here for full details of all the award winners](#)

Did you manage to get to the IFSEC Conference ...?

Three days of outstanding conference sessions, and I managed to miss them all ... not one ... nada. How depressed am I!!

Well if you were lucky enough to sit in on any of the diverse range of key security topics, why not drop me a line to let me know how it went.

According to the events Producer, Chris Clarke "This year's IFSEC Conference was a huge success, with three themed days focussing on Global National and Local Protection, Corporate Security Management, and finally Technological Innovation in Practice.

The final day especially had exceptional content looking at the investment and complexities of IP, Interoperability and the development of Video Analytics".



So what else has been happening in the world of CCTV ...?

Well to be honest, so much news has been coming in, that poor old DJ is struggling to keep on top of it. Oh well, lot's of global stories and manufacturers updates on the following pages, and hopefully by the time you've finished reading this Newsletter, normal service will be resumed on the main website. But first, here's a DJ exclusive



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May 2009 - DJ's Special Feature Article

Closed Circuit Television's key role in modern policing

A unique insight by DCI Mick Neville, of London's Metropolitan Police Service

Over the years, much has been written about the deployment of CCTV as a high tech. Crime Reduction tool, and yet many experienced practitioners feel that it's effectiveness in this role, has for a variety of reasons, long been overstated.

One man who knows more than most about the operational challenges of making CCTV work, is Detective Chief Inspector Mick Neville, of London's Metropolitan Police Service, specialist VIIDO unit.

To read the complete article, please visit:-

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

Developing a home market for chinese cameras - It's been reported that the provincial police in Guangdong, Southern China, have just introduced a new directive which makes it compulsory for a wide range of publicly accessible locations to install CCTV systems. As from the 1st of April, video surveillance must be fitted in public areas within schools, colleges, hospitals, hotels and a wide range of other buildings. Whilst the cost of equipment can be reclaimed from the government, failure to comply will result in a fine equivalent to almost US \$1500 - source - [Radio Free Asia](#) -

When the cats away - The day after police removed a CCTV camera for repair, vandals attacked a nearby bus shelter which was left unprotected. The re-deployable street surveillance camera had been installed in order to address anti social behaviour on the Coombes Community Centre in Royston, UK, but every time it's moved, the crime returns to the area. The unit is one of seven used to cover 25 crime hotspots around the town - source - [Royston Weekly News](#) -

Time to check the register - Police in Western Australia are setting up a voluntary CCTV register, to be known as the Blue Iris project. Commercially operated and public funded open space cameras, will be registered to help assist investigating officers in rapidly locating vital forensic surveillance material, from sources throughout the state. It's been estimated that between 4 - 6,000 cameras are likely to be registered in the first year alone. - source - [TheWest.com.au](#) -

Workers unite against surveillance - Following a wildcat strike by workers in the Secunderabad Passport Office, their colleagues in Chennai also walked out in support of their demands that a CCTV camera be removed from their office. The complaint relates to an allegation that the Regional Passport Office is showing images of staff to outsiders - source - [The Times of India](#) -

A tragedy unfolds on camera - It's been widely reported that the events leading up to the murder of Jillian and Kirstie Foster, may not have been uncovered without the aid of graphic CCTV images captured during their final moments. Christopher Foster was captured on his home CCTV system, during the period when he systematically killed his wife and daughter, along with all the family pets, before finally committing suicide in the inferno that engulfed their family home. An inquest has heard that the former millionaire was financially ruined after his business collapsed - source - [TimesOnline](#) -

Patient abuse or abusive patients - In an ironic twist, within days of nurse Margaret Haywood being struck off for secretly filming patient abuse at a Sussex hospital, the Royal London has become the latest to announce that it is trialling Body Worn Video for staff working in the A&E department - source - [Computer Weekly](#) -

There has to be a hidden catch - It's been revealed that Carlisle Housing Association is currently mounting at least one covert video surveillance operation every week, in an attempt to address Anti Social Behaviour on it's properties. This is despite the UK governments recent directive that councils and agencies should be making less use of RIPA legislation, already widely used for monitoring individuals using hidden cameras. - source - [News & Star](#) -

Hanging on every word - Cricklade Town Council in Wiltshire are less than impressed with one of their own planning officers, who has insisted that a specialist bracket be used to fix a CCTV camera to a grade II listed building. Despite the estimated additional cost of £ 2,000, a spokesperson for the local Business Association has stated that the bracket will reduce the cameras coverage by 50%, and render it unfit for purpose. - source - [Wilts. & Gloucestershire Standard](#) -

Saudi surfers surprised by surveillance - The Saudi government has recently issued new rules requiring all internet cafe's to fit video surveillance systems, in order to record any surfers accessing the internet. This along with a range of other regulations, have been introduced in an attempt to restrict terrorist activity . - source - [Business Intelligence - Middle East](#) -

Councillors on the case - In an attempt to save money, councillors from Winterton Town Council in Lincolnshire, UK, have agreed to review CCTV recordings and check the equipment in their own time. In what has been described as " ...a very positive move", the Deputy Mayor Linda Cawsey has indicated that the checks will need to be carried out on a weekly basis.. - source - [This is Scunthorpe.co.uk](#) -

Ticked off by a camera - Polling agents attending two election booths in Andhra Pradesh's Prakasam district in India, are facing criminal proceedings, after having been caught on CCTV directing voters where to place their cross, apparently completely unaware that the cameras had been installed to prevent electoral cheating. - source - [The Times of India](#) -

Home sweet home ... surveillance - Police in Atherton, California are taking a novel approach to enhancing their citizens sense of home security. In what is believed to be the first scheme of it's kind in the U.S., residents are being invited to link their security cameras through the internet, directly to the police response centre. Signing up for the scheme costs \$ 300, and there is also a charge of \$ 269 to register each camera, along with an annual cost per camera service fee of \$ 50. Images from the cameras are only ever forwarded to the police in response to an alarm activation. .- source - [San Jose Mercury News](#) -



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Animal crackers in my shop - Bemused staff in the SuperValu supermarket in Ballinrobe, County Mayo, Eire, found there was just no pleasing one heavy weight customer, that decided to spend a few rushed minutes browsing the aisles. Rather than a quick trip to the local abattoir, one possibly peckish bullock chose instead to pop down to his local supermarket, to check out the weekly offers. The escaped animals exploits were captured on the stores CCTV system, and have since been watched by thousands on YouTube. - source - [YouTube](#) -

Branching out with surveillance - With about one million hectares of forest at risk in the Aegean region of Turkey, experts from the Izmir Directorate of Forestry have decided to deploy smoke sensing video surveillance cameras, in a round the clock effort to locate and tackle spontaneous forest fires. The project will initially deploy digital cameras on four fire watch towers, with the remaining 63 being camera equipped over a period of time..- source - [Hurriyet Daily News](#) -

When seeing isn't believing - Some residents living in the Forest Fields area of Nottingham, UK, are pursuing a campaign to prevent the local council from installing three street monitoring surveillance cameras. The funding has already been found for the project, but many of those living locally believe that the mere presence of the cameras would suggest an unwarranted response to apparent high levels of criminal activity, rather than the actual situation where crime figures are in practice close to the national average.- source - [This is Nottingham](#) -

Judge asked to become a contract killer - The New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority's ambitious \$300m project to install video surveillance throughout their network, has been somewhat derailed after the main contractor, Lockheed Martin, applied to the Federal District Court in an attempt to have the judge cancel their contract. Whilst the company alleges ongoing problems caused by the MTA, the authority itself has claimed that the video analytics systems failed to operate as required. - source - [The New York Times](#) -

Face-ing up to the consequences - CCTV cameras in Cirencester, failed to capture a group of 15 youths that viciously attacked a 56 year old man in the town centre, on a saturday night. Unfortunately, the contract for monitoring the cameras was terminated five months previously, and now Police Community Support Officers can only provide a very limited level of observation on an ad hoc basis. The victim has now started a campaign on Facebook, to try and shame the council into action. - source - [Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard](#) -

Wanna see some pictures? - Lack of funding in the Pennsylvania city of Allentown, has left a 62 camera video surveillance system, with nobody available to monitor the cameras. Concerns have now been raised by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) after the Mayor and Chief of Police, announced their intention to consider using volunteers to operate the system.- source - [Morning Call](#) -

Pushing the boat out - Six Chicago police officers recently received commendations after rescuing passengers that had been thrown overboard from a canoe, during a serious storm. An eagle eyed marine officer had spotted the boat in distress on his video surveillance system, and within minutes, fellow officers had dragged the victims to safety - source - [Chicago Breaking News Center](#) -

Up on the roof - District officials are studying CCTV recordings from the Seven Cypress Creek High school, in Orange County, USA, after as many as 100 pupils staged an elaborate prank, removing all the desks and chairs from two school buildings, and then carefully arranging all the furniture on the roof during the dead of night.- source - [OrlandoSentinel.com](#) -

Don't look now but - Police and local council officers have been taking a novel approach to tackling crime in the Wychavon District area of South Worcestershire, U.K. In a week of targeted activities termed Operation Protect, amongst a range of initiatives aimed at reducing the incidents of distraction burglaries and bogus callers, officers have been free issuing 'state of the art' CCTV cameras, to vulnerable members of the community.- source - [Evesham Journal](#) -

What price freedom ...? - Newly released CCTV recordings showing some of the suicide bombers responsible for the July 7th 2005 attacks on London, have been provided by the Metropolitan Police Service, following a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Scotland Yard had earlier objected to the material being made public, on the basis that it could compromise it's investigations, but this was overruled by the Information Commissioner, who was acting on a formal complaint from The Press Association - source - [BigPond News](#) -

Seduced by surveillance - Computer security expert Phil Zimmerman has been commenting on the UK's gradual slide towards a surveillance state. Citing the "seductiveness" of technology as a driving force for the widescale deployment of video surveillance, he warns that taken together, current and emerging surveillance technologies have the potential "... to undermine democratic institutions". - source - [iPM programme - BBC Radio 4](#) -

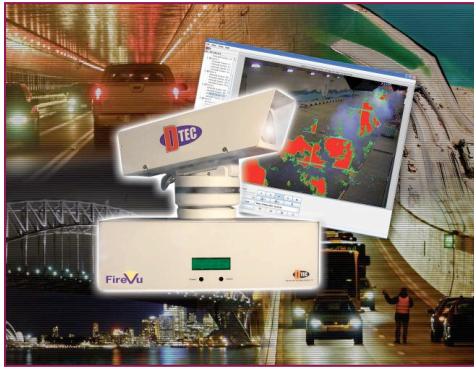
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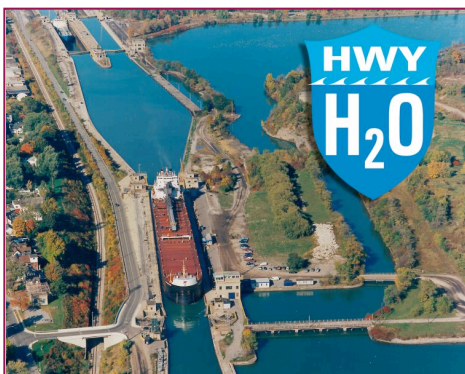
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Some new websites and online resources that are well worth a look

This month has seen the launch of a couple of new websites, which for differing reasons are well worth a visit. Manufacturer March Networks have launched their smart [new global site](#), which contains just about everything you ever wanted to know, about their products and services.

The new UK "[National CCTV Strategy](#)" website contains lots of useful information regarding this ambitious ongoing project, including the objectives of all the various working groups. Meanwhile, the Home Office Scientific Development Branch (HOSDB) have launched an interesting [CCTV training DVD](#) for non technical users, and the latest version of their [CCTV Operational Requirements Manual 2009](#).



This months forthcoming Security Shows and CCTV / IP Video related Events

- 1st - 4th June - [Fluidmesh Roadshow](#) - Various venues, UK
- 3rd - 4th June - [TranSec World Expo](#) - Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 10th June - [Security Canada West 2009](#) - Richmond, British Columbia, Canada
- 15th June - [Technical Standards Working Group \(TSWG1\)](#) on CCTV / VCA - Chicago, USA.
- 16th June - [Axis UK 2009 Consultant Seminar](#) - Manchester, UK
- 17th - 18th June - [AN2V Assises Nationales de la Videosurveillance](#) - Arras, France
- 18th June - [IP in Action Live](#) - Chichester, Sussex, UK
- [DJ's complete listing of Forthcoming CCTV / IP Video Shows and Events](#) •

So what has Doktor Jon been pondering in the last few weeks

Well I have to admit I don't do Twitter; in fact these days, I can rarely if ever find the time to do any blog or forum posting, unless and until my blood pressure is going so far off the scale, that writing about the offending issue is the only practical way for me to expunge the demons.

It's funny how so many common misconceptions about CCTV are constantly reported ad nauseum in the press and media, a bit like a chinese whisper that has somehow become the essence of truth, simply through it's own self propagation; the number of cameras, how many times a day we are captured on CCTV, the police are watching our every move, CCTV doesn't work, and of course the list goes on and on and I only mention this in passing as one of the more interesting hours spent on the hoof recently, was a stroll around central London, being interviewed for a BBC Radio 4 programme looking at the current state of our "surveillance society".

I thought it important to explain that there is a subtle but significant difference between an area that is "covered by CCTV", and one which in a practical sense is simply "coverable" by CCTV. This point was particularly obvious when we stopped a couple of times in what is the huge open expanse of Trafalger Square, before moving on to the more restricted confines of Leicester Square. It was an interesting exercise, not least because it highlighted the common misconception as to how many Public Space Surveillance cameras the public believe are actually in use, and just how plentiful and poorly installed are the privately owned cameras, which are so often the only fall back option, for retrieving vital Forensic Surveillance material after a serious incident.

Over the four days at IFSEC, time and again this point was underlined in numerous discussions with a range of industry experts, all of whom agreed that image quality and technical standards should no longer simply be a talking point, but rather a critical issue to be addressed now, as a matter of priority.

As a key part of the National CCTV Strategy, driving up the quality and usability of recorded 'CCTV product' is obviously a primary objective, and yet it quickly became obvious that the CCTV Industry itself, could take the reins when it comes to driving forward some everyday improvements. A number of responsible manufacturers already offer some level of product or application training, but a wider education policy supported throughout the trade, could quickly produce a significant difference in terms of raising systems efficiency, and consequently the publics generally low perception of what benefits CCTV can actually provide, if designed, deployed, operated & maintained correctly

I'm grateful to the NEC for the valuable thinking time provided in the daily Car Park payment queues (photo right), but if the truth be told, I'd really appreciate it if they could arrange to get it sorted out by next year.



So ... Newsletter No:3 is done and dusted, albeit a little bit later than planned due to the IFSEC event, and consequently with so much news to report, a wee bit bigger than my previous offerings.

I do hope you found it interesting, and if you have any comments, suggestions or ideas for future editions, or even future articles, please don't hesitate to drop me a line:- newsdesk@doktorjon.co.uk

If you happen to know someone that would like to receive a copy of the Newsletter, please ask them to get in touch. Of course, if you decide you don't wish to receive any future copies, just send me a very brief 'cancel newsletter' e-mail. Until the next one, cheers for now DJ

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