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TRUCKPOL QUARTERLY REPORT July – Sep 2011

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TruckPol is a national freight crime intelligence unit which forms part of the national ACPO Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service, collating and disseminating statistical data and intelligence on road freight crime within the UK. The theft of large goods vehicles and their loads causes significant economic and logistical harm to manufacturers, operators and retailers alike.

TruckPol supported by ACPO is a public/private sector partnership, funded solely by Industry stakeholders from haulage, insurance, security and manufacturing.

TruckPol assists all UK police forces by disseminating intelligence on criminals and hosting meetings between the police and the haulage industry. We assist all stakeholders by acting as a central point of contact for their enquiries.

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the pattern of freight crime in the third quarter of 2011. Using data supplied to us by UK police forces and by haulage industry stakeholders, we provide an analysis of the nature and extend of freight crime in the UK. The document illustrates the areas of the UK most at risk from this type of criminality and to identify the commodity types most frequently targeted.

This document relies on data extracted from databases maintained by TruckPol. It should be noted that data on which this report is based, is not a definitive list of all road freight crime, as not all crime is reported to police and not all police forces report all crime to TruckPol. Figures in this report may therefore be at variance with data held by individual forces.



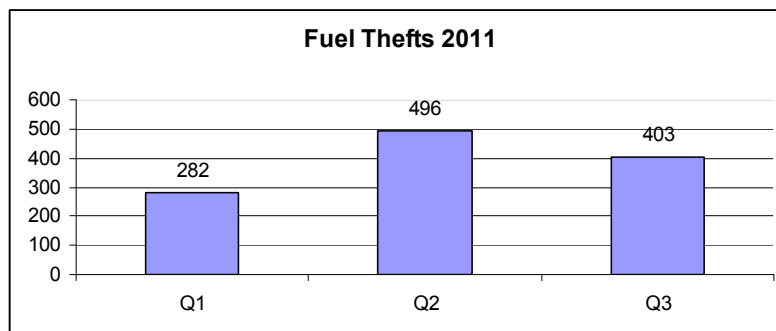
Q3: Road freight crime by incident type

Crime Type	July	Aug	Sep	Quarter Total
Theft From Vehicle	224	247	206	677
Theft of Vehicle	62	121	90	273
Att. Theft	17	33	24	74
Robbery	2	2	0	4
Att. Hijack	0	0	0	0
Warehouse	1	1	0	2
Deception	4	2	1	7
Hijack	0	1	0	1
<i>Total</i>	310	407	321	1038

Road freight crime quarter comparison

* Recording of Fuel Thefts has been re-introduced into 2011 figures; therefore comparisons with previous quarters are excluding fuel.

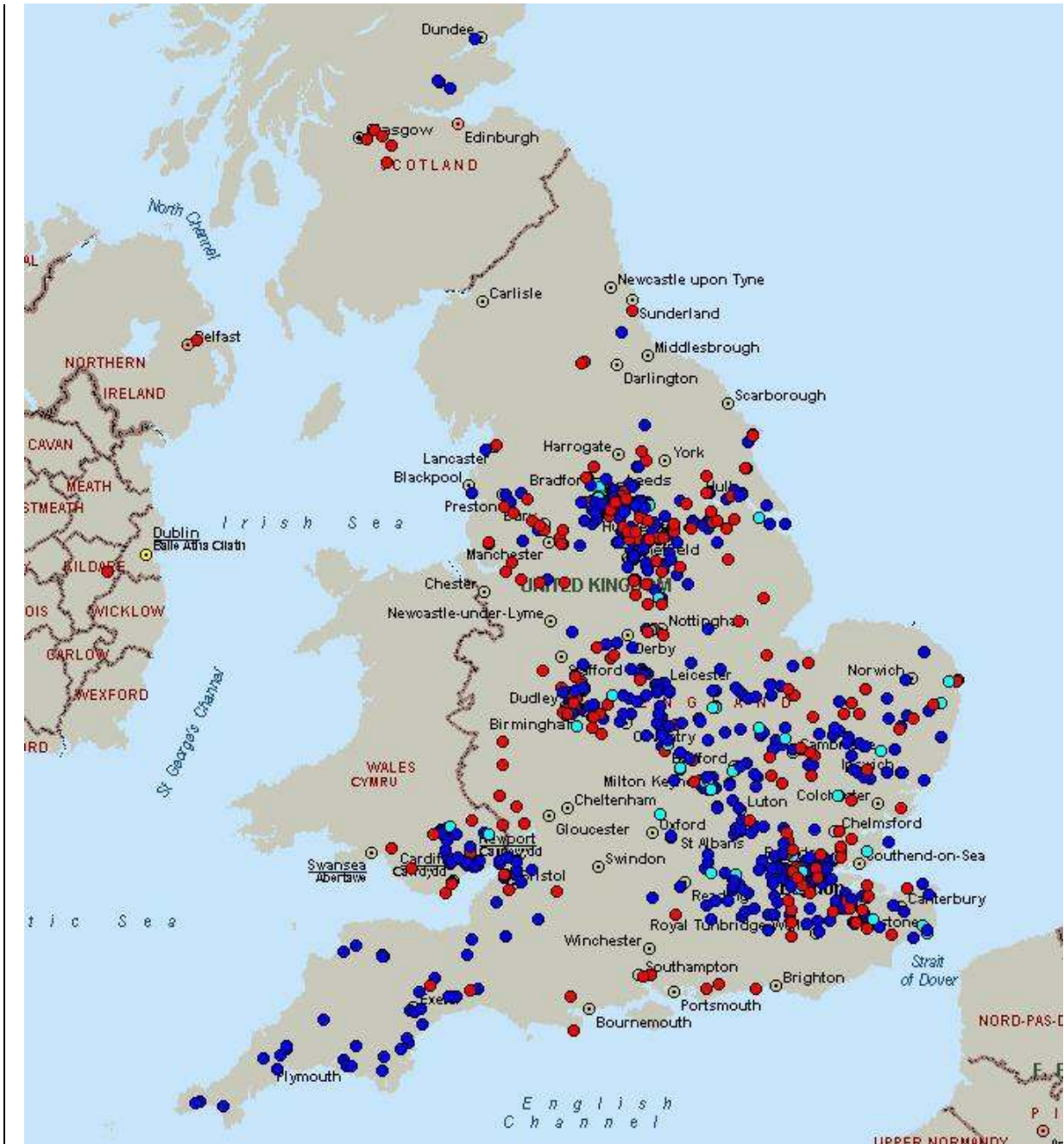
Crime Type	Q3 - 2010	Q3 -2011 *(Excluding Fuel Thefts)	% +/-
Theft of vehicle	359	273	-23.96
Theft from vehicle	149	274	+83.89
Attempted - Theft	49	74	+51.02
Robbery /Other	2	4	+100.0
Warehouse	0	2	n/a
Attempted - Hijack	1	0	-100.0
Hijack	2	7	+250.00
Deception	4	1	-75.00
<i>Total Incidents</i>	566	635	+12.19



*Fuel thefts have been aggressively monitored during 2011, due to the exceptional increase in this crime. This has resulted in dramatically altered overall crime figures. We will continue to monitor the validity of noting fuel theft as a separate concern.

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Theft Of Vehicles ● Theft from Freight ● Attempted Theft Events ●





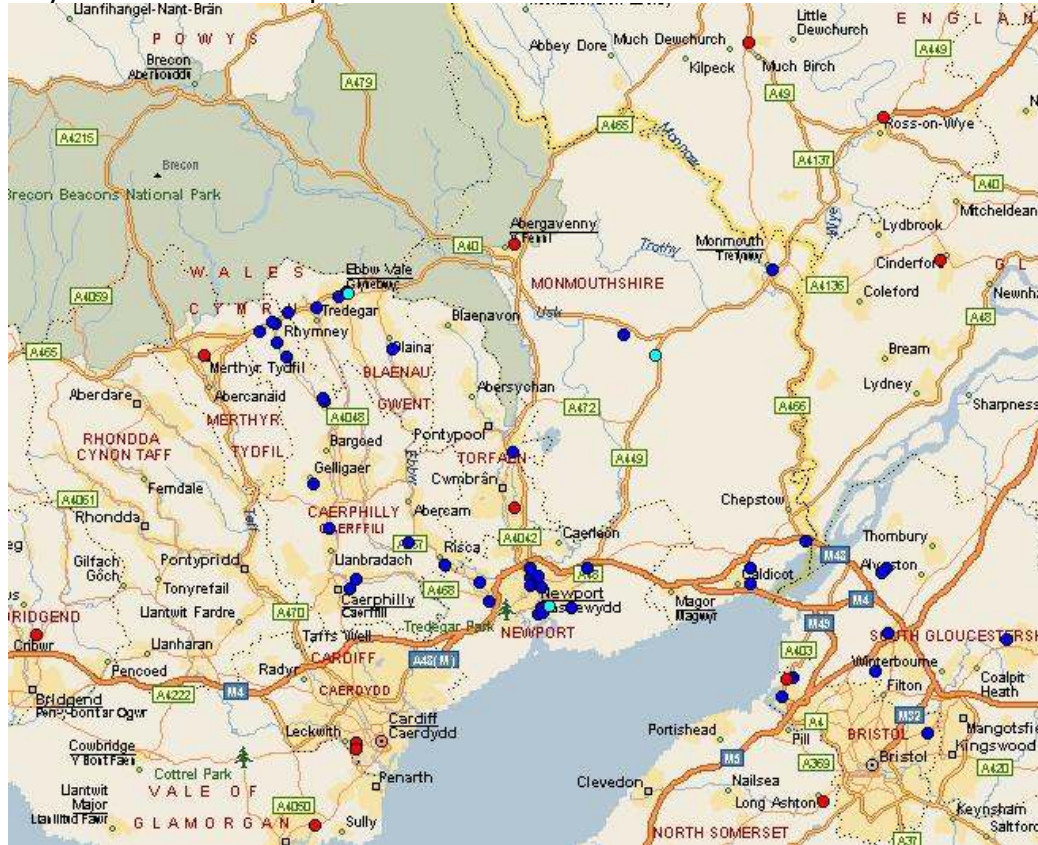
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Key Midlands Crime Spots



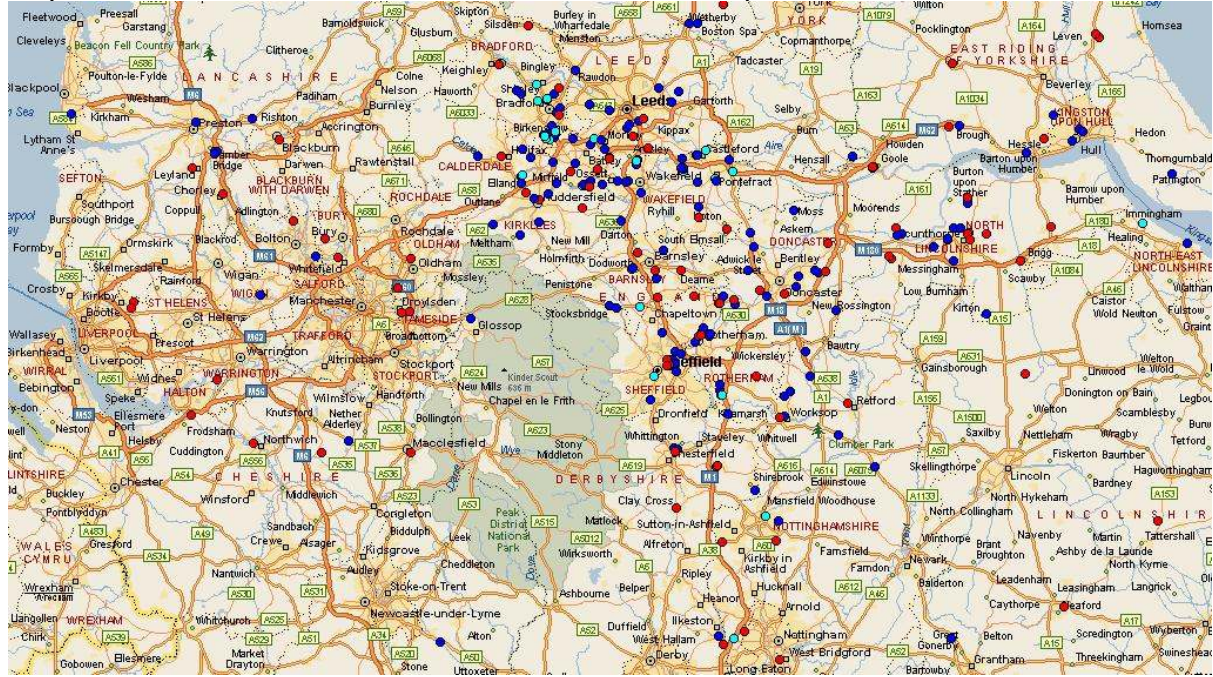
Key SWales Crime Spots



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Key NORTH / Manchester-Leeds Corridor Crime Spots



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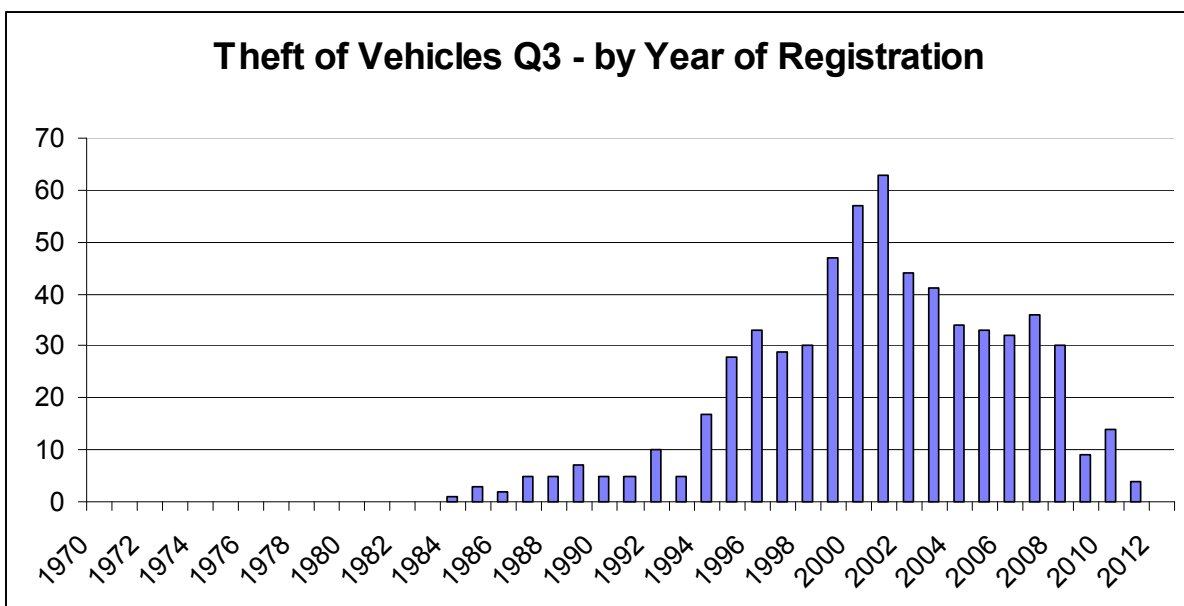


Q3 Thefts by vehicle make & body type

Vehicle Make	Total
DAF Trucks	123
Volvo	121
Scania	105
Iveco	92
Mercedes-Benz	81
Leyland DAF	67
MAN	54
Renault	39
Ford	15
ERF	11
Isuzu	6
Foden	6
Hino	5
Mitsubishi	4
Bedford	1
Seddon Atkinson	0
Kato	0
LAG	0
Scammell	0
Not Recorded	297
Grand Total	1027

Body Type	Total
Tractor Unit	120
Curtain sider	88
Box Van	75
Tipper	40
Goods Artic	20
Flat-bed	17
Drop-side	17
Breakdown Truck	12
Goods	50
Concrete Mixer	8
Insulated	6
Skip	14
Livestock carrier	7
Refuse	3
Car Transporter	4
Skeletal	4
Street Cleaner	1
Special purpose	3
Tanker	5
Low-loader	2
Refrigerated	1
Mobile Plant	0
Pantechnican	1
Not Recorded	537
Grand Total	1035

Theft of Vehicles Q3 - by Year of Registration



The theft of Large Goods Vehicles has reduced from last year, however, the recovery rate remains low.

The most popular targeted makes in the third quarter have been DAF Trucks, Volvo, and Scania with tractor units and curtain sided vehicles being the most commonly stolen body types.

As can be seen from the graph of thefts by year of registration, the most commonly stolen vehicles appear to be those registered between 2000 & 2004 with thefts reducing significantly in newer vehicles.

TruckPol is continuing to work with all Forces in tackling this type of crime and gathering data and intelligence to tackle those organised crime groups believed involved.

Property Classification	July	Aug	Sep	Quarter Total
A (Electronics/Electrical)	1	5	6	12
A1 (Computers)	4	0	4	8
A2 (Mobile Phone)	0	0	0	0
B (Clothes and Shoes)	7	15	7	29
C (Food and Beverages)	16	5	13	34
D (Household Goods)	5	5	9	19
E (Alcohol)	10	4	7	21
F (Cigarettes)	2	1	1	4
G (Miscellaneous)	4	10	6	20
G1 (Building/Plant/Industrial)	1	2	1	4
G2 (Art/Antiques)	0	0	0	0
G3 (HAZMAT/Chemicals)	0	3	0	3
G4 (Fuel)	134	155	114	403
G5 (metals)	14	10	10	34
H (Toiletries & Cosmetics)	5	3	3	11
I (Vehicle parts)	26	25	18	69

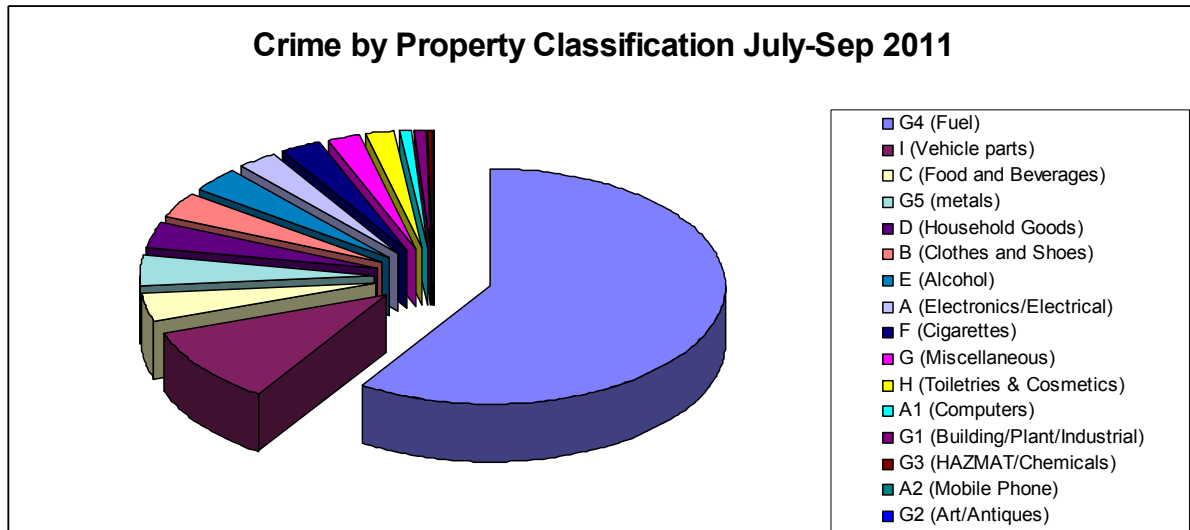
Theft From Motor Vehicles

Fuel theft has continued to be the largest category of theft, however, as stated in our last report, it should be noted that prior to January 2011 TruckPol were only recording crime details where over 1000 litres of fuel had been stolen. We now record all fuel thefts from Large Goods Vehicles no matter how small – which naturally shows a significant increase in the figures. We believe that overall national figures are likely to be even higher as not all Police forces are managing to pass through all fuel theft instances and details - suggesting that many hauliers are not reporting smaller items.

The theft of vehicle parts is also increasing, with tyres, batteries and catalytic converters amongst the most popular items stolen.

Organised groups continue to target vulnerable vehicles parked in isolated, unlit, lay-bys. They will travel along major arterial routes and tend to operate opportunistically, rather than being driven by load-specific robbery. They are prone to steal anything they can easily get their hands on.

As in our last report, data shows that there is an increase in this crime compared to the same period in 2010, with the proviso that TruckPol is now recording all fuel thefts.



Incidents by Police Area Q3

Police Forces who submitted less than 20 reports to TruckPol this quarter are not shown.

Force	July	Aug	Sep	Quarter Total
West Yorkshire	34	56	35	125
South Yorkshire	5	41	28	74
Metropolitan	32	18	13	63
Gwent	18	19	24	61
Northamptonshire	12	18	26	56
Humberside	15	22	15	52
West Midlands	15	18	15	48
Cambridgeshire	8	26	12	46
Devon & Cornwall	17	20	9	46
Leicestershire	18	15	12	45
Thames Valley	13	17	12	42
Kent	13	13	15	41
Bedfordshire	9	14	9	32
Suffolk	15	9	8	32
Surrey	11	8	12	31
Hertfordshire	10	8	11	29
Essex	15	5	8	28
Derbyshire	8	4	11	23
Avon & Somerset	5	10	7	22
Nottinghamshire	12	6	3	21

Hotspot Postcodes Q3

Postcodes	Location	Att. Theft	Theft from Vehicle	Theft of Vehicle	Grand Total
NP	Newport	3	47	4	54
DN	Doncaster	1	30	18	49
NN	Northampton	12	29	6	47
WF	Wakefield	9	23	10	42
BD	Bradford	10	21	3	34
IP	Ipswich	0	25	5	30
LE	Leicester	0	30	0	30
EX	Exeter	0	21	3	24
MK	Milton Keynes	4	15	4	23
CB	Cambridge	2	16	3	21
N1	NLondon	0	9	12	21
LS	Leeds	1	14	3	18
HD	Huddersfield	2	13	2	17
S9	Sheffield	0	15	2	17
LU	Luton	3	13	0	16

Crime Trends

Fuel theft continues to be an issue and as from our figures is still a problem with many Police areas reporting a general increase in crimes reported.

TruckPol has given out the following crime prevention advice



- Park in a well lit and populated area.
- Park close to other lorries, fuel tank to fuel tank, making it more difficult for offenders to access them.
- Park with your fuel tank facing the road so passing traffic makes it less of a target.
- Consider using an anti siphoning device.
- Consider using CCTV.
- Ensure that you report any suspicious incidents / behaviour to the police.

Foreign Drivers being targeted

As detailed in our last report many of the vehicles subject to curtain slash attacks in lay-bys and services areas on the main arterial routes tend to be foreign drivers who unfortunately are not aware of crime hotspots and safe parking areas. TruckPol are looking at ways to address this problem ensuring all forces utilise our 'Crime Prevention Trailer' (as below) and also 'Truckers Beware' Signs.

Many forces have been pro-active in tackling this problem and have introduced their own crime prevention leaflets in various languages to ensure foreign drivers are aware of local crime hot spots.



Our TruckPol Crime Prevention Trailer continues to be positively utilised and is currently booked up until December 2011. However, if any officer or sponsor would like to make use of it after that date then please contact TruckPol.

To cover administration and maintenance costs the trailer is supplied for a small fee of £100 plus VAT per month.

Property / Load database

We would like to remind everyone that TruckPol, when recording crime data, also ensures details of all stolen loads are recorded on our property database.

We are as a result able to check the database against property, later found as a result of warrants etc. We can also send out alerts and details of property found in our weekly bulletin.

TruckPol Bulletin

The weekly TruckPol Bulletin continues to be successful as it includes weekly updates and information in relation to current hotspots, trends, vehicles stolen and intelligence alerts. We encourage all Police Officers and our sponsors to utilise the bulletin as it is there to assist all in crime prevention.

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Recovered Property – West Yorkshire

West Yorkshire police have recovered 800 boxes (6 bottles

Identified as part of a consignment stolen from an HGV parked in a lay-by on the A168, Thirsk on the 19th October.

If anyone can assist in identifying where the champagne may have been stolen or originated from please contact TruckPol.

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Crime trend – use of Oxy acetylene to force entry to trailers

We have had two incidents reported to us where it is believed that an Oxy acetylene torch has been used to gain entry to trailers by cutting the rear doors. If anyone has dealt with similar offences or has any intelligence in relation to this type of crime, please contact TruckPol.

Other TruckPol news



TruckPol has continued to work with other stakeholders on the North Sea Freight Intelligent Transport Solutions and also supports the NS FRITS Conference which will take place on Wednesday the 23rd November 2011 in Brussels.

The NS FRITS project aims to improve accessibility, contribute to sustainable economic growth and improve the quality of life and job opportunities for people living and working in the North Sea Region (NSR).

The conference will provide an opportunity for delegates to discuss how NS FRITS is:

- Helping to address issues including the accessibility of the NSR
- Improving congestion and freight volumes
- Reducing security threats to drivers
- Reducing carbon emissions.

The conference will also address how such improvements can help the economy and support the logistics and transport sector. Plus, the conference will allow the NS FRITS partnership to share their thoughts on the future of innovation in the road freight industry.

The event will incorporate keynote speakers from across the public and private sector including Diana Wallis, MEP and Vice President of the European Parliament (*pictured right*) and Christian Byrith, Interreg IVB NSR Programme Secretariat. There will be an opportunity to see the NS FRITS system demonstrated, experience lively panel debates, Q&A sessions and network with fellow delegates.



The event is aimed at NS FRITS stakeholders from public and private sector organisations, government agencies, logistics and transport providers, port authorities, law enforcement agencies and Members of European Parliament.

The NS FRITS conference will be held at the Marriot Renaissance Hotel on Wednesday 23rd November 2011. The venue is in the heart of the European Quarter in Brussels and is next to the European Parliament building.

Reservations are limited to 100 places, so please reserve for your free place today.

For further information please email info@nsfrits.eu.

Please take advantage of the TruckPol website www.truckpol.com. We will continue to update the site with information regarding road freight crime and also have various links to crime prevention advice.

If you wish to submit any material please send us an email to truckpol@avcis.pnn.police.uk. Or use the online suspicious incident form found in the 'CONTACT US' section of the site.



It is essential that we continue to work together and communicate with all our partners in the police and industry. By working together we can make a difference in reducing freight crime.



Appendix A

Road Freight Crime is recorded in the following categories:

Hijack / Robbery	Occasions where force or violence is used or threatened against a driver and the vehicle is stolen with/without the load. Please note in future all these offences will be recorded as Robbery or attempt Robbery.
Attempted Hijack	Attempts to carry out the above
Theft of	Where an unattended vehicle and/or load/trailer are stolen
Theft from	Thefts of load from stationary vehicles e.g. Curtain slash or delivery vehicle left unlocked/unattended
Theft (other)	Thefts of trailers and other miscellaneous offences not within the above categories
Attempted Theft	Relates to attempts to steal the vehicle and/or load but where suspects are unable due to complete the theft
Deception	Relates to deceptions where drivers/companies are deceived into delivering elsewhere than to the intended destination. (Commonly referred to as 'Round the Corner')
Warehouse	Burglaries of commercial premises where LGV is used to facilitate offence

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