

NaVCIS



National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service

Multi-Agency Approach to Fighting Vehicle Crime

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Vehicle Fraud &
Theft Unit

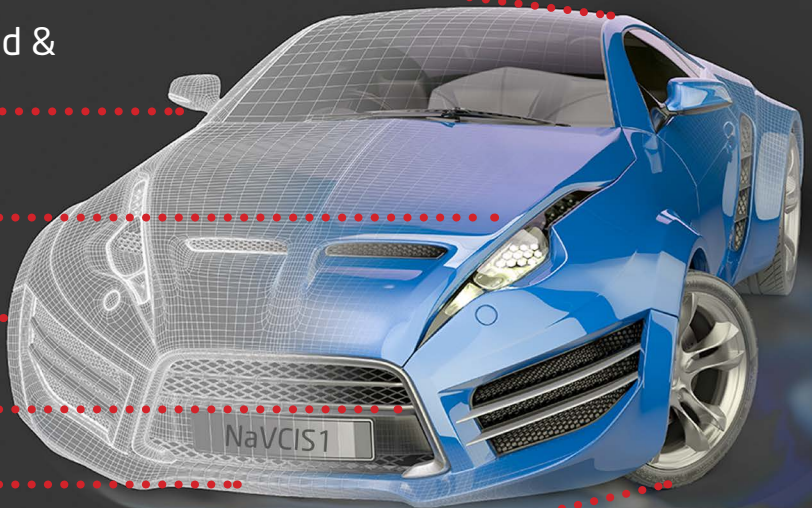
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Foreword



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NaVCIS is at the heart of national vehicle crime prevention and detection, NaVCIS is growing its footprint in both public and private sectors. Over recent years NaVCIS has been involved in high profile operations as well as being a knowledge base for law enforcement both in the UK and internationally.

The next few years we will see NaVCIS grow in size and influence, developing new relationships and enhancing current ones in order to effectively tackle vehicle related crime in partnership with organisations nationally and internationally.

I am pleased to promote this unique public/private partnership, supporting wider law enforcement in the fight against crime.



Introduction to

NaVCIS

Detective Chief Inspector
Gordon Roberts

National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service
(NaVCIS)

NaVCIS is a national policing unit dedicated to tackling vehicle crime related issues and is steadily growing its footprint in both public and private sectors. Since our inception in 2007, NaVCIS has participated in policing operations, criminal investigations, implemented freight and ports policing strategies, and developed a knowledge bank for law enforcement.

There are various elements to our work each contributing towards reductions in vehicle-related crime. These are NaVCIS Fraud, NaVCIS Ports, NaVCIS Leisure, NaVCIS Agricultural, NaVCIS Intelligence and NaVCIS Freight.

In the coming years NaVCIS will develop and further our influence in the prevention and detection of vehicle crime, introducing new law enforcement networks and enhancing existing ones. We will share our expertise in tackling organised vehicle crime to audiences at conferences, training sessions and exhibitions. We are proud of the relationships our staff have developed with industry partners as well as the professionalism demonstrated to our global law enforcement partners as we work jointly to disrupt the criminality of organised crime groups.

These are interesting times for NaVCIS as our role develops and we assist our law enforcement partners in their endeavours to combat vehicle crime and reduce the impact it has upon our communities.

Ports Team

Operating within the ports of Dover, Felixstowe, Tilbury and Southampton, the team target stolen vehicles as they are exported from the UK, and traditionally provide support and training to law enforcement colleagues throughout the country.

Each year the team recover several million pounds worth of stolen vehicles, utilising their skills as experienced and knowledgeable police officers and vehicle examiners to seize, examine and identify cars, plant and agricultural machinery destined for export.

Millions of shipping containers and freight vehicles pass through the UK's seaports each. It is the role of the ports officers to identify risk and build intelligence to identify and intercept stolen vehicles and prevent them leaving the UK.

Key elements to this work are the support and co-operation of the ports industry and law enforcement agencies that also have statutory responsibilities to examine export freight. This support greatly enhances the success of the NaVCIS operations and contributes to the prevention and detection of crime both nationally and internationally.



Over **£5 million** of vehicles
recovered
(October 2013 to September 2014)

Vehicle Fraud & Theft Unit

- The Vehicle Fraud & Theft Unit (VFTU) provides a valuable service to finance and leasing companies that own a large proportion of vehicles used by consumers and businesses on the road today. The VFTU identifies and investigates opportunities and assists police forces in the recovery of stolen and fraudulently obtained vehicles. This activity is funded by motor and asset finance providers who have recognised the value of accessing a dedicated team of criminal investigators. The service makes available: A 24/7 on call support service to police colleagues to ensure opportunities to seize and recover stolen vehicles are maximised.
- A Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for each lender, ensuring any enquiries are responded to quickly.
- A fraud alerting service, providing targeted intelligence to help curb fraudulent activity.

We work in conjunction with Action Fraud to ensure offending patterns and intelligence is identified to share with Police Forces, and training and support is offered to all those involved in specialist investigations, and the prevention of offending.

Recovery rate is **63%**

Nr Referrals = **676**

National **stolen vehicle**
recovery rate is **51%**

Fraud



HIGH

MODERATE

Agricultural

Supported by National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance (NFU Mutual), the focus of our specialists is the prevention and detection of crime linked to vehicles such as tractors, quad bikes, and plant machinery.

Organised crime groups are targeting rural communities and are actively involved in the theft of agricultural and plant machinery. NaVCIS seeks to develop intelligence for the benefit of Police and law enforcement partners to focus upon and disrupt those individuals causing the most harm. Practical support to Policing operations in the identification and recovery of stolen vehicles is also available.

A fleet of specialist vehicles is available for deployment by Police to facilitate operations to identify those involved in theft of agricultural vehicles. These bait vehicles have been successfully deployed and have resulted in the arrest and prosecution of many offenders.

In collaboration with NFU Mutual, NaVCIS officers regularly attend seminars and exhibitions providing crime prevention guidance and support to members of the public in their efforts to reduce crime and the opportunities for criminals to commit crime. There is a close working relationship between the Agricultural and Ports staff, enhancing the successes and recoveries of stolen vehicles.



Leisure

Millions of UK residents enjoy their leisure time camping and caravanning, but unfortunately this provides opportunities for criminals to target caravans and motorhomes for theft.

NaVCIS Leisure delivers training, raises awareness of the threat of theft and prevention techniques which can be deployed, and our expertise and experience is often called upon to advise Government in relation to matters of law and safety.

Working in partnership with the Caravan Safety and Security Group (CSSG) which comprises leading members within the industry including the National Caravan Council, The Caravan Club and The Camping and Caravanning Club to promote safety and to enforce existing legislation whilst advising on future legislative requirements.



Caravan theft has more than
halved between 2007 and 2014

Intelligence

The Intelligence team support the activities of all of our NaVCIS colleagues and act as a conduit for law enforcement agencies to liaise, plan activity and work with industry and Government.

A weekly intelligence bulletin is directly disseminated to over 1000 recipients, with secondary dissemination to many more. It is an opportunity to share intelligence and information directly with operational policing colleagues, to provide them with support as they carry out their daily activities and facilitate communication between many different organisations.

Overall, our focus is to identify and disrupt those involved in serious acquisitive crime who cause the most harm to individuals and businesses within the UK and restrict the opportunities to those wishing to commit vehicle crime.

Working with industry and in partnership with Tracker, the Intelligence team identify opportunities to locate and recover stolen vehicles, and to bring offenders to justice.



Analysis

Supporting all the varying teams within the Unit as well as UK law enforcement, the Analysis team are working to understand the national threat. NaVCIS Analysis has so far supported complex fraud investigations and provided strategic analysis for vehicle theft by electronic compromise.

The unit is seeking to provide intelligence development of prolific offenders and organised crime groups through analysis, identify future threats to UK, and promote an evidence-based approach to crime reduction.



NaVCIS Freight researches and disseminates information relating to road freight related crimes. This serious and organised criminality affects the supply chain of goods and materials and therefore can have a serious impact on the UK economy and communities.

Organised crime groups of British and foreign nationals are travelling throughout the UK to steal goods in transit, steal freight vehicles and trailers and commit commercial warehouse burglaries. NaVCIS staff utilise their network of police contacts, at home and abroad, to disseminate fast time intelligence for use by colleagues within Police Forces, UK Regional Organised Crime Units and the National Crime Agency to use.

The assistance provided maximises the opportunities to identify criminals, recover stolen property and reduces the losses to the manufacturing, distribution and insurance sectors. Dissemination of intelligence enables accurate assessment of threat, harm and risk to the UK as well as to detect and apprehend the individuals and disrupt their criminal networks.



NaVCIS partners



Beazley plc (BEZ.L) is the parent company of specialist insurance businesses with operations in Europe, the US, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Australia. Beazley manages six Lloyd's syndicates.

We are market leaders in many of our chosen lines, which include professional indemnity, property, marine, reinsurance, accident and life, and political risks and contingency business.

Beazley, concerned with the high and growing level of freight crime within the UK and wider Europe, took the decision to partner with NaVCIS in order to assist with the delivery of specific intelligence on freight crime activity for law enforcement agencies within the UK and Europe.



CARAVAN SAFETY & SECURITY GROUP

CSSG is a partnership across the UK Leisure Industry bringing together the two major Clubs, Camping and Caravanning Club and Caravan Club as well as the UK Caravan Industry Body, the National Caravan Council. Working together with NaVCIS their intention is to seek to reduce Leisure Vehicle Crime, to disrupt offenders, and to try to ensure that consumers are able to enjoy their valuable leisure time in safety.

NaVCIS partners



The Finance & Leasing Association is the leading trade body for the asset, consumer and motor finance sectors in the UK, and the largest organisation of its kind in Europe. FLA motor and asset finance members fully fund the Vehicle Fraud and Theft Unit.



Vehicle Tracking

NaVCIS is supported by TRACKER Network UK, the longest established tracking company in the UK. Vehicle tracking has three core elements, Stolen Vehicle Recovery, Fleet Telematics and Insurance Telematics.

With over one million TRACKER Stolen Vehicle Units installed in a range of vehicles, including cars, commercial vehicles, motorcycles, plant machinery and trailers, Law Enforcement are becoming increasingly aware of opportunities associated with vehicle tracking technology.

Opportunities exist for vehicle tracking to be used in the Recovery of Stolen Vehicles, Collision Death Investigation, Serious Crime / Terrorism, Locating Missing / Vulnerable Persons, Witness Search and Bait Operations.

NaVCIS partners

NaVCIS now have a dedicated Tracking Officer working with a number of tracking companies, gathering intelligence and evidential opportunities using tracking technology, to track criminals and vehicles involved in crime.

Any requests to check vehicles fitted with tracking units can be carried out by emailing navcis.tracking@avcis.pnn.police.uk



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NFU Mutual

NFU Mutual is well established with over 300 local branches throughout the UK which offers insurance, pensions and investments, NFU Mutual is a member of the Association of British Insurers, providing high quality of service to all customers.

NFU Mutual sponsors NaVCIS in the support of rural communities and the agricultural industry, focusing on rural crime and agricultural vehicle theft i.e. tractors and quad bikes. The NFU Mutual/NaVCIS partnership promotes awareness of risks; drives increased security and generates the recovery of stolen agricultural vehicles. This has resulted in the reduction of tractor theft year on year since this initiative was born in 2010.

Positive news for farmers and all those who live and work in the rural countryside.



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