

Are We Too Complacent ?

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The Security Industry over the last decade has become one of the worlds leading service Industries with demands on Security companies bigger now than ever before especially in the pre 9/11 era.

Since then, the Security Industry has grown to the extent that risk factors, threat level and Health and Safety is always one of the forefront topics of any business, individual, or event which is due to take place.

It is human nature to protect and preserve but at the same time humans are also held accountable for taking the risks and creating the security scares in the first place. In this modern society the advanced criminal is able to, with the use of not just state of the art technology but basic methods become sustainable in breaching security at all levels.

From the head of the special branch division security team organising a state visit for a foreign political diplomat to a security operative working standing on a construction site, the levels of security should always be maintained to the highest degree and with professional conduct at all times. It has to also be said that no matter how advanced technology around us excels, the human factor is still required to operate these systems and when it comes to human nature instincts such as the eyes and ears play a vital role which beats all technology.

So serious is security being taken in the UK that there are plans to have targeted the number of fully qualified and licensed security operatives to be in place for the 2012 Olympics in London, such is the expectations that presently it is anticipated that there may not be enough qualified officers and licensed officers in the industry for this. There is the aim to have additional security throughout the event itself rather than have a shortfall nearer the time.

Unfortunately with all the excitement of future events and eventualities that may take place, along with a boom in the Security industry over the years there is still a stereotype which still sadly sticks its face in an industry which is so over looked and under judged by many people. Security should be perceived as a fourth emergency service, as they act as a second pair of eyes and ears and are responsible for the safe being and welfare of you, your event and your clients.

Security are on many occasions seen as an inconvenience to people, an extra cost, seen as individuals who get paid for doing no work and are not intellectual to a degree. These perceptions are nothing but mythical. There are always going to be good and bad representatives in any business. Considering licensing has only been introduced within the last 4-5 years, the security industry has only just started the journey into regulating standards compared to other industries. The idea is to mould an industry by setting standards, maintaining ongoing personal self development, and in the process offering security personnel a career which is both recognised and respected just as that of the armed forces and emergency services. The question you have to ask yourself is when it comes to security is Are We Too Complacent ?

