



# METAL THEFT

# Operation Tornado

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# NORTH CORNER METALS

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**Plymouth's Only Family Run Scrap Metal Merchant!!**

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## Seal Manufacturers

Screen Printers

A W Sealing Systems Ltd.  
Victoria Cottage, Trestleport

Coats Green (01566)

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## Secondhand De

### Other Options:

- Books - Rare & Second
- Clothes Shops - Specia
- Electrical Appliances -
- Furniture - Secondh

### A & E Furniture & Appliances.

40 Milesworth Rd, Stoke  
 Annie's, 9 Lower Lux St  
 Buy It Sell It, 137 Cornwall St  
 Cash Converters, 101-103 New George

### Hagglers, 192 Albert Rd

Kerswills Second-Hand Household

28 Henderson Place, Ford

Scrimpers Secondhand Domestic

Cavalier House Douzland Rd

## Shaun's

From Household

Hotels, Pubs,

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Shaun's, 230 Albert Rd, Devon

## STEVE'S FU

Antiques & O

Tel: 01579 34

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## The Bridg



# Why introduce measures?

**Home Office forces – Fastest growing crime**

**Actual crime levels are unknown**

**Sections of the industry engaging in criminal activity**

**HMRC £5.6bn industry – TAX Gap**

**Multi Tier – Cash industry supports crime**

**Need to do something!!**

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## Will dealers buy anything?

A Tornado Jet discovered in County Durham





# Operation Tornado

## Why?

Fragmented enforcement – displacement

Forces adopting different measures – confusing and ineffective

Police and Industry need to work together – BMRA/Police

Setting the standard nationally

Home Office/ACPO driven strategy to standardise enforcement

Doing nothing – not an option

Set a framework and processes to support legislative change

Become more efficient

Reduce crime

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## Operation TORNADO Strategy

### **ACPO/BMRA/BTP/Home Office Forces**

National roll out – Complete by October 2012

Support from recycling industry/Home Office

More stringent controls – Identification and retention of ID

Target non participating dealers

Support and enhance existing force strategies and operations

Stringent enforcement - Current legislation

The aim is to reduce the sale and movement of stolen material

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## What's Required From Dealers who Participate;

Evidence of identity will be required from all persons disposing of metals for cash payment.

- UK photocard driving licence (includes address) or,
  - UK passport or original passport from any nationality, or official national identity card supported by a utility bill. (not more than three months old to the current date) showing the seller's current address.
- The yard will record each document presented by obtaining a copy which will be retained for inspection by the police and other agencies (e.g. passport, driving licence and utility bill). The photo ID will be required on each and every transaction. The ID will be copied and either physically or electronically stored with the record of transaction for a minimum period of 12 months.

Enhance existing CCTV or install a systems to record entrances, weight bridges and cash offices etc to a suitable standard

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# TACTICS

Multi Agency approach

Identify SMD's and visit them – Develop intelligence

Assess, monitor and check compliance

Target non conforming dealers

Planned Operations

Develop relationships

Identify the thieves

Reduce avenues for stolen metal







## What We Encountered

### Benefits;

- Reduces outlets willing to take metal
  - Co-ordinates enforcement - Improves efficiency
  - Develops multi agency strategies
  - Raises the profile – Industry and enforcement
  - Regional intelligence picture
  - Develops confidence (Communities, industry, etc)
  - Very successful – Why?
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### Challenges;

Identifying dealers – records don't reflect reality

Drawing agencies together

Changing existing practices (Industry and Police)

Merging existing operations – Prevents duplication

The intelligence picture – Disjointed

Classification of Yards – RAG (Local force led and owned)

Ensuring compliance - How?

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## Outcomes

85% of yards in in North East signed up

Significant reductions in crime across the region;

BTP -60%

Durham -50%

Cleveland -55%

Northumbria -40%

Yorkshire and Humber, East Midlands , Norfolk (West Midlands, MPS, NW SW, Eastern and Southern – going live)

BMRA support

Significant media interest – Keep the pressure up

Clear signal of intention

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## Next Steps

National roll out - Maintaining the brand and conditions

Continue to develop and improve Tornado

Standardise the status of yards - Home Office forces

Coordinated enforcement activity – National list of Yards

Framework for cashless trading - Support future legislation

Compile a national register of recyclers

Embed scrap dealer activity in core policing

