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PROTECTION FOR YOUR ROUTE



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Don't let crime threaten your route's performance. By following these three steps you can minimise crime-related threats to maintain the integrity and cost-efficiency of your route:

1 - Really understand the risks:

- In addition to Network Rail data, seek information and intelligence from outside to gather a more comprehensive knowledge of your risks
- Identify what your combined risk areas are and rank them (high, medium or low)
- Build intelligence of local second hand markets, including scrap yards, and identify outlets likely to accept stolen items
- Risks and hotspot areas can change so information and intelligence must be maintained and updated.

2 - Get a closer look:

- Partner with British Transport Police (BTP), local police and external professionals with crime-prevention experience
- Get boots on the ground in high risk areas to gather on-site intelligence
- Identify vulnerable access points such as low wooden access gates, poor fencing or no fencing
- Search for signs of criminal activity, for example where cable has been stripped, and evidence of drug and alcohol abuse
- Look for damaged vegetation - it may indicate criminal access and egress routes
- Have frequent, meaningful two-way communications with all parties involved to share insight, ideas and results.

3 - Get ready to react:

- The sad reality is that if criminals do not perceive you as a threat to their livelihood, then you are no risk to them
- Knowing where your hotspots are is meaningless if you cannot react with speed and accuracy to prevent or catch offenders
- Put in a place a robust, concrete process for the deployment of any technical equipment you may have, such as cameras and tremblers. These need to be properly monitored, serviced and managed
- The better your processes are, the more BTP can support you. Remember - they are responsible for a large geographic area and operate with limited resources. BTP will find it difficult to commit additional resources unless they are likely to catch offenders red handed or can rely upon strong prosecution evidence.

DYNAMIC ASSESSMENT

Consider whether current mitigation measures are appropriate and cost-effective by regularly evaluating their success:

- Are they the right measures?
- Are they being deployed in the right place?
- Are they being used at the right time?



DECISIVE DECISION-MAKING

Once you have carried out the above three steps you will be in a really strong position to protect your route. Use the intelligence you have gathered to make decisive decisions based on facts - it will save you significant time and money. Remember, managing risk should be self-funding.



DON'T RISK YOUR ROUTE

If you truly understand the risk to your route and have the knowledge to make informed decisions, then you have everything you need to mitigate the threats you face. Intelligent protection should be self-funding by reducing the impact of crime on your operations, maintenance and asset management teams.

If you need any help, or have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact Neil Carter, Director of Special Operations, for further information.

