



Common hall

Once again we were grateful to Don Randal and JP Morgan for hosting this years Common Hall on 7th November in their historic building on Victoria Embankment and to TAG Control who sponsored the evening.

Following a Court meeting in the Library we adjourned for a reception and then to the magnificent Old School Hall where the following were inducted as Freeman of the Company in the presence of their families and friends:- Julian Allsop, David Bragg, Shires Crichton, Michael Hoare, Christopher Kenneally, Paul Sandford, and Malcolm Steadman.

The Chairmen of the Standing Committees gave a brief run down of the work their teams do and invited anyone interested to join them. Steve Neville the chairman of

Trustees gave an excellent insight into the various organisations and individuals that the Company have supported over the last year, and cheques were presented by the Master to representatives from The Marylebone Project, Headley Court, The No-Way Trust, and The Special Boat Service Association.

Once again the occasion was used for The Master to present Certificates of Merit and Recognition to the finalist of the 2007 Sheriffs' Award.

1. John Ryland, Tom Fisher and Roy Cole of the City of London Police saved a man from jumping over a 13th floor balcony.
2. Paramedic Alasdair Hearsom and Technician Andy Meyer saved lives by spotting and reporting the presence of a car bomb outside of a London Nightclub.

3. Angus Campbell of the London Fire Brigade and Arthur Burton-Garbett a member of the public, confronted a bomber on the underground and gave chase after the suspect.
4. Adam Mapleson of the British Transport Police intervened during a security van robbery and was shot in the process.
5. Representatives of Project Griffin, for the establishment of a best practice system for security guards.



Do you know about 'Secured Environments'?

Secured Environments is a new product in the family of ACPO CPI (Association of Chief Police Officers Crime Prevention Initiatives) Secured by Design products aimed at reducing the risk and fear of crime. However, unlike any of the other Secured By Design products it focuses on the management of an organisation to determine whether security is being organised to best advantage.

The accreditation follows six key principles that are essential for any organisation to have effective security. The principles have been based on studies of good crime prevention practice as well as experience from those involved in delivering crime prevention projects in this country and around the

world. The principles are likely to be very familiar to you as experts in the field of security.

So what are they? Firstly, the organisation must show high-level management commitment to creating a secure environment, for without this, no matter how much time or money is spent on security it is unlikely to be fully effective. The second principle calls for an understanding of the crime and disorder risks that the organisation is vulnerable to. Thirdly, security measures need to be in place that are appropriate, targeted and proportionate to the risks identified. The fourth and fifth principles look at the management and implementation of security measures and stress that all staff must know their roles and responsibilities with regard to security. Finally, all

security measures need to be monitored and evaluated to determine their effectiveness.

Organisations that can demonstrate that they meet the six principles of good crime prevention management, and pass the audit are accredited by ACPO CPI. The scheme, launched in 2007, has been developed in conjunction with Perpetuity (Director Professor Martin Gill). To date, two schools and a business have been accredited as Secured Environments. They have found the process very useful and in many cases it has resulted in a lot of positive media attention, as well as recognition by clients and parents. As one Head explained

"Everyone here is really pleased about the award - before I came the governors

had been really concerned about security issues which they felt weren't taken seriously enough. This award has made them feel that security is taken seriously and recognise that security can be low key, but effective."

The MD of an accredited business stated:

"By focusing on strategy, processes and people the scheme has enabled us to develop an ongoing plan that will remain an inherent part of our business management. Business security is so much more than 'locks and bolts'."

Our thanks to Professor Martin Gill for his input; if you would like to put your point of view forward for an article to be included in the next newsletter please send to faq.merrick@inkerman.com

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