

LEADING THE WAY IN THE SECURITY REVOLUTION



MARK LANE finds out why SPS Security, provider of a comprehensive range of security-related services, has become one of the most respected players in its industry

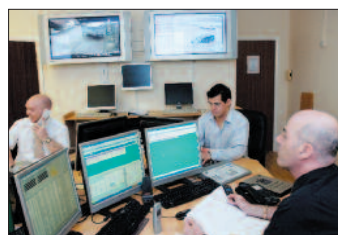
The UK security industry has undergone a revolution in recent times. The advent of the Security Industry Authority (SIA), which is the regulatory body for the security industry, has been designed to regulate the less desirable aspects and operators within the industry while rewarding those progressive security organisations that adhere to the highest standards.

Hull-headquartered SPS Security is a business that certainly falls into the latter of the above categories.

SPS Security, which is part of the SPS Group, has by natural growth and acquisition, become one of the fastest expanding and most successful security companies in the North of England. The business offers a range of services that provide the most efficient and cost effective means of securing your premises, with prompt personal attention at all times. "We go out of our way to ensure that our management team's activities integrate with the client's operational needs," says Lee Stephenson, Sales and Marketing Director with the business. "We understand such matters because we work to identical principles, delivering a high quality service at a cost effective price.

SPS Security offers manned guarding services that are available on short, medium or long term basis. All security officers are trained in accordance with the core competency requirements of the Security Industry Authority, for licensing prior to assignment. They undergo training courses that gives them the knowledge they need to protect your premises to a high standard.

Adds Lee: "Our service philosophy is to ensure that we deliver a flexible, proactive and high quality support service to all our clients, offering a single solution for multiple service delivery. The group has a forward looking and progressive management team and a policy of investment in the latest equipment and technology. By



combining this with our personal expertise we are able to offer our clients a complete security package."

The progressive outlook at SPS is most clearly illustrated by the fact that it is the region's first private sector organisation to be awarded Approved Contractor Status (ACS) for the pro-active operation of Public Space Surveillance CCTV equipment.

This achievement comes just ten months after SPS Security was awarded SIA's Approved Contractor Status for Security Guarding, which means all of its officers hold a statutory SIA approved licence or licence dispensation notice (LDN).

SPS - which is based in Neptune Street in Hull city centre and employs more than 450 officers who are deployed to educational, commercial and retail sites throughout the North of England - underwent rigorous assessment before receiving the prestigious accreditation.

The average citizen in the UK is caught on CCTV cameras 300 times a day and, although many companies have a licence to record this footage, it cannot be viewed by officers that don't also hold a Public Space Surveillance Licence.

"Attaining this accreditation will help achieve greater flexibility and improve operational costs and is part of our ongoing development," says David Barratt, SPS Group's Customer Services Director. "We are pleased to be the first company in the region to be awarded the ACS (CCTV) accreditation."

He adds: "It's a great achievement to be awarded the ACS Security Guarding and CCTV accreditations within 10 months of each other - the SIA sets very high standards and I am delighted that SPS Security's level of performance has been recognised with these awards.

"We continue to utilise our dedicated training centre on the Hull Marina for the ongoing training of our officers for Security Guarding and CCTV licences, together with a range of other security courses designed to lead to recognised professional qualifications within the industry."

Mobile patrols, keyholding and alarm response services are also offered by SPS Security. The company operates a highly responsive key holding and alarm response service to clients in Hull and the surrounding areas. It has the resources in place to respond to alarm activations quickly and efficiently.

"We shoulder the burden of attending late night alarm call outs, so our clients can sleep easy knowing it's taken care of," says Lee Stephenson.

SPS SECURITY SERVICES

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