

Active Crime Intelligence System

Issues

1. Experience from running one of the largest Crime Reduction Scheme's in the country indicates that only a small percentage of retailers have access to the internet whilst they are at work and would not be able to access data and offender photographs when needed.
2. Running a successful Crime Reduction Scheme is far more involved than circulating a few photographs and a newsletter. Analysis of data, predicting crime patterns, producing graphs and reports, powerful search facility are but a few of the tools needed.
3. The internet can be a very insecure place for confidential data. Large scale servers with direct access from the internet are a more inviting and potentially rewarding target for would be hackers.
4. Online reporting requires a high level of supervision and correction, amendments etc. and overall, would probably take longer.
5. When your data has been sent to an internet server, do you know who is actually looking at your data e.g. other users, IT personnel etc? It has been shown through research that the most common source of security breaches are users with lawful access to data. Restricting your data to your own staff wherever possible reduces that risk significantly.
6. Do you know if someone else could be using/selling your data?

Benefits of ACIS

ACIS is far more sophisticated than a tool to circulate photographs or a news bulletin. **ACIS** is:

1. Software developed over many years that will assist your Crime Reduction Partnerships to reduce criminal activity in your area and provide in depth analysis of data for Crime Prevention and Security professionals.
2. Offender-led database that enables a crime reduction partnership to legally and professionally manage their data, whilst complying with Data Protection and Human Rights issues.
3. Stand-alone system with the data kept on your own hard drive, protected by the security of your own firewalls and other protective services, thus seriously reducing the risks of unauthorised access. (Aggregation of information within large scale systems seriously raises the risk profile).
4. It is your data and you should be able to control who has access to it at all times. With ACIS you are able to make the decision as to what data you share on a case by case basis, thus ensuring the greatest degree of control within your information sharing arrangements.
5. Not dependant on a third party server or broadband connections for access or availability of your data.
6. Does not send your data over the internet to a server for storage but incident information can be submitted via the internet from retailers if this option is required. This information is not retained on the internet and thus remains more secure within your own domain.
7. Can be used to send encrypted documents (reports and images) via email. This ensures your security whilst giving you the benefit of electronic transfer of information, limited by you, if that is beneficial to your scheme.
8. Currently used by successful partnerships all over the country.
9. Provides excellent audit and management features, together with easy to use functionality.
10. Will analyse data and present it in a "User Friendly" form, not only tracking but predicting the activities of offenders and highlighting 'Hotspot Areas' in your town. This allows the Crime Reduction Partnership to be extremely efficient by being pro-active in helping to reduce crime.
11. Offers a live helpline which not only provides user and technical support but advice on many issues concerned with running a Crime Reduction Scheme.
12. Exceptionally user friendly, frequently updated and over many years, has adopted many beneficial ideas of Crime Reduction Schemes across the country.
13. Allows data to be securely shared with other ACIS user via the 'ACIS Export system'. For this facility ACIS employs strong encryption which prevents hacking should you require sending it over the internet.
14. Contains a fully integrated Radio Management System which will record serial numbers, date acquired; costs, rented or purchased, allocation, dial codes or call signs, programmed channels, current radio status, repairs, accessories, incidents involving misuse of a radio and a powerful search facility to provide you with the answers you need.
15. ACIS offers at least four FREE training sessions every year to its users.

I am confident that many of you have already seen for yourselves that ACIS provides reliability, security, ease of use and stands up well against other software systems. If any of you have any doubts whatsoever, please give me a ring and I will be more than happy to discuss them with you.