

West Midlands Newsletter

Title - West Midlands Regional CSSC Launch

Monday 29th October 2018 saw the launch of the West Midlands Regional CSSC hub. The launch event was hosted by Severn Trent Water at their Coventry HQ where the regional hub has been operating from since July 2018. Elaine Taylor, Security and Resilience Business lead heads up the team who are now responsible for receiving and processing new CSSC membership applications and circulating messages to the regional network of private businesses and local authority partners. Since July the West Midlands Regional hub have amassed 122 members and currently has 12 Industry Sector Leads.

The CSSC launch event was well attended by members of the West Midlands Regional CSSC network. Presentations were delivered by ACC Gary Cann, WMCTU ACC for Security and Regional Organised Crime Unit, DCI Anthony Bennett, Deputy Regional Protect and prepare Lead at WMCTU, Inspector Hinesh MEHTA at ROCU, Barrie Millett from The Wesleyan and Graham Tucker from the CSSC.

Barrie Millett, Head of Operational Resilience at The Wesleyan in Birmingham has been selected by CSSC CEO Don Randall to lead the Regional CSSC board as chair person. The board, met for the first time of Friday 26th October and already includes an impressive array of Industry Sector leads from Jaguar Land Rover, Price Waterhouse Cooper, Aspers, Tracktik and GreyHare Media. Barrie and the team's role is to increase the membership and productivity of the West Midlands Regional CSSC network. The board members intend to hold a range of Breakfast and Dinner events across the region aimed at attracting sponsorship and membership of the CSSC network.

If you know of any businesses that would benefit from CSSC membership, please send them the link below.

<https://www.thecssc.com/contact-us-2/>

Other news

This week National Counter Terrorism Policing launched a new aide memoire at the Euro Bus Expo which was held at the NEC in Birmingham, offering bus and other heavy vehicle companies advice on how they can help prevent terror attacks. The move follows a recent collaboration between Counter Terrorism Policing and football clubs which saw handy advice cards issued to stadium staff and stewards.

The version for HGV operators details how they can help identify and report suspicious behaviour, and what actions to take if there is an attack. The emphasis throughout is for drivers and other workers not to put themselves at risk.

While there is no specific intelligence to suggest bus or other companies are a target, attacks in Europe have seen vehicles hired or hijacked and then driven into pedestrians. In Nice a lorry, and in Barcelona a van, were driven into members of the public resulting in many fatalities and serious injuries.

Upcoming events

On 3rd December 2018 The Wesleyan are hosting the Pre-Christmas Regional CT PROTECT event. Between 1pm and 5pm business leaders will be invited to hear from guest speakers and network after the event. Guest speakers will include Chief Supt Nick Aldworth, National Protect and Prepare Lead, Regional Organised Crime Unit, NACTSO delivering a presentation on SCan for business, Adam Morris from Debenhams, Ian PUGH from Intu and Graham Williams from Hammerson. We have some great speakers the event is entirely free for businesses to attend. As there will only be 90 places, we expect it to fill up fast. Registration details will be circulated soon.....

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