

Scottish Environment Protection Agency

WASTE CRIME TEAM

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Waste Crime Team – A Pilot

- Established February 2014
 - Was 1 UM + 9 staff
 - Tackle 2-3 major investigations
 - Complex investigations
 - Governance Group oversight
 - Serious and Serial offenders
 - Scottish Govt Let Our Communities Flourish Strategy
- Deter
 - Detect
 - Divert
 - Disrupt

New Enforcement Tool



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Operation Greyhound



What have we Delivered?

- 9 Major Investigations
- Joint working with Science, Legal and Operations
- 20,000+ tonnes of waste removed
- 4 Companies ceased operating



Operation Dalmatian



- 158 Actions
- 85 Witness Statements
- 163 Productions Seized
- Fingerprint and DNA
- Suspect ID photo Books
- 1 Company + 5 Individuals reported to PF, incl. Section 110 offences of hindrance

Partnership Working/Innovation

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Police Authority – DNA and Fingerprint examination – items left at scene.
- DVSA/VOSA – Transport Enablers
- HMRC – PAYE and Tax Credit issues
- Environment Agency – cross border aspect
- NIEA – Ferry terminals
- EPA Ireland
- An Garda Síochána
- Dublin City Council
- Scottish Prison Service - interviews
- Local Authority – CCTV to monitor Sect 59

Waste Crime – SEPA’s Response

- Procurement Guidance
- Life Smart
- Landfill Tax – Revenue Scotland
- Intelligence Development Officers
- Financial Investigators

Procurement Guidance

- Joint work between SEPA and Zero Waste Scotland
- Best Practice and Guidance compiled
- Aimed at protecting Public Sector Waste contracts from criminal exploitation.

EU Life Smart

- Pan European partnership approach
- Between key bodies involved in addressing waste crime
- Build intervention measures to tackle the drivers for waste crime
- Key Principles - Innovation and Collaboration
- Design of real time problem solving platform
- Allows collaborative analysis and assessment of waste crime issues
- Provides practical tools for investigators

Summary

- Approach is changing
- More collaboration - More innovation
- More proactive - Less reactive
- Tackling Issues at source



Questions?