

## **BSIA statement**

### **Reference: CHANGES TO ACPO SECURITY SYSTEMS POLICY**

At the ACPO/Industry Liaison meeting held on the 24th October, ACPO proposed a number of changes to the ACPO Security Systems Policy. After consultation with the industry ACPO has agreed that there will be no change to the ACPO Policy until 2008.

One of the ACPO proposals put forward was the requirement that once a PA lost police response it would require 'intervention' (e.g. call-back, audio, visual or visual with audio) to be used before the PA could regain police response. All members should be aware that ACPO have stated that this requirement will come into effect on the 1st April 2008.

We have requested that ACPO amend Appendix T and add the relevant wording to cover 'intervention', including a clear set of instructions to ARC operators if the intervention chosen is call-back. This set of instructions covers a number of scenarios e.g. 'if the call is not answered that the ARC operator is to police the call'.

The ACPO police group is meeting in January to consider all the points raised by the industry on the proposed changes to the ACPO Policy.

I will disseminate the revised policy as soon as we receive it in the new year. At this stage the implementation date for the revised policy is not known.

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