

Handheld Mobile Information Solution

New Home Office figures show that only 1 in 58 police officers is out on patrol at any given time. This is despite a record number of police officers now employed in England and Wales. According to officers, the findings highlight the impact of government performance requirements – with nearly 20% of the day being spent on paperwork.

It is clear that changes need to be made in order to get the officers back on patrol – and this can be done by alleviating the administrative burden by using electronic notebooks and mobile technology.

APD's proven police mobile data solutions remove the paperwork burden from officers, allowing them back on the beat.

Keeping your Officers on the Street

POLARIS PDA is a complete and secure software system designed specifically for UK policing, capturing information on handheld computers at the scene of an incident, replacing the traditional police notebook and a multitude of forms with a compact electronic equivalent.

Using real-time connectivity, officers can use POLARIS PDA to carry out real-time checks on individuals and vehicles, complete witness statements, issue traffic tickets and make vehicle accident reports.



Officers using the notebook have no requirement to return to the station to complete paperwork – virtual paperwork is transferred from an officer's handheld device to the force back office systems. Information captured while on patrol, such as details of RTCs or stop and searches, traffic stops and tickets can be printed at the scene using a small Bluetooth enabled printer.

The solution can be used over a variety of secure networks including TETRA, 3G and GPRS, ensuring that it fits seamlessly with existing force technology.

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What POLARIS PDA Offers

POLARIS PDA provides you with a structured set of pre-defined forms (such as Person Stop, Vehicular Accident, HORT1, Vehicle Defect). These have been developed using our structured forms editor designer tool to meet the precise needs of your Force processes whilst ensuring compliance with NPIA and Home Office guidelines. The designer tool is available for use within the Force, so that forms can be maintained and new forms added locally.

POLARIS PDA's suite of mobile data applications includes live, remote access to national and force-wide systems such as the Police National Computer, the Voter's Register, Command and Control system, Mapping, Intelligence databases such as Niche and to the Force Intranet. Text messages can be sent securely between officers and secure access to email can be provided.



How POLARIS PDA Can Help Your Force

A number of key issues are resolved using POLARIS PDA:

Police officers spend too much time doing paperwork

Using POLARIS PDA, officers can complete forms and other official paperwork at the scene with no need to type up or re-key data back at the Station, saving time and reducing scope for errors to be introduced. Because data input can be checked as it is entered, there is an immediate and worthwhile improvement in the quality of data captured. Data is transferred to the force in-house systems and is available for other officers to use immediately.

Senior officers are required to provide greater police visibility

As officers no longer have to return to the station to complete paperwork, this means that there are now more officers patrolling the streets. And not only is the paperwork burden substantially decreased for officers but administration staff at the station are also freed up to carry out other tasks. Studies have concluded that each officer using the electronic notebook saves at least one hour per shift and that each officer is 35% LESS likely to return to the station to complete paperwork.

Police officers are required to produce more and better quality intelligence

With POLARIS PDA, officers are not only submitting more intelligence reports but also providing information of greater quality. This means that the force has better local intelligence, which leads to improved community policing. The public's and officers' perception is that a more professional service is being provided.

Police officers and administration staff have to re-key information into a number of disparate systems

As information is now sent directly to the force in-house system, there is no longer a need to have data re-keyed, preventing time from being wasted and inaccurate data entry. Studies have shown the percentage of traffic tickets returned to officers because of inaccuracies has been reduced from 20% to zero.

Officers require instant information about people and vehicles

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