

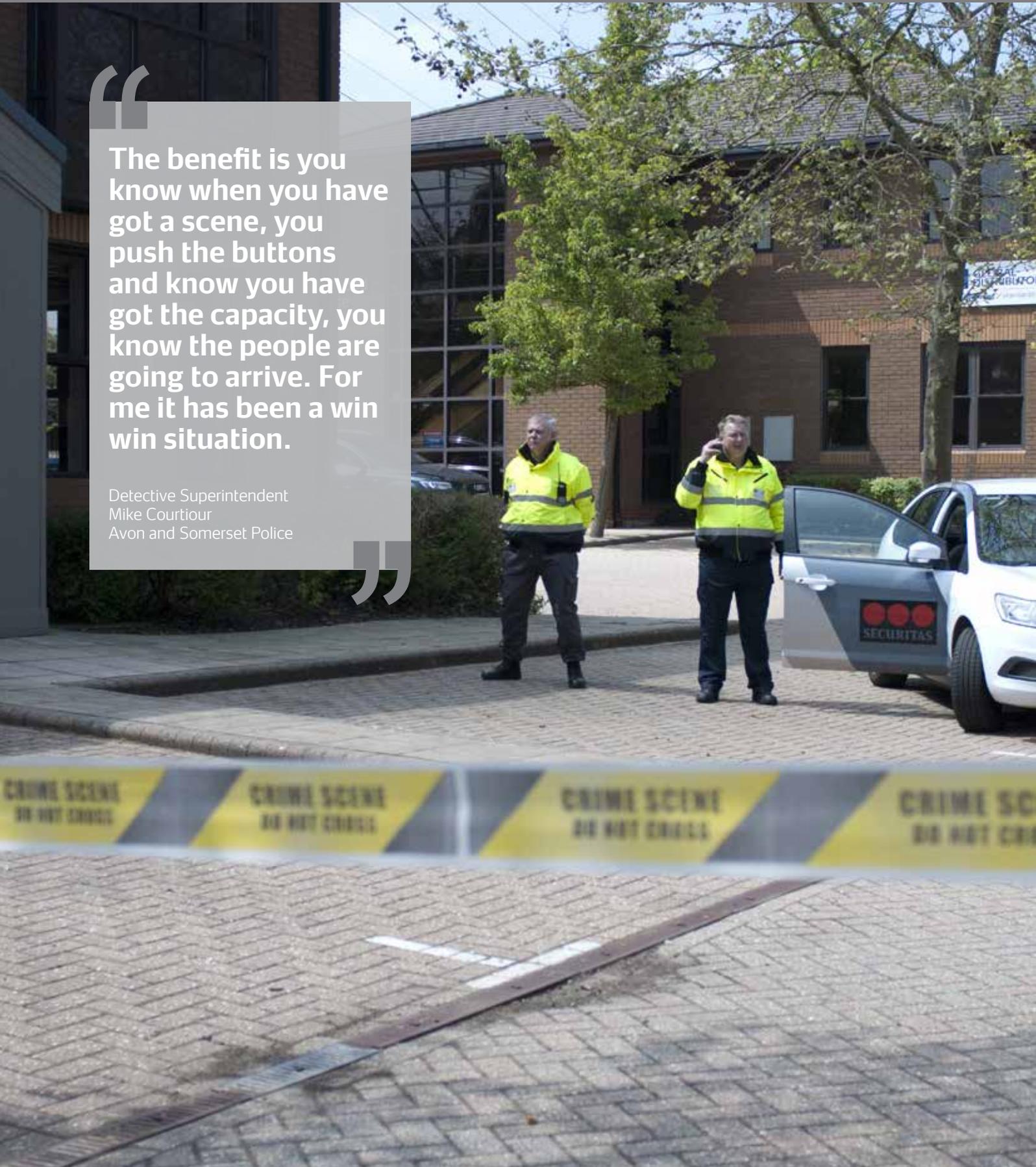
Case study | Working with the Police Force



Avon and Somerset/Devon and Cornwall Constabularies

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Securitas has worked alongside the Avon and Somerset and Devon and Cornwall constabularies since 2008.

The background

The overall objective is to release Police Officers and Police staff back into front line duties and avoid the need for tying up these valuable resources guarding major crime scenes.

Detective Superintendent Mike Courtiour of the Avon and Somerset Police explains, "There is an appetite for non police core responsibilities to be performed by non police warranted staff".

The service

Securitas provide Officers to guard crime scenes. The work is carried out on behalf of the Major Crime Investigation Units (MCIU) of Avon and Somerset and Devon and Cornwall constabularies where a serious crime has been committed; crime scenes have related to offences including homicide, rape and major drugs raids.

The flexibility of the team is key to its success. Securitas responds immediately when called upon and is capable of manning a crime scene within four hours of police notification and therefore allowing officers to return to front line activity.

Efficiency is ensured through compliance with Police process. Securitas and the constabularies work together to ensure training is relevant and appropriate. Securitas liaise directly with the MCIU's (Major Crime Investigation Units).

Securitas Officers who provide Crime Scene Guarding are vetted to Police standards and receive extensive training prior to deployment. The actual training takes over 2 days and is delivered by CID and crime scene experts. The Scene Guard Training programme covers many areas including: force structure, crime scene management, use of scene logs, dealing with the general public, media training as well as intelligence and information reporting.

The benefit of an available Police Officer on the front line is the biggest benefit Securitas provide which can prove to be invaluable.

Results

Working together with the two constabularies since 2008 has proved to be a great success. Detective Superintendent Mike Courtiour has been impressed with the results "The benefit is you know when you have got a scene, you push the buttons and know you have got the capacity, you know the people are going to arrive. For me it has been a win win situation".



The level of trust between the parties has grown and the Securitas team has been involved with many major incidents including the major road incident on the M5 in November 2011, one of the worst on British roads in the last 20 years. The future of this partnership should see a further development of the role Securitas play in supporting the Police forces across the country. Whatever the role Securitas take on it will serve to achieve the agreed objective. Securitas continue to support the Police force in ensuring that Police Officers valuable time and efforts are spent and used to the maximum benefit of our communities.