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NEWSLETTER

THE PEOPLE BEHIND PROTECTION

Every day Metropolitan Security Services protects businesses, people and property through professionalism, vigilance and exceptional customer service.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ★ **SHAUN MILNER** — August 2026

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Recognising our officers

- ✓ Three years with Metropolitan Security Services
- ✓ Over fifteen years industry experience
- ✓ Recognised for professionalism, reliability and exceptional client service
- ✓ An invaluable member of our team and our client's operation.

“Professionalism isn't simply wearing a uniform — it's earning trust every day.”

Thank you, Shaun, for your outstanding contribution.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS' DAY 24 JULY 2026

We proudly celebrated International Security Officers' Day — recognising the dedication, professionalism and integrity of every Security Officer who protects our communities, 24/7.



Thank you to every member of the Metropolitan family. Your commitment makes a real difference every single day.



PROFESSIONAL SECURITY IS MORE THAN A UNIFORM.



PREVENT
INCIDENTS



PROTECT
PEOPLE



MANAGE
ACCESS



RESPOND
PROFESSIONALLY



SUPPORT EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES



REPRESENT
YOUR BUSINESS

UK CRIME STATISTICS — VERIFIED SOURCES

6.7M

crimes recorded by police in
England & Wales (2023/24)
ONS Crime in England & Wales, Oct 2024

50%

increase in shoplifting offences
recorded since 2021/22
ONS Retail Crime Data, 2024

60%

of burglaries target commercial
premises during out-of-hours
Home Office Crime Statistics, 2024

Professional security is not a cost — it is an investment in continuity.

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SHOPLIFTING REACHES RECORD HIGH

ONS REPORT – 2024

The Office for National Statistics recorded over 430,000 shoplifting offences in England and Wales in 2023/24 – the highest level since records began in 2003. Retailers across the UK are facing unprecedented pressure from organised retail crime, with losses running into billions of pounds annually.

– ONS Crime in England & Wales, October 2024

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR BUSINESS:

Visible security presence and professionally trained SIA officers remain the most effective deterrent against retail theft and organised crime gangs.



Security Industry Authority

SIA LICENSING UPDATE

HOME OFFICE – 2024

The Security Industry Authority has confirmed that all front-line security operatives must renew their SIA licences every three years. Businesses hiring security contractors should always verify licence status before deployment. Metropolitan Security Services operates a strict zero-tolerance policy on unlicensed operatives – every officer is fully SIA licensed and vetted.

– Security Industry Authority, gov.uk

VERIFY YOUR PROVIDER:

Check any officer licence free at www.sia.homeoffice.gov.uk



FIRE SAFETY – KNOW YOUR DUTY

REGULATORY REFORM ORDER 2005

Under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, every employer in England and Wales has a legal duty to carry out a fire risk assessment, appoint a responsible person, and ensure adequate fire marshal provision. Failure to comply can result in prosecution, unlimited fines and imprisonment. Professional fire marshal services ensure your business stays compliant and your people stay safe.

– Fire Safety legislation, gov.uk

IS YOUR BUSINESS COMPLIANT?

Ask us about our Professional Fire Marshal Services today.

TEST YOUR SECURITY KNOWLEDGE – MONTHLY QUIZ

Answer all five questions correctly for a chance to **WIN £50!**

1. What does SIA stand for?

- A Security Intelligence Agency
- B Security Industry Authority
- C Safety Inspection Authority
- D Secure Identification Agency

2. How often must SIA licences be renewed?

- A Every year
- B Every two years
- C Every three years
- D Every five years

3. What legislation governs fire safety in UK workplaces?

- A Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- B Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order 2005
- C Fire Precautions Act 1971
- D Building Regulations 2010

4. Which organisation issues SIA licences in the UK?

- A The Home Office
- B The Police
- C The Security Industry Authority
- D The HSE

5. What is the minimum age to hold an SIA licence?

- A 16
- B 18
- C 21
- D 25

Submit your answers to pat@metropolitansecurity.com by 25th August 2026. Winner announced in the September edition. Good luck!

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430,000+

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ONS Crime in England & Wales, Oct 2024

6.7M

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ONS Crime in England & Wales, Oct 2024

Don't wait for an incident. Prevent it.

THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM

To every Security Officer, Supervisor, Mobile Patrol Officer, Control Room Operator and member of our Support Teams – thank you for your professionalism, dedication and commitment.

*You are the strength behind everything we do.
Together, we keep people safe.*



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