

*Welcome to our first ezine of 2015. In this issue we announce the appointment of our new CEO and the publication of our Regulatory Impact Analysis on Private Investigators.*

## **APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., has appointed Paul Scallan as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Private Security Authority (PSA). Paul succeeds Geraldine Larkin, the PSA's first Chief Executive, who joined the Irish Greyhound Board as Chief Executive last year.

Paul has over 30 years experience in the Public Sector having previously worked in a number of Government Departments including the Department of Social Protection and the Revenue Commissioners. For the past 7 years he has been head of the PSA's Contractor Division.

As CEO, Paul will be driving the PSA's Strategic Plan with the aim of completing our regulatory mandate in all sectors.

## **REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS ON THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS PUBLISHED**

A Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) on the licensing of the Private Investigator sector has been published. The RIA sets out the options available for the licensing of Private Investigators and offers private investigators, industry stakeholders, interested parties and the public an opportunity to comment on the document.

The RIA is part of the development process for the licensing of the sector. Our aim is to develop a standard which will support the licensing regime and will be relevant to the environment in which Private Investigators operate. The PSA will announce a timeframe for the licensing of the Private Investigator sector when this process concludes.

A copy of the document is available from our website, [www.psa.gov.ie](http://www.psa.gov.ie). Closing date for receipt of comments is the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

## **UPDATE ON LICENSING OF CCTV MONITORING AND EVENT SECURITY SECTORS**

The licensing of the CCTV Monitoring and Event Security sectors became mandatory on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014. By the end of the year the PSA had issued 21 CCTV Monitoring licences, 27 Door Supervisor (Event Security) licences and 31 Security Guard (Event Security) licences.

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## CCTV INSTALLER PROSECUTED

Daniel Szczesny trading as DCS (Daniel Cabling Systems) of Main Street, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon was prosecuted for installing a CCTV security system without a licence. At a sitting of Castlerea District Court in October, Judge Geoffrey Browne imposed a fine of €1,000 on Mr.Szczesny together with costs of €1,537.50.

Mr. Szczesny pleaded guilty to installing a CCTV security system at McGourty's Bar, Castlerea in August 2013. The Court heard that Mr. Szczesny had previously been warned by a PSA Inspector not to carry out the installation of CCTV systems and that he had undertaken not to do so. Judge Browne regarded it as very serious that he had received this warning and that the offence was committed after this warning had been given.

The prosecution follows ongoing investigations in the area by the PSA inspector. An audit of businesses in the town is currently underway and the PSA Inspector supported by our External Inspectors will be visiting the area again shortly.

## INDIVIDUAL LICENSING STATISTICS

Individual Licences in circulation at the end of each year 2011 to 2014.

Category	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014
Door Supervisor (Licensed Premises)	6,283	5,733	5,331	4,632
Security Guard (Static)	17,599	16,573	17,869	15,639
Door Supervisor and Security Guard	3,978	4,632	5,352	6,360
Cash-in-Transit	0	0	687	1,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,860</b>	<b>26,938</b>	<b>29,239</b>	<b>27,681</b>

### Feedback

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