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**COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION NETWORK (CCN) SUCCESSES IN NORTHERN
CONSTABULARY FORCE AREA**

NORTHERN Constabulary has already seen the benefits of the Community Communication Network (CCN) since its arrival in Inverness late last year.

The Force wholeheartedly embraced the concept and almost immediately began making use of its ability to get crucial community safety messages out to the public of Inverness and Tain (where there is currently one screen).

We have used the system to promote our anti-drink drive, in car-safety and mobile phone legislation messages through the use of short film clip.

The Emergency Message side of the system has been widely used and so far only one missing person posted on the CCN has not been found from a total of around 10. In fact one young missing person returned home after having seen their image on the CCN screens in the city centre.

One of the most satisfying results thus far was the arrest and charge of a man following a serious assault on a 17-year-old Inverness man. He was hit in the face with a bottle which will leave him permanently disfigured.

The information which led to the arrest came from a member of the public who had seen the appeal on the CCN screens in the city centre. That prompted the witness to look at the picture of the man's injuries which Media Services issued to the local press. The witness was then able to confirm they were at the scene and had witnessed the incident. The witness then contacted Police.

We will continue to use the CCN system on a regular basis as we believe it is an invaluable tool in terms of disseminating important information to the public.

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