

Partners in Crime

BPP Professional Education in partnership with the Crown Prosecution Service (London West) is set to lead the way in the delivery of courtroom skills for the Metropolitan Police Crime Academy.

The BPP/CPS Partnership is due to take over delivery of the Crime Academy's courtroom skills training programme for all detective constables, Inspectors and civilian analysts commencing December 2005. The programme will be a clear example of effective collaboration between the private & public sector, bringing together key individuals and resources.

Detective Chief Superintendent Lovelock, the Head of the Crime Academy said 'I am delighted that, following a competitive tendering process, the Crime Academy has been able to engage the services of BPP and the CPS to deliver courtroom skills training to our students. Courtroom skills are key to a detective's ability to present cogent evidence in criminal cases. The collaboration between BPP and the Crown Prosecution Service makes available to the Crime Academy trainers with first hand knowledge, understanding and expertise from the prosecutors perspective. I am confident this new partnership will ensure this key area of our training is delivered in an informative manner to very high standards'

Adam Pacifico, Director, BPP Professional Development said "the BPP/CPS Partnership utilises a dedicated law enforcement training team, comprising, experienced advocates, trainers and ex-police officers". He went on to say "the focus is to deliver a quality programme of courses which are legally correct, ethically appropriate and educationally sound".

Nazir Afzal O.B.E. Director, CPS London West said, "The Crown Prosecution Service has always recognised the concerns raised by the Court of Appeal. The CPS has been given the primary role with regard to Prosecution Witness Preparation by the Bar Council and this course demonstrates our desire to play a more active role in this aspect of police training. This course builds on the extraordinary quality of the joint training we do in other areas of criminal law. We are fortunate to have BPP working with us, their invaluable experience complements our skills and we are together committed to giving potential witnesses greater familiarity and confidence in the process of giving oral evidence."

BPP were the first to respond to the Court of Appeal Judgment in seeking guidance from the Bar Council's Professional Standards Committee and now in partnership with the CPS they have developed a 'partnership of excellence' which will lead to an improved Criminal Justice System.

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