

## **Operation Dumpster**

### **Dartford Borough Council**

The aim of Operation Dumpster was to tackle large-scale fly-tipping in the north Kent area. This came about, as in excess of £80,000 was being spent on clearing fly-tipped waste in the year 2003/04 in the Dartford Borough Council area.

Operation Dumpster was a multi-agency project using intelligence information, that targeted rogue traders and criminals who make large amounts of money from fly-tipping waste. Partners included Kent Police, the Vehicle Inspectorate, HM Customs and Excise, Dartford Borough Council, the Environment Agency and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The teams were led by the police who were targeting lorries carrying waste in the area. To avoid suspicion, the vehicles used in the operation were generally unmarked police cars.

The operation was very successful, resulting in vehicle seizures, arrests and numerous prohibition notices being served on vehicles that were not roadworthy. Combined with regular publicity, this led to a dramatic reduction in fly-tipping incidents. Due to the success of Operation Dumpster, these exercises are now occurring on a quarterly basis.

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