

An Associate of SafeGuard, Robert (Bob) Cummings had a long and successful career with the Metropolitan police, including 6 years as the operational head of The Flying Squad, before joining Loomis UK as head of loss prevention in 2010. He has been an independent security consultant and expert witness since 2012.



Bob Cummings joined SafeGuard Security in 2016 to provide expert witness and litigation services in the areas of retail (including betting shops), armed robbery, cash and valuables in transit (CVIT), personal injury, loss prevention and Tiger Kidnap.

Bob is a highly skilled investigator and a specialist in the fields of commercial robbery reduction, particularly CVIT robbery, as a result of his extensive experience in both law enforcement and the commercial world.

A detective for 29 years, Bob was posted to the Flying Squad in 1995 and retained twice on promotion both to Detective Inspector and Detective Chief Inspector. He was commended several times following successful investigations, including by His Honour Judge Machin, regarding an organised gang of armed and extremely dangerous robbers, who all received sentences in excess of 22 years - the highest for robbery offences since 'The Great Train Robbers'.

As the senior investigating officer for numerous 'live' kidnap situations, Bob achieved a 100% successful recovery of hostage rate.

Bob was also a key member of the Association of British Bookmakers (ABB/Police Regional Partnership group) and helped spread best practice across the industry

He acted as strategic lead on the 'The SafeBet Alliance', a voluntary code of minimum security standards for the Betting Industry and represented the Metropolitan Police on the Home Office Committee for Betting Shop security.

Following retirement Bob joined Loomis UK, an international cash and valuables in transit company as head of loss prevention where he achieved a 49% reduction in raids (and commensurate reduction in injuries to employees) as well as reducing losses by 42%. He represented the company at key stakeholder meetings including the Home Office CVIT Strategic Steering Group, the British Security Industry Association, The British Retail Consortium CVIT Groups and the National Cash Centre Security Group.

Bob is a member of the Society of Expert Witnesses, an excellent communicator, well versed in court appearances, a skilled presenter including TV, CPR trained and with significant experience of CVIT, Tiger Kidnap and armed robbery and the betting industry.