

# Finland has inside story on sale of police show to US

FINNISH docu-reality format The Night Patrol has been sold to Scott Sternberg productions and Weinberger Media in the US.

The series, now going into its third season, has expanded to 56 episodes on the Jim Channel in Finland.

The Night Patrol tells the story of events that take place during one night shift for a police patrol. The third sea-

son is filmed in nine different cities in Finland. "This is not about clips but about the relationship between the police officers," said Ville Toivonen, Jim channel manager.

"We believe it is one of the few police shows that are not focused on action. We get to know the two members of the patrol, who they are, what they do, hope and wish for, and what they fear," said

Ilkka Hynninen, managing director of Aito Media, creator of the format.

Small World, headed up by Tim Crescenti, is distributing the format internationally.

Scott Sternberg productions and Weinberg Media also bought the US format rights for Aito reality series Before I Die, also created by Aito and distributed by Small World.



Small World's Tim Crescenti (left), Aito Media's Ilkka Hynninen and Jim Channel's Ville Toivonen