



5 December 2011

Essex Police Authority

Report of meeting held on 5 December 2011 (For information)

1. Chief Constable's Report

A full copy of the Chief Constable's Quarterly Report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2011 is contained in our meeting's agenda and further copies are available on our website at www.essex.police.uk/authority

Notable Activities

Dale Farm Eviction

On 19th October 2011, with all legal issues concluded, police commanders made the decision to enter Dale Farm ahead of council appointed contractors, following intelligence which showed anyone entering the site was likely to come up against serious violence and that a breach of the peace would occur. Control of the operation was returned to Basildon Borough Council on 20th October 2011.

A total of 46 people were arrested, 11 officers received minor injuries and 17 non-police personnel required medical assistance.

Metal Theft

In response to the rise in metal theft, we have researched and developed a metal theft guidance document, which has been disseminated to all district commanders and their staff.

Police in Laindon have developed close links with UK Power Networks who have suffered high levels of metal theft from substations and preventative activities have been initiated to reduce the problem.

Essex Police has created an internal website to give operational police officers tactical advice to prevent and detect metal thefts. The Serious Crime Directorate is also developing a strategy for Essex and Kent in close consultation with British Transport Police.

Actions to Reduce Casualties

National Driver Offender Rectification Scheme (NDORS)

The Speed Awareness Course offers education as an alternative to prosecution and focuses upon drivers' mistakes, rather than reckless driving or wilful disregard of the law. Offences are captured on static cameras and the offender pays a fee to attend a four-hour, theory-based course designed for all classes of driver.

Between 1st April and 30th September 2011, a total of 7,890 drivers in Essex have attended the Speed Awareness Course. A further 583 drivers and 123 riders have taken part in Driver Advisory Course.

Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Casualties



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There were eight people killed and 170 seriously injured between 1st July and 30th September 2011. This compares to 14 people killed and 211 seriously injured over the same period in 2010 – a significant 19.5% reduction.

In the financial year to date, 20 people have been killed and 333 seriously injured, a reduction of 22.5% compared to the same period in 2010/11.

There has been a reduction in motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on Essex roads during the quarter which can be clearly linked to the introduction in May 2011 of a new tactic targeting high speed riders on selected routes.

There were 15 serious road traffic casualties between 1st July and 30th September 2011 involving children under 16 years of age.

Operations

Olympic Test Event at Hadleigh Farm

The Hadleigh Farm International Cross Country Mountain Biking Test Event took place on 31st July 2011. This was the first opportunity for mountain bike riders to compete on the newly created Olympic course. The organisers tested key areas such as the transport plan - including a park and ride system, shuttle buses and transport hubs, spectator movements and facilities for spectators, competitors and officials.

The 2012 Planning Team took the opportunity to test plans and key specialist officers were able to shadow the event within an observer programme. A number of debriefs were held; all feedback was positive and planning is on course for 2012.

Notable Court Results

Scott Pearman was sentenced in September at Chelmsford Crown Court to 10 years' imprisonment for conspiracy to supply Class A drugs as part of an organised crime group in Essex. A further trial in relation to the investigation is listed to take place in January 2012.

Six people will stand trial at Chelmsford Crown Court in March 2012 for conspiracy to supply Class A and Class B drugs and money laundering offences.

Eric Athenasou was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for possession with intent to supply half a kilogram of cocaine. A second man was also arrested as part of the investigation for money laundering offences. This resulted in a cash seizure of £67,000. The investigation concerns an organised crime group supplying Class A drugs in Essex.

Chris Bunney of Chelmsford was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Basildon Crown Court for supplying Class A and Class B drugs.

Reform Programme

During the reporting period plans have been developed for the Blueprint (the implementation of a new policing model for Essex in order to meet government savings and targets) Pathfinder pilot which commenced on South Western Division on 7th November 2011. The Pathfinder will test key parts of the 'Blueprint' design, including the Territorial Policing,



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Investigations and Response Commands. Lessons learnt during the Pathfinder pilot will inform our final plans. The Blueprint will be implemented in March 2012.

Essex/Kent Collaboration

Significant progress has been made during this period in the implementation of a converged IT Directorate and single IT applications/services. Consultation has been completed and all staff have been placed and vacancies filled.

Progress has been made by the Police Authorities of Kent, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk towards the introduction of a shared East Coast Information Service (ECIS) Programme.

The SCD Intelligence and Major Crime Departments continue to embed their new working practices and processes, having been operating now for five and six months respectively.

Cllr Anthony Jackson
Chairman of the Authority and the person
appointed by the Police Authority to answer
questions at meetings of the County Council relating
to the discharge of the Authority's functions.

Note:

The Essex Police Authority is an independent governing body whose job it is to support, oversee and constructively challenge the work of Essex Police. It is our responsibility to set strategy, provide funds for policing and oversee performance. We act as a link between the public and the police service, ensuring that anyone who may visit, live or work in Essex receives an efficient and effective police service.

We are a group of 17 local people who hold the police to account, making sure the chief constable delivers a police service which balances both national strategic priorities and the concerns of local people. We appoint the chief constable and other senior officers and check on complaints against the police.

We set the strategic direction of local policing and hold the police budget. We consult with local communities to find out what they want from local policing and set the police council tax to ensure they obtain value for money. We publish an annual plan based on public consultation, setting out services the force should deliver and targets it should achieve.