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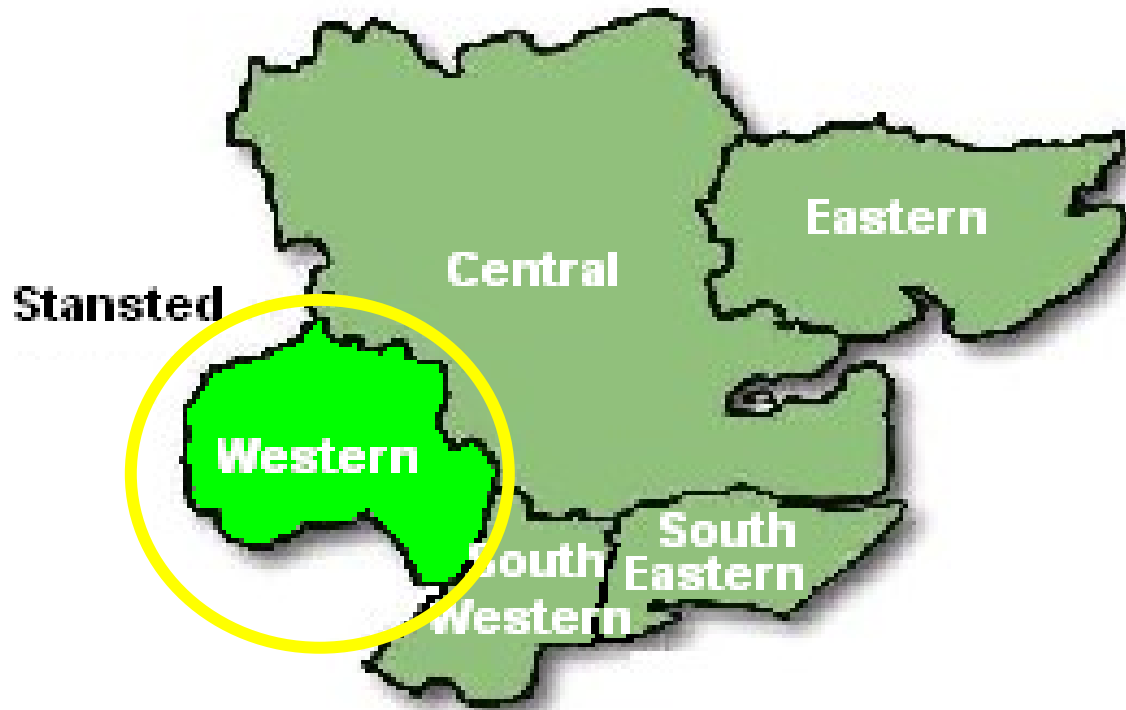
Police Authority Western Division

Chief Superintendent Simon Williams, Western Division will update the Committee on its activity over the last year; how the financial cut backs will affect the service; any cross border work; including priority crimes for each district.

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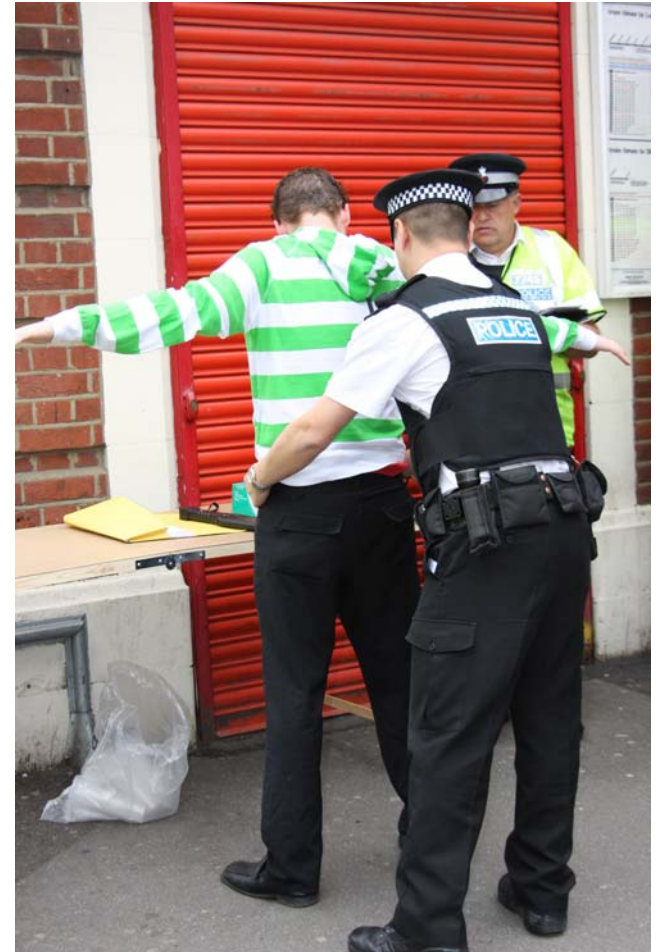
Presentation to West Area Forum
Western Division

Chief Superintendent Williams



2009 – 2010 Performance

- Crime Reduction by 5%
- Crime Detection 33.5%
- Anti Social Behaviour reduced by 6.5%



Priority Crimes 2010

- All crime 395 more than this time last year
- Burglary 142 less
- Robbery 28 more





Operations of Note – Harlow

- 20 Subjects
- 16 Arrests so far
- 5 Charges for Burglary
- 2 Charges for Theft of Vehicle
- 5 Charges of Handling
- 1 Caution for Handling
- 13 TICs for Theft
- 8 Subjects on bail for CPS

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Police make 12 arrests in town swoop

ESSEX Police have issued a strong warning to burglars in Harlow following a major crackdown operation.

A number of arrests were made last Thursday after officers executed warrants at several addresses around the town.

A total of 12 men were arrested on suspicion of burglary, drug offences, handling stolen goods and theft offences. A further three suspects have also since been arrested.

Chief Supt Simon Williams, western divisional commander, has said the operation should serve as a strong warning to people who commit burglary in the town.

He said: "This is a continuing operation in Harlow and we are still locking to arrest people. Something like this makes criminals stop and think 'am I going to be next?'"

"We will continue to pursue those that commit this type of crime and use every tactic to bring those people to justice."

Following months of intensive and covert investigations, the arrest phase of the operation took place in the early hours of last Thursday, involving approximately 70 officers and specialist teams across Essex.

A total of 18 warrants were executed at addresses in The High, The Hides, Pitmansfield, Eury Road, Whitewalls, Churchfields, Wellington Road, Globeanda, Gibb Croft and The Bricks.

A number of suspected stolen items and drugs were seized, including mobile phones, games consoles and laptops, which will hopefully be reunited with owners once the investigation is over.

The operation has focused on burglary due to the impact it has on victims, families and the community in the county.

Det Supt Martin Reed said: "Dwelling burglary can be very traumatic to those affected and Essex Police will do everything possible to bring those committing such offences to justice."

Chief Supt Williams continued: "This is an on-going operation. We want to create a hostile environment for criminals, so keep looking over your shoulder because you could be next."

Anyone who has information relating to burglaries is urged to contact Harlow Police Station on 01992 333 4444 and ask for Det Sgt Reed. Alternatively they can contact Crimostoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

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Students focus on results

TODAY (Thursday) sees the publication of the A-level results. Eight Harlow College students told the Herald about their hopes and aspirations for the future. Turn to page 13

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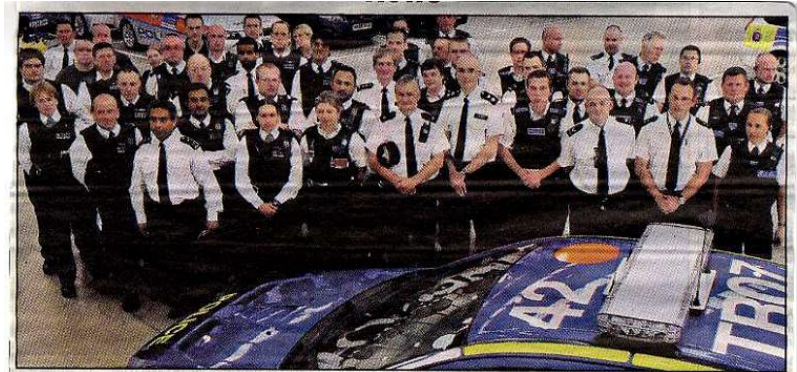
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Operations of Note – Brentwood

- Cross Border Operation
- 55 Vehicles Stopped
- 4 Vehicles seized
- 4 Arrests – Essex Police
- 4 Arrests - Metropolitan Police



PREPARED: Officers gather at Brentwood Police Station before taking part in Operation Rodney with colleagues from the Met

Operation targets London criminals

Joint action with Met brings eight arrests in a night

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EIGHT suspected criminals were arrested during the latest assault on burglars attracted to Brentwood by its affluence. In the first-ever joint operation between Essex Police and the Met, patrols marked the routes in and out of the town on Monday night as they looked out for the most-wanted criminals.

Attracted

Brentwood Borough Commander Chief Insp Keith Dobson said: "Most of the criminals we arrest live in the Met Police area, they are largely attracted by Brentwood's affluence."

"People here tend to have high value cars and that is appealing for the criminals." A rogues gallery of eight prolific offenders was handed to the 50 officers taking part in Operation Rodney, as the exercise was named.

Chief Insp Dobson said: "It hasn't come as a surprise that a number of the Havering criminals are known to Essex Police."



STOPPED: Police speak to a man in Harold Wood

Automatic number plate readers (ANPR) were set up along the A127 and the A12 with interceptor cars positioned along the arterial routes to stop any suspicious vehicles.

Sgt Sam Smith and PC Mike Bignell sat in wait on the bridges over the A12 and, within minutes of taking up position, they were called on to chase a Ford Focus over the border into Havering.

"Later in the evening, we will move to the back roads like Waley Street, Brook Street and Noak Hill Road," said Sgt Smith.

"These are the routes used by burglars who have broken into a house to steal a car and want to get away undetected."

By 9pm, officers had already seized a car and stopped several others but the most dramatic of the night's eight arrests came at 3.45am when a van was stopped after arousing suspicion.

The driver, from Ilford, reversed into the police car, ramming the bonnet, and then ran off across fields.

Teams from both forces searched for the man and the

Operation Rodney

- Essex Police made four arrests for offences, including theft and failing to stop.
- All four suspects were from the east London area.
- They carried out 20 stop searches in their hunt for weapons and drugs and 55 vehicles were stopped.
- Two fixed-penalty notices were issued for motoring offences and one car was seized because the driver was not insured.
- The Met made four arrests for drug possession, driving while disqualified and possession of an offensive weapon.
- They issued four cannabis warnings and seized four vehicles for no insurance.

Met's helicopter was scrambled to help hunt him down.

He was eventually caught and arrested on suspicion of failing to stop, dangerous driving and theft of a vehicle.

Operations of Note – Epping

- Cross Border
- Travelling Criminal
- Stop and Search
- Technical Support
- Impact on Robbery



