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## Essex Police Authority

### Report of meeting held on 19 March 2012 (For information)

#### 1. Chief Constable's Report

A full copy of the Chief Constable's Quarterly Report for the period 3<sup>1st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 is contained in our meeting's agenda and further copies are available on our website at [www.essex.police.uk/authority](http://www.essex.police.uk/authority)

#### Notable Activities

##### Dale Farm Eviction

Following the Operation at Dale Farm in Basildon in October 2011, a total of 46 people were arrested. The majority of prosecutions remain live pending trial.

Residents of the former Dale Farm Travellers Site have either left the locality, relocated to the adjacent, lawful Oak Lane Site or taken up residence on the approach road to Dale Farm which is not the subject of an injunction.

The Community Policing Team continues to patrol Dale Farm, Oak Lane and surrounding Crays Hill areas on a daily basis.

##### Operation Pumpkin

Operation Pumpkin was launched to cover the period from 30th October to 6th November, drawing on best practice and expertise developed over previous years to police the Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

Districts were invited to bid for additional resources co-ordinated through HQ Territorial Policing, giving District Commanders the support needed to identify and deter known offenders and maximise the effective deployment of officers.

This highly successful operation saw a reduction of 520 in the number of incidents recorded over the same period in the previous year – 190 fewer crimes and 330 fewer anti-social behaviour incidents.

##### Operation Mistletoe

Operation Mistletoe was led by Operational Policing Command (OPC) and ran from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012. Divisions were supported by OPC, the Special Constabulary and officers from HQ based posts to ensure that celebrations over the festive season remained peaceful and safe. No significant events or issues were reported.

#### Actions to Reduce Casualties

##### National Christmas Drink Drive Campaign 2011

The 2011 National Drink Drive Campaign took place between 1st December 2011 and 1st January 2012. A total of 3,893 drivers were stopped of whom 115 (2.95%) failed or refused to take the test.



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Publicity focused on the co-operation of the public and local communities in providing Essex Police with information on known drink-drivers and encouraged people to provide intelligence through Crime Stoppers. During the 2010 / 2011 campaign a total of 5,279 drivers were tested.

#### Operation Nash

Operation Nash, a multi-agency road safety operation focusing upon education, enforcement and engagement, was conducted on Canvey Island on 7th December 2011. Working alongside Essex Police were Essex County Council Road Safety, the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA), HM Revenue & Customs and Essex County Council Trading Standards.

A total of 176 drivers were dealt with at the roadside for a variety of traffic offences and a total of ten vehicles seized for no vehicle insurance. One male, identified as the result of an ANPR hit, was arrested for outstanding non- payment of fines. A large number of vehicles were stopped as a result of crime-related intelligence and a total of 413 vehicles and persons were checked on the Police National Computer during the operation.

#### National Driver Offender Rectification Scheme (NDORS)

The National Driver Offender Rectification Scheme (NDORS) sets out nationally recognised courses designed to improve the behaviour and skills of drivers and riders found to have committed certain road traffic offences. Essex joined the scheme on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

There are three strands to the NDORS scheme: (1) Speed Awareness, (2) Driver Advisory Course and (3) RIDE, which is designed specifically for motorcyclists. These courses are provided by Essex County Council at centres throughout the county.

| <b>Courses completed - 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012</b> |        |
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| <b>National Speed Awareness</b>   | 10,579 |
| <b>RIDE</b>   | 143    |
| <b>National Driver Advisory course</b>  | 843    |

#### Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Casualties

Between 1st October and 31st December 2011, five people were killed and 183 seriously injured on the roads. This compares to ten people killed and 175 seriously injured over the same period in 2010.

In the financial year to date, 27 people have been killed and 524 seriously injured. This represents a reduction of 13.2% compared to the same period in 2010/11 when 41 people were killed and 594 seriously injured.

There were 18 serious road traffic accidents between 1st October and 31st December 2011 involving children aged 0-15. This compares with 14 serious road traffic accidents in the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

There was one child fatality between 1st October and 31st December 2011.

#### Notable Court Results



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Six men have been sentenced to a total of 19.5 years imprisonment in connection with the discovery of a cannabis factory in South Woodham Ferrers in December 2010, where a man was found dead. The men admitted charges of conspiracy to burgle and conspiracy to supply cannabis. Two further arrests have been made and these cases will appear before the court in April.

Two men aged 39 and 23 appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court on 22nd November 2011 charged with the murder of 45-year-old Christopher Ryan in Southend. The men have been additionally charged with burglary and robbery after Mr. Ryan's body was found in his flat in Coleman Street.

As a result of a day of action by the Serious Crime Directorate on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 21 people have been convicted of a total of 76 Class A drugs offences in Clacton and Colchester and have been sentenced to a total of 58 years imprisonment. This was a test purchase operation, with 120 test purchases being made by undercover officers and £5000 worth of class A drugs being seized.

### **Essex/Kent Collaboration**

The force is leading the largest ever multi-force IT project - Project Athena – which, from 2012, will bring together the IT systems for crime management, intelligence and defendant management in eleven forces (the six Eastern Region forces, plus Kent, the City of London, the British Transport Police, Northamptonshire and Sussex Forces). Planning is now underway to ensure that the product goes live within Essex in November 2012 with Kent taking the application approximately four months later.

Essex is now working collaboratively with Kent in the areas of Major Crime, Intelligence and Serious and Organised Crime, including Serious Economic Crime. Joint covert support departments have been operating since February 2012.

Since the formation of the Serious Crime Directorate in September 2010 there has been a significant increase in funds generated from proceeds of crime, with £3.7m and £3.1 generated respectively in 2010/11 and 2011/12, compared to £1.3m in 2009/10 in Essex alone.

*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



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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.