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**Waltham Forest Borough
CSB 25th June 2008.**

Briefing

PERFORMANCE

Waltham Borough Police have been set some challenging targets this year.

Gun crime - 5%

Knife offences - 5.7%

Youth Violence - 5.2%

Serious Acquisitive Crime - 3.7%

Residential Burglary - 1%

Robbery - 0.8%

Theft of Vehicle - 6.9%

Theft from Vehicle - 5.2%

Sanctioned Detections

Previous to 1st April 2008 sanction detection targets were set as below.

	01/04/2005 - 31/03/06	01/04/06 - 31/03/07	01/04/07 - 31/03/08
Target Set	None Set	20%	24%
Target Achieved	16.44%	20.55%	24.97%

As can be seen this was non-specific across the range of crime types, thus for 2008 – 2009 financial year the crime types were specified and each given individual targets (in brackets): -

Tier ONE				Tier TWO					Tier THREE
Murder	GBH (38%)	Rape (41%)	Sex Ass (32%)	Robbery (17%)	Burg.Res (16%)	ABH	TDA (8%)	Theft from (8%)	Other (30%)

The targets for this FYTD set by the MPS are for individual crime types, which will present a more detailed picture of how and what the Borough is achieving by way of sanction detections. This prevents one crime type from dominating the total target and showing a disproportionate success.

The targets set will be very taxing in certain areas such as Robbery, Burglary Residential and Vehicle Crime, which will require maximum effort by the Borough. But in areas such as Murder, GBH, Rape, Sexual assault and Other the Borough stand a good chance of performing well, taking into account previous years detection rates. The target 'Other' is all those crime types not already included. No MPS or Borough target has been set for Murder or ABH.

The Borough has achieved the following so far: -

	Tier ONE				Tier TWO					Tier THREE
DATE	Murder	GBH(38%)	Rape(41%)	Sex Ass.(32%)	Robbery(17%)	Burg.Res(16%)	ABH	TDA(8%)	Theft from(8%)	Other(30%)
April'08	200%	47.37%	33.33%	7.69%	11.11%	5.65%	32.12%	4.00%	0.00%	27.14%
May'08	0.00%	53.85%	0.00%	15.38%	5.71%	7.11%	21.93%	5.66%	1.24%	28.41%
June'08	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	58.33%	24.39%	3.77%	32.79%	17.65%	1.01%	38.19%
	66.67%	67.07%	11.11%	27.13%	13.74%	5.51%	28.95%	9.10%	0.75%	31.25%

Performance

The data below has been extracted from the Performance Information Bureau (PIB) statistics. The information relates to figures from the beginning of the 08/09 financial year and 1st June 2008.

Residential Burglary (target is -1%)

The SD rate is shown as 6.4%. JC's SD target is 16%

JC has responded to this increase in Burglary offences and released a press statement.

All Robbery (target is -0.8%).

Currently we are achieving +7.0% reduction rate and an 8.8% SD rate. Target set for SD's is 17%.

However, significant improvements have been made in achieving this reduction rate.

Gun Enabled Crime (target is - 5%) currently we are - 38.9%

Knife Crime (target is - 5.7%) currently we are - 9.5%

Youth Violence (target is - 5.2%) currently we are - 24.1%

Theft of MV (target - 6.9%) currently we are - 20%

Theft from MV (target is- 5.2%) currently we are - 13.8%

PREVENT

The UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy – CONTEST – has 4 strands.

- 1. Prepare - Civil contingencies etc;**
- 2. Protect - Target harden businesses against attack;**
- 3. Pursue - Criminal investigation;**
- 4. Prevent - Countering the terrorist catalyst, by changing attitudes.**

The PREVENT strategy makes reference to 7 fundamental objectives.

- 1. Undermine extremist ideology;**
- 2. Disrupt those who promote violent extremism;**
- 3. Support individuals who are vulnerable to recruitment by violent extremists;**
- 4. Increase the resilience of communities;**
- 5. Effectively address grievances;**
- 6. Developing intelligence, analysis and evaluation;**
- 7. Strategic communications.**

Implementation

The 'PREVENT Strategy & Delivery Plan' is a partnership process between police and the local authority (LBWF), with additional partners being engaged where necessary to achieve specific tasks or targets. The tasks refer to the 7 objectives and have leads, performance indicators, timescales and available resources. Many of the tasks do not need specialist training; rather the use of common sense policing and everyday communication skills. The ultimate aim is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism by engaging and winning support from all communities, partners and agencies.

Waltham Forest Borough Police have implemented PREVENT with the following police leads;

- SMT
- CT Focus Desk - Rainbow coordinator, CTIOs
- Police partnerships - SNT / Schools officers / Faith officer
- Channel Project
- Community Engagement Team (CET) – liaison, reassurance and intelligence gathering

Current BOCU based projects include the Kickz Project, Met Track and working with the Active Change Foundation (ACF) in an attempt to remove vulnerability and reduce risk to both individuals and the entire community.

Using government funding to target Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE), LBWF implemented a 'Young Muslim Leaders' course in two local mosques and a study into the diversity of the Muslim communities in Waltham Forest.

A delegation from the HMIC/Audit Commission spent 4 days on WF Borough - two days with Waltham Forest (WF) Borough police (17 - 18th June) and two days with WF Council (19 - 20th June)- they looked at multiple sector working and evidence that the WF partnership is a successful example of good working practice and joint leadership to meet the expectations of the 'Prevent' Counter-Terrorist Strategy. The exercise was informal and intermixed with site visits and relaxed conversations with a diverse cross-section of individuals.

The HMIC/Audit Commission delegation have already visited a number of local authorities and police Boroughs and will be compiling a comprehensive report on their findings and recommendations in the summer/autumn 2008. A rolling program of full HMIC/Audit Commission inspections is anticipated to commence in autumn/winter 2008.

Summary

The BOCU is actively engaged in implementing **PREVENT** and is working closely with the local authority, partners, agencies and communities to provide tailored methods to counter the terrorist's

National Launch

NB This success has led to Waltham Forest being chosen for the launch of the National PREVENT strategy. It was recognised that due to our innovation and good working practices coupled with our forward thinking procedures that we would be an excellent choice for the launch site. The launch was on 3rd June 2008 and was attended by Jacqui Smith MP, Hazel Blears MP and Ed Balls MP.

BLUNT 2

Op Blunt is being run in the MPS to tackle the issue of Knife Enabled Crime (KEC) and serious youth violence.

Op Blunt has been set up to reduce the risk of incidence of serious youth violence
To safeguard young people at risk and/or in fear of serious violence

Local Borough and Central units - TSG / Dog Section / Traffic resources will be tasked in an approach involving teams of officers available for daily deployments equipped with search arches / search wands and will use s.60 Stop and Search Authorisations proactively in designated areas.

Search Arch deployments continue to offer significant deterrent for weapon carriage and public reassurance.

Positive feedback is being received in most cases, including from young people. We have asked that the Police Independent Advisory group and the Stop and Search Group to monitor this operation especially around proportionality.

A recent analytical profile of Knife Enabled Crime on the Borough of Waltham Forest showed that :-

A knife is most often used to enable another crime, most commonly robbery.

The single biggest category of suspects for knife enabled crime is black male, in the 16-20 year age range.

Next most prevalent category is black males in the under 16 years age category.

The following are areas identified as priority locations for Op Blunt 2:

- High St/St James St
- Bakers Arms
- Leytonstone Tube
- Cann Hall Estate
- High Road Leyton

These are our historic robbery hotspots

Operation Started 19/05/08

(Figures supplied are from 19.5.08 until 10.6.08)

Date: 20/05-10/06/2008		Borough:JC	
		Totals	
No. of Blunt 2 Deployments		6	
No.knife arch deployments		1	
No. Section 60 Authorisations		6	
No. of Knives recovered		5	
No. of Weapons recovered		3	
No. of Weapon Sweeps		0	
No. of Knives recovered (sweeps)		0	
No. of Weapons recovered (sweeps)		0	
Stop / Search / Account		0	
No. of Stop/Search (s1 PACE 1984)		395	
No. of Stop/Account (s1 PACE 1984)		449	
No. of Stop/Search (s60 CJPA 1994)		26	
No. of Arrests from use of s60 CJPA 1994		0	
No. of Arrests from use of s1 PACE 1984		2	
Arrests (weapon possession)		0	
Off Weapon (Knife)		9	
Off. Weapon (Other)		6	
Points / Blades		1	
Knife-enabled crime		4	
Case Disposal		0	
No. Charges - Off Weapon (Knife)		4	
No. Charges - Off Weap. (Other)		3	
Other disposals (Knives, weapons, pts./blades)		0	

My priorities remain-

- ❖ Knife crime
- ❖ Youth crime
- ❖ Robbery
- ❖ Burglary; and of course
- ❖ Terrorism

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