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Briefing

In this report I have covered updates on Performance, Critical Incidents and good police work. Here are the main issues:

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 2nd November 2008.

Gun Enabled Crime -29.7% (target is - 5%)

Knife Crime -11.9% (target is - 5.7%)

Youth Violence -25.4% (target is - 5.2%)

Serious Acquisitive Crime:

Residential Burglary is up by 22.8%, compared to the same period last year, but there has been a fall in the number of offences and this decrease has remained fairly stable.

The SD rate is 17.7%. (target is 16%)

There has been a 0% increase in robbery, year on year. The SD rate is currently at **9.7%**. Target set for SD's is 17%.

Theft of MV -19.7% (target - 6.9%)

Theft from MV -7.6% (target is- 5.2%)

Domestic Violence:

DV Offences +24.5%

DV SD Rate 43.9% (target is 43%)

DV Arrest Rate 73.8% (target is 67%)

Hate Crime:

Racist Offences +25.8%

Racist SD rate 40.5%

Homophobic Offences 0%

Good News

Command Team

- From 1 December 2008:
- Detective Superintendent Sue Williams will lead Operations and Citizen Focus
- Superintendent Adrian Hutchinson will lead on CID matters

Senior Management Team

- Vicky Mead, Communication and Press Relations Officer, joins the Borough on 17 November 2008
- Sophie Deakin joined the Borough as our Higher Analyst on 27 October 2008

Safer Neighbourhoods (SN)

- Endlebury Team stopped two vehicles while patrolling their ward and in Lea Court car park on The Ridgeway E4. This led to 3 arrests for possession with intent to supply, cannabis and money laundering. They were found in possession of a large holdall containing three 1' x 6' blocks of vacuum packed herbal cannabis and £1050 in cash.
- High Street Safer Neighbourhood Team have managed to obtain an interim order on a street gambler. The full hearing is on 22 December 2008. This ASBO bans this individual from both the E17 and E10 postal areas. This was possible because of last minute work put in by High Street Ward, Karen Sambook, Leyton Street Crime Wardens and Leyton SNT.

Youth Issues

- Phase 1 of school expansion now complete. All 9 priority schools now have a dedicated schools officer. Also have two additional officers covering and engaged in alternative education and Pupil Referral Units (PRU).
- Safer Schools Partnership (SSP) coordinated partnership activity during Inside Justice Week (20 - 26th October). Involved crime prevention/personal safety inputs. Took 12 young people from Davis PRU to experience a virtual arrest, custody processes and then took part in a mock court case led by Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) at Waltham Forest Magistrates Court. Pupils from Lammas School took an active part in a problem solving survey of their school and environs, photographing areas that they considered made them feel unsafe and identifying areas for environmental improvement. Operation Payback attended the area this week for two days moving litter bins, trimming hedges and removing graffiti in accordance with the young people's assessment.
- Met Track - Child A was referred into the police-run athletics scheme as part of his community service following a recent conviction. He was required to help coaching staff run the session by taking a register, getting out the athletics equipment and tidying the site at conclusion. Child A developed an interest in athletics as a result and participated in the sessions following completion of his community service. Coaches identified real athletic potential as a talented and gifted sportsman and he has recently won a Pan London Met

Track award, which he received, from the Commissioner at NSY recently. His attendance and behavior at school have improved significantly according to both the School and his guardians and he is engaged in sports coaching training.

Operation Blunt 2 (3, 4, 5)

Over the past month we have ran Moonraker and Narnia, from 27 October to 9 November, under Blunt with the following results:

- Operation Moonraker (Halloween and Firework Patrols) **seventy (70)** arrests, **thirty one (31)** formal warning re cannabis, **five hundred and two (502)** Stop & Search
- Operation Narnia – (Halloween and Firework Patrols) – **ninety (90)** arrests, **thirty one (31)** formal warning re cannabis, **one thousand, three hundred and ninety seven (1,397)** stops, **nine (9)** knives seized, a knuckle duster and a length of 4 x 2 wood.

All **twenty (20)** of those arrested or issued a formal warning are known for violence, robbery or burglary.

Critical Incidents

St Mary's Church

Police were called at 0802 on 30 September by a member of the public reporting a deceased female lying on a bench in the cemetery of St Mary's Church, Church Lane, E17. Officers and LAS attended the location. A female believed to be in her mid 50's was found lying on a bench. It was unclear as to her cause of death. The matter was being dealt with by the Serious Crime Directorate and a person has been charged with murder against the deceased.

Male with serious injury

Police received multiple calls in relation to a disturbance with a male with a weapon on Monday 20 October 2008. Upon arrival a male fitting the description identified himself to police. During the course of the incident the male collapsed and was given emergency life support by officers and was then conveyed to Whipps Cross Hospital. He died on 23 October 2008.

Independent Police Complaints Commission are investigating.

Death of serving police officer

On 27 October 2008 Police Constable Dawn Matthews died at her home address. Investigations are being carried out by Dagenham Police. The funeral was on Friday 14 November 2008 and attended by over 70 officers.

Major Injury to serving police officer

Police Constable Sharon Kaur was assaulted by member of public and has suffered extensive injuries to her knee. Her doctor has told her that she will be unable to return to full duty until at least a year. A female has been charged with Grievous Bodily Harm.

Thank you

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