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Speyside Area Forum
Meeting on Tuesday 8 January 2013

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Between 24 October 2012 and 7 January 2013 there has been a relatively low level of crime in the Speyside area and some reported incidents have, after enquiry, proven to be non criminal matters.

Detections for the crimes reported have been positive and have been recorded against assaults, theft, breach of the peace, threats and vandalisms. There have been a number of detections also for domestic incidents, which have seen a slight rise over the festive period. One person throughout this period has been reported for wasting Police time.

Road Traffic offences have also been focused upon and have resulted in a number of persons being reported for poor or dangerous driving incidents as well as several for no insurance. There have been a significant amount of breath tests carried out over the period and positively no detections for drink or drug driving have been found.

Continuing enquiries are focused on the theft of trailers from the Marypark area over the festive period. Enquiries also continue into a possible incident of wildlife crime where criminality or not has yet to be established. There have been a number of reported housebreakings and enquiries into these are also ongoing. An incident of fireraising was reported in November when toilet roll was set alight with the public toilet in Aberlour. This however, remains undetected at present.

There have been several successful "Operation Avons" held in the area in 2012 aimed at tackling under age drinking and antisocial behaviour. Funding has been secured to enable this to continue in 2013 where similar patrols will be planned for the Speyside area, hopefully to coincide with any juvenile or youth events.

There have been a number of incidents across the Moray area with regard to thefts of trailers / plant equipment, some of particularly high value in the Elgin area. Members of the public are requested to pay attention to the security around trailers or small plant equipment, which without property deterrent, can be easily removed by thieves. Heating oil can also be a target at this time of year with tanks being full or near capacity. Northern Police have reported similar incidents of thefts of trailers and heating oil in the Boat of Garton area. It may be that these incidents along with the Grampian ones, are linked.

2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No matters raised from previous meeting.

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL PRIORITIES

The latest quarterly report has been produced and is available on the Grampian Police website.

<http://www.grampian.police.uk>

follow the links for Moray, Local Policing Area and Forres / Speyside.

4. ONGOING LOCAL/ FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

HOUSE/PROPERTY SECURITY

Owners and occupiers of rural property should remain on their guard for any suspicious vehicles or persons in or around their premises. Be alert to the chance of thefts and given the onset of winter, the potential for fuel oil and diesel thefts.

Moray Local Policing Officers are keen to see householders and businesses following some simple advice to reduce the opportunity for criminals and also increase the opportunities for Police Officers to apprehend those responsible. Simple steps that can be taken are available on the Grampian Police website.

TELEPHONE SCAMS AND COLD CALLING

Members of the public should be wary of persons offering 'too good to be true' cash windfalls, competitions won, computer fixes etc, over the phone or on the door step, especially where bank details are requested for release of funds. Generally, these details should never be passed to anyone in these circumstances. If at all dubious ask for contact details, company name etc and research the caller fully before making any decision on proceeding. Research can easily be carried out on the internet where people who have attempted similar scams have been detected in the past and have had their modus operandi exposed. Similarly companies can easily be researched by contacting your local Trading Standards Office.

POLICE REFORM and ONE DIVISION

Work continues to progress towards a National Police Service with a changeover date being 1st April 2013. There is much to be discussed and resolved as yet but essentially in the short term, there will be no change to the way in which the Local Policing Teams

operate and how we provide a service to the local area. Moray Division will however combine with Aberdeenshire to form one Division under the new structure.

TOMINTOUL OFFICE

It is hoped that work will commence shortly on new Police accommodation at Tomintoul, more information should be available for the next forum.