



Speyside Area Forum

Tuesday 07 October, 2014

7.30 pm at Mortlach Hall, Dufftown

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Reported crime between 25 July 2014 and 5 October 2014 has shown a decrease compared to that reported in the previous Forum brief, even taking into account this period is shorter than the previous one.

There have been 40 offences reported, 23 of which are currently detected, which is a slight increase in the detection rate, compared with the last period. This again makes for a positive ratio.

Crimes committed against the person (including Domestic incidents)

13 such crimes were reported in the area during the review period with 9 having been detected. Of the outstanding crimes further enquiry is to be made. 5 were domestic incidents.

Crimes of dishonesty

10 such crimes were reported in the area during the review period, with 2 being detected.

Rural properties, domestic and commercial, remain a target for

travelling and local, opportunist and organised thieves with metal, tools and diesel continuing to feature prominently upon stolen property lists.

Community residents are asked to be vigilant with regard to this and should they see anything suspicious to contact the Police Scotland Service Centre by telephoning 101.

Road traffic offending

11 such crimes relating to careless driving, drink driving and speeding were reported during the review period with 8 having been detected.

Anti Social Behaviour

5 such crimes were reported during the review period with 3 having been detected. Further enquiry is being made with the others.

Licensed Premises checks are a routine part of the duties of the Community Policing Team Officers and will continue to be so.

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

None raised.

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None raised

4. ONGOING LOCAL / FORCE-WIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Tomintoul Police Office

Tomintoul Police Office is now well established and has been greatly received within the local community there. PC Andy Main

is the officer allocated the Tomintoul post and as part of his weekly duties has conducted several local surgeries.

Operation RAC was initiated in response to an increase in housebreaking across Scotland. Target areas of the country were pinpointed in Edinburgh, Forth Valley, the Lothians and Scottish Borders, Fife, Highlands and Islands, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Aberdeen City and Lanarkshire.

Extra resources and support were provided with the aim of tracking down those responsible and bringing them to justice. Since 1 April, Police Scotland has provided dedicated resources to communities to tackle violence, sexual assaults and domestic abuse and encourage reporting.

As part of Operation RAC, dedicated policing teams have been created to exclusively investigate housebreakings within homes, outbuildings and businesses and to apprehend the individuals responsible. Throughout the operation, Police Scotland has been working closely with COPFS to ensure housebreakers are being appropriately dealt with and removed from communities where possible.

The Local Policing Campaign continues which sees Police Scotland Corporate Communications, combine with Local Divisional Commanders to produce local media information's and

points of interest specific to the area. This will see concentrated activity for a number of weeks on national radio and in the social media, with the focus of highlighting the local community policing teams and their work within the community.

Operation Cedar (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) A new traffic campaign to reduce the number of road collisions in Aberdeenshire and Moray has been launched in a bid to highlight to drivers the known risks that can contribute to serious and fatal collisions.

This operation mainly focuses on reducing the number of fatal road traffic collisions on our roads, which have shown an increase over the past 12 months.

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 time of year, the potential for fuel oil and diesel thefts.

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 Police Scotland website.

POLICE REFORM

Police Scotland is now well established since the change in April 2013, incorporating all of the previous 8 Scottish Forces.

Effectively, this means very little change at a local level for members of the public and you will continue to receive a local service from the same officers that previously policed your area. These officers will continue to provide a service engineered towards 'keeping people safe' and incorporating fairness, respect and integrity into their everyday tasks.

For further information on Police Scotland and services and assistance that can be expected, please click on the below link

which will lead you to the new Police Scotland website.
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/forces-welcome>

CONTACT POLICE SCOTLAND

101 Non-Emergency Number

For all non-emergencies and general enquiries, 101 is the number you call if you need to contact your local police. You can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened, seek crime prevention advice or make us aware of any policing issues in your local area.

Using 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency.

Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or speech-impaired callers can contact us via TextRelay on 1 800 1 101.

Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.

International callers and those in the UK residing outside of Scotland should call either +44 1786 289 070 (International callers) or 01786 289 070 to contact Police Scotland.

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