

## Central Operations examples of good work and operational success

Operational Command Unit	Activity	Outcomes
<p><b>Central Operations Combined Operation</b></p>	<p><b>Operation Argon/Neon</b>            Three series ran in Sep, Oct/Nov and Dec/Jan (Argon) and totalled 60 operations targeting gun crime in and around London's nightclubs. The operation was a partnership between a number of units, including Trident, Clubs and Vice, Specialist Firearms, Met Intelligence Bureau, the TSG, Traffic and Dogs. 15% of all London shootings occur in and around bars and clubs; Operation Argon aims to directly combat this. These yielded:</p> <p><b>TOCU joint operation – working together</b>            An operation, targeting crime on the trains, tram and bus route ran in Lewisham, Lambeth, Croydon and Southwark boroughs. Officers from Transport OCU, British Transport Police &amp; Transport for London worked together to disrupt the robbers, drug dealers and aggressive beggars who work on one of London's busiest transport routes.</p> <p>Officers carried out highly visible and mobile patrols, working with search dogs and using hand-held scanners and airport style metal detection arches to catch offenders.</p> <p><b>New Years Eve 2007/08</b>            An impressive 700,000 people lined London's streets to see in a magnificent start to 2008. Thanks to the professionalism and patience of our police</p>	<p>904 vehicles identified with possible links to firearms (349), gangs (113), drugs (211). Of these 336 stopped, 274 searched, resulting in 102 arrests, 39 other process, 18 vehicles seized, 23 property seizures, mainly drugs but also seven firearms. Arrests were for offences including: possession of firearms and other weapons, drug dealing, weapons and violence, theft of motor vehicle, etc.</p> <p>The fourth stage of this operation resulted in 314 arrests for offences such as robbery, theft, ticket fraud, fare evasion, drug dealing, aggressive begging and anti-social behaviour and disorder.</p>

	<p>officers and staff, this spectacular event went ahead safely for all communities and visitors to London.</p> <p>Crowd figures were the largest seen to date, creating a challenging policing environment. The main viewing areas along the embankment filled up much earlier this year, causing crowd pressures in different places than we have seen in previous years. These crowds were managed in a professional efficient, considerate and tireless manner.</p>	
<p><b>CO3 Emergency Preparedness</b></p>	<p>On 10 March 2008, the MPS (Central Operations) is sponsoring a seminar. CO3, with London Resilience Partners, are organising this seminar, which is aimed at Category 1 and 2 Responders at Gold level. The morning will consist of national and international speakers; the afternoon will consist of workshops covering a range of Emergency Procedure issues. Sponsorship is being sought from related private companies who will exhibit in the foyer.</p>	
<p><b>CO6 Diplomatic Protection Group</b></p>	<p>Police Staff Security Officers from the Diplomatic Protection Group (CO6) who manage security in the visitor search pod, goods yard and car park area at New Scotland Yard and at Downing Street, have attained a professional qualification in Security Guarding. The Level 2 qualification is recognised by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) and includes training in conflict management and professional standards. To follow this up the Security Officers are also undertaking the NVQ in Providing Security Services, which is a work-based portfolio in conjunction with CO6 Training &amp; Professional</p>	
<p><b>CO11 Public Order and Operational Support</b></p>	<p><b>Mounted Branch</b>  On Friday 21 December, serving police horse Ypres was honoured with the highly esteemed 2007 Veteran Horse Society Achievement Award. The award is for services as a police horse and will be given to Ypres and his rider Police Constable Jon Allan at London Olympia's Horse of the Year Show.</p> <p>An impressive 16.1hh black Irish draft cross Thorough Bred gelding, Ypres joined the police service at four-years-old and is now 16-years-old. A loyal member of the MPS mounted branch, he has served as an operational police horse in London for more than 12 years, working on many prestigious events. He is now mentoring and escorting young horses that have recently joined the Service and are in training.</p> <p>Ypres' career in public service has seen him rub shoulders with both the public at many momentous events including; the Buckingham Palace Guard change, Trooping of the Colour and escorting the procession at the royal funerals of both Princess Diana and the Queen Mother. An exceptionally experienced horse</p>	

	<p>in public order situations, Ypres has been deployed at the Notting Hill Carnival, May Day demonstrations, as well as carrying out duties at numerous sporting and community events. He has been on duty at all the major football stadia in the capital, including the old Wembley stadium.</p> <p><b>CO11 Dog Support Unit</b>  On 27 November 2007, night duty Tango Zero attended an address in Lewisham at approx. 00.20hrs following a request for a firearms recovery dog. Information had been received that a firearm had been taken to the address following a robbery. Local CID was on scene and had already searched the house but due to poor light, they wanted a dog to search the garden. The house was searched by a dog with a negative result. The dog was put to search the garden and indicated to the base of an old fridge freezer in the corner of the garden surrounded by various junk. In the compartment at the base of the freezer, which housed the motor, a blue plastic carrier bag was seen pushed to the back. Upon recovery of this bag, it was seen to contain a handgun, which was further wrapped in another blue plastic carrier bag. Trojan Unit called to prove the weapon and found it to be loaded with eight rounds. Four persons at the address were arrested as a result of this find by the dog.</p> <p>On 12 December 2007, narcotics dog handler was called out to attend a flat in SE1. The flat had already been searched by officers for several hours but CID later requested for a search dog to look for more possible evidence. Police dog commenced a systematic search and indicated between two chests of drawers. On closer examination a hidden plastic carrier bag full of cash was recovered approximately £ 20,000+. The dog then indicated on a suit amongst clothes that were wrapped in a suit carrier. The dog scratched at it and pulled it down and then indicated on the inside pocket. Inside was a further £2,000 in cash.</p> <p><b>CO11 Air Support Unit</b>  <b>Op Hargood</b> the aircraft acted as forward observation posts, directing strategically placed resources to where they could be effectively utilised, thus reducing the number of officers required to police the event, leading to reduced abstraction on BOCU".</p>	
<b>CO12 Olympics</b>	<p>Community engagement officers from the Olympic Security Directorate (OSD) were on hand when the Olympic Park opened up to the public for the first time on September 15th.</p> <p>The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) gave 2,000 local people a chance to see the area with a guided tour of the 2012 Olympic Park. Amongst those present for the tour were Olympic Gold Medallist Daley Thompson and Paralympian Ade Adepitan.</p> <p>In partnership with the ODA, Inspector 'Olympic Strand' and a Police Constable from CO12 attended the event, demonstrating to local communities the MPS's commitment and involvement in the Games at this early stage. The team were on hand to provide information and reassurance and feed any wider concerns to the Olympic Park Neighbourhood Team.</p>	
<b>CO14 Clubs and Vice</b>	A male who fraudulently gained entry to at least 35 national casinos to make money through	During a search of his home address, pay slips were found in the name of some of his

	<p>cheating has been sentenced to 14 months imprisonment at Southwark Crown Court. Detectives from the CO14 Gaming Unit arrested the offender on 27th September 2007 and he pleaded guilty to ten counts of obtaining pecuniary advantage from 1998 to 2006 through fraudulently gaining entry to the clubs. He asked for 25 other offences to be taken into consideration by the judge.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>Three men have been sentenced at Southwark Crown Court to a total of 27 years in prison for their role in supplying Class A drugs at a city pub. The pub was used as a front to deal drugs largely to members of the banking and insurance industry.</p> <p>All three were arrested on 6 November 2007 by the Clubs and Vice Unit in the culmination of a 20-month long intelligence led operation - codenamed Telon.</p> <p>In the upstairs bar, run as a members only bar with clientele known only to the three men, in excess of £20,000 worth of cocaine was being dealt a week. Police believe the trio went to great lengths to secure access to the upstairs.</p> <p>On the 6 November 2007, officers from the Territorial Support Group (TSG) raided the premises and all three were arrested there.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>Officers from the MPS Clubs and Vice Unit arrested a 29-year-old Lithuanian woman suspected of running an escort agency advertised on the internet. The woman was arrested at the agency's headquarters in Brent, on suspicion of controlling prostitution and money - laundering as part of Operation</p>	<p>false identities. Also recovered was a large quantity of casino colour chips that he used in some of his fraudulent activity.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>Searches found a black leather pouch containing £1,550 in cash (nearly ten times the bar's takings) and sixty bags of cocaine with a street value of £3,000.</p> <p>A detailed search of the rest of the building recovered a briefcase containing over £17,000 in banknotes.</p> <p>The homes of all three men were searched on that same day and banknotes to value of £4,700 of were found hidden at one address and in excess of £8,000 in banknotes was found at another.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>All the addresses were searched and over £90,000 in cash was seized from four addresses. Police are currently speaking to 12 female victims who worked for the agency whose website advertises the services of women, providing a service from 11 am to 3 am.</p> <p>The arrests were part of the national Pentameter 2 operation, launched at the beginning of October, which aims to rescue and protect victims of trafficking and to identify, disrupt and arrest those involved in criminal activity</p> <p>≈</p>
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	<p>Repollo.</p> <p>Meanwhile police raided 11 addresses across London thought to be have been used by the agency as brothels. Two further arrests were made - a 24-year-old Albanian man on suspicion of money laundering and a 33-year-old man, also Albanian, on suspicion of immigration offences.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>Following a recent tip-off, officers from CO14 Clubs and Vice Unit carried out a raid on a brothel premises in Lordship Lane, Tottenham. The raid uncovered a 17-year-old Romanian girl being exploited as a prostitute, who was removed into a place of safety under police protection. Also at the premises were two further Romanian girls and two Lithuanian girls all of whom were over 18-years-old.</p> <p>The raid was part of operation Pentameter 2, which aims to rescue and protect victims of trafficking and to identify, disrupt, arrest and bring to justice those involved in criminal activity. Pentameter 2 is an ACPO led, national, multi-agency operation, involving a wide range of stakeholders.</p>	<p>A 38-year-old Turkish woman was found to be managing the premises and immediately arrested. A search of her home address found over £5,000 in cash that was seized under POCA, and a quantity of class A and C drugs. The woman has been charged with four counts, including controlling prostitution for gain, money laundering and possession of cocaine and cannabis. A 46-year-old Romanian man was also arrested for facilitating child prostitution during the raid and has been bailed pending further enquiries.</p>
<p><b>CO15 Traffic OCU</b></p>	<p>In October 2007, the Metropolitan Police launched Operation Reclaim which gave all officers the power to seize uninsured vehicles, and those being driven other than in accordance with a licence.</p> <p>The initiative is currently being run in five London boroughs (Hammersmith &amp; Fulham, Ealing, Lewisham, Hillingdon and Brent), and has resulted in 5,476 vehicles being seized</p> <p>The MPS crackdown on uninsured drivers continued on Monday 7 January with 40 vehicles being seized in north London during an eight-hour operation.</p> <p>Eight men were also arrested for offences ranging from taking and driving away to possession of an offensive weapon.</p> <p>From January to the end of November last year, the MPS Traffic Unit seized nearly 13,000 uninsured vehicles. Although traffic officers conducted these operations, now the tactic is being rolled out further throughout the Service and is being used by the Territorial Support Group and borough officers.</p> <p>During the operation, officers used Automatic Number Plate</p>	

	<p>Recognition to identify and stop vehicles suspected of being uninsured. Drivers who could not prove they had insurance had their vehicles seized and taken to the pound by transporter vehicles.</p> <p>These drivers face a six-point penalty on their licence, a £120 fine and the cost of recovering their vehicle from the pound. If they do not retrieve their vehicle within seven days, it will be crushed or sold on.</p>	
<p><b>CO17 Transport OCU</b></p>	<p>TOCU'S Congestion Team has been awarded an MPS 'Commendation for Environmental Efficiency' for a scheme that reduced congestion and improved traffic flow.</p> <p>The environmental impact of vehicles in London is significant. Recent analysis shows that motor vehicle usage in London accounts for 22% of the city's CO2 emissions.</p> <p>The team worked with Transport for London to design and implement a pilot scheme to reduce congestion across the Strategic Road Network. This involved identifying congestion causing incidents, removing obstructions and attending accidents, breakdowns and enforcement contraventions.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>Operation Erica ran over the peak Christmas period and involved implementing a range of tactics to tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour and disorder on buses and night buses.</p> <p>The five-week initiative took place across the capital to provide increased public reassurance, and to focus on anti-social behaviour, theft and robbery, and criminal damage. TOCU officers and Traffic Police Community Support Officers boarded daytime, early evening and night buses across the network in southeast, southwest, northeast and northwest London.</p> <p>Transport for London Revenue Protection Officers are supporting the initiative by carrying out numerous static and mobile</p>	<p>The scheme ran from September 2006 to March this year, with the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27% reduction in duration of incidents across the NE road network.</li> <li>• Substantial reductions in carbon emissions.</li> <li>• Reducing fuel costs by replacing some fleet cars &amp; vans with motorcycles.</li> <li>• Reduction in delays to motorists.</li> <li>• Improved bus scheduling.</li> </ul> <p>Approval for the MPS wide roll out of this traffic management service has been given.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>368 arrests were made for a range of offences.</p> <p>≈</p>

	<p>inspections to check for fare evasion and ensure passengers have paid the correct fare for their journey. Penalty fares and notices of potential prosecution will be issued on the spot.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>TOCU's bus criminal damage investigation team, Operation BusTag, has achieved a landmark 2,400 arrests for criminal damage to London's buses since its formation in November 2004. Since BusTag's inception, the BusTag team has tripled its arrest rate of offenders of bus criminal damage, which takes the form of graffiti, window etching, seat and window damage, and arson.</p> <p>Also in February 2007, Operation BusTag was awarded first prize in The Annual Problem Solving Award and in December 2007 Operation BusTag received a CrimeStoppers Award for police officers who have shown initiative and dedication when acting on information received from CrimeStoppers that leads to an arrest or conviction.</p> <p>≈</p> <p>The Dip Squad arrested three eastern European female dippers, all of whom were very well known for pickpocket offences. They were arrested while the officers were on routine patrol.</p> <p>The Dip Squad also was responsible for the arrest of two female pickpockets. Both were found guilty and were given custodial sentences of 4 and six months each.</p>	<p>≈</p> <p>The following property was recovered from them at the time of arrest: a Samsung digital camera, a Motorola mobile phone, an iPod, £1200 cash - found in under garments of suspect, £370 cash, a white gold diamond and sapphire ring and another mobile phone. Other than the last item, all the other property has been traced to the relevant victims and restored to them.</p>
<p><b>CO18 Aviation Security</b></p>	<p>Throughout the year and against a backdrop of the significant challenges posed by the ongoing terrorist threat, CO18 has ensured a robust and cogent response to these and other events. At the same time maintaining activity across each of it's three objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counter terrorism protective security</li> <li>• Crime reduction</li> <li>• Reassurance and citizen focus</li> </ul> <p><b>Counter terrorism protective security</b></p> <p>As part of CO18's protective security activity, we have undertaken 20,600 stop and accounts to date, a rise of 29% compared to the same period last year. 28% of these stops are under terrorism legislation and CO18</p>	

provides 9% of all MPS S44 stops. Despite the number of stop and accounts, only two complaints were received.

CO18 has completed 54,120 off airport security patrols averaging 6013 per month to promote the security of arriving and departing aircraft.

### **Crime reduction**

- Total notifiable offences are down 13% compared to the same period in 2006.
- CO18 has achieved a 24.01% sanctioned detection rate against the required MPS Target 24%. In December 2007, CO18 had the highest SD rate in the MPS at 35.95%.
- Motor vehicle crime is down 20% compared to 2006/07.
- Baggage crime is down 39.5% compared to the same period last year. Over a 3-year period this represents an average of 2.88 bag crimes per 100,000 passengers.

This downward crime trend is not being replicated at other UK airports and is due to targeted intelligence led overt and covert policing. The following are examples of our ongoing activity:

### **Operation Northcote/Southcote**

This operation targets airside criminality. Since its inception, this operation has resulted in the arrest of 47 persons who have been in possession of airside passes. 24 have been charged and 13 cautioned, the remainder being on bail. This is significant as airlines are now prepared to share information with police where they previously did not want to disclose due to commercial sensitivities. Thousands of pounds worth of property has been recovered and suspects are subject of a financial investigation.

### **Financial Investigation Unit**

The Financial Investigation Unit has seized £1.29 million to date. They deal with cash seizures, confiscations and money laundering investigations. Operation Manette involves joint working with customs and the SO15 Counter Terrorism Command to seize cash believed to be the proceeds of crime or used to fund terrorism.

### **Crime Squad**

In Nov - Dec the crime squad officers arrested 24 prisoners. Ten were as a result of Operation Kingswood deployments, which covertly targets baggage crime. These arrests involve surveillance to identify bag thieves operating on airport, some of whom are professional teams who operate at major European airports and central London hotels.

### **Reassurance and citizen focus**

In June 2007, five Safer Airport Teams were launched covering Terminals 1,2,3,4 and cargo, which follow the Safer Neighbourhood Team model.

Since their inception, the teams have met with incredible support from the terminal community including, managers, faith leaders, unions and many others. They have welcomed the increase in visible patrolling and ownership of their own policing teams. The effect of the teams are not limited to just the citizen focus strand of



	<p>the OCU's objectives. They have also made significant contributions to the safer environment and crime reduction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>T1 SAT</b> has been working on a problem of 'abusive passengers'. Through targeted patrolling, and staff education, they have managed to reduce the number of calls received by 43%, and the number of reported crimes by 50%.</li> <li>• <b>T2 SAT</b> initially worked in relation to terrorism, achieving over 200 stop and accounts in September. They are now working on 'rough sleepers' and have managed to refer 106 rough sleepers to travel-care for social help.</li> <li>• <b>T3 SAT</b> worked on an SMT priority of motor-vehicle crime. Over the five month period of their work there was a total overall reduction of 29% in the number of offences reported in their area, with the final success being no offences at all recorded in the terminal area for the whole of November.</li> <li>• <b>T4 SAT</b> has also worked on abusive passengers. They have given presentations to BA and KLM staff. Working with BAA and the unions 40 additional warning posters have been displayed at critical locations within the terminal. This has resulted in a reduction from an average of over 10 calls a month to police, to just three in December.</li> <li>• <b>Cargo SAT</b> has followed a community priority in relation to theft. They actively promote the Air Industry Minimum Security Standard Inspections to raise the standard of cargo security. In September 2007, they co-hosted a seminar for the senior industry managers, which was attended by over 100 delegates. They have now taken an SMT priority in relation to mishandled firearms and the implementation of the 2006 Violent Crime Reduction Act. This has resulted in the team preventing over ¾ tonne of weapons from entering the UK and they also made the first seizures in the UK under the new act.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CO19 Specialist Firearms</b></p>	<p>A series of incidents in Brent recently led to SCD8 Trident calling on the assistance of CO19 units. A key target has now been arrested who was in possession of a kilo of cocaine, ammunition and a bulletproof vest.</p> <p>Trident deals with all gun crime within the black communities and therefore the majority of the people that they deal with will possess firearms. They rely on having the resources available to deal with any incident, along with being able to protect themselves. CO19 Specialist Firearms regularly support the officers from SCD8, enabling them to carry out their role safely and successfully.</p> <p><b>CO19 assists barking Flying Squad</b>  Nine people have been arrested and two live firearms recovered following an armed operation, code named Hilltop, by Barking Flying Squad and supported by CO19.</p> <p>On 22 November, a man committed a robbery at the Debenhams store in Romford. Officers from the Flying Squad, supported by CO19 and SCD1, arrested the man whilst he attempted to leave the store. The man was found to be in the possession of approximately £50,000 in cash and a loaded semi-automatic handgun, which was fitted with a silencer.</p> <p>Officers then attended two addresses in Walthamstow, which led to the arrest of three men, and the recovery of a loaded gun from one of the addresses. One of the men was also arrested in connection with a murder, which occurred in Essex. Subsequently five other</p>

	<p>people have been arrested for conspiracy to rob.</p>
<p><b>CO20 TSG</b></p>	<p>On 6 December, Phil Hope MP, Minister for the Third Sector, visited the Second Wave Centre for Youth Arts in Deptford. Young volunteers from Second Wave have been working with officers from TSG4, based at Catford, and Lewisham Borough officers to challenge negative stereotypes and create safer neighbourhoods.</p> <p>The independent charity 'v', set up to champion youth volunteering and supported by the government, was so impressed with this work that they chose Second Wave as one of a handful of organisations to host a visit from the Minister.</p> <p>The involvement of TSG (4) in youth-led workshops at Second Wave has been highly valued by both young people and the police. The project has made significant achievements in connecting with community groups like the Somali &amp; Somaliland Lewisham Youth Project, and the Borough Police have expressed their support for this work.</p> <p>Officers from TSG (4) and the borough presented a cheque to Second Wave for the work achieved so far and to support a youth-led training initiative for police recruits and probationers backed by the Metropolitan Police Service</p>