

Central Operations examples of good work and operational success

Operational Command Unit	Activity
Central Operations Combined Operation	<p>Operation Argon/Neon A joint operation between detectives from the Specialist Crime Directorate's Kidnap Unit and CO19 has secured the release of a hostage. The hostage, who was being held at an address in Ilford, was set free at 8pm on 17 April when officers from CO19, trained in explosive entry, blew open the barricaded front door. CO19 officers released the hostage and six men were arrested and subsequently charged with kidnap, false imprisonment, blackmail, theft and actual bodily harm (ABH). They appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court on 19 April where they were remanded in custody.</p>
CO3 Emergency Preparedness	<p>London Prepared – CO3 recently sponsored the first 'London Prepared' International Conference at the Victoria Plaza Hotel. Speakers included Tessa Jowell, Minister for the Olympics and London. Delegates included the fire service, British Red Cross and the Environment Agency. The conference aimed to emphasise the importance of partnership work during a crisis or major event.</p> <p>CBRN - In June 2007 CO3 became responsible for MPS CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Policy and Coordination. The unit's role is to oversee all CBRN activity within the MPS.</p>
CO6 Diplomatic Protection Group (DPG)	<p>DPG catch armed robbers - A gang of armed teenagers robbed a royal jeweller before being arrested by armed DPG officers near Downing Street. The masked raiders stormed Mappin & Webb in Regent Street threatening six staff and two customers with hammers. They were spotted by an off-duty police officer as they were leaving the scene. The officer raised the alarm and DPG officers intercepted the vehicle on Whitehall. The raiders, five teenagers - one 14, two 16-year-olds and two aged 17 - as well as a 20-year-old man were arrested and taken to a central London police station for questioning.</p> <p>First Aid administered by officers - Two DPG officers recently provided essential first aid to a member of public when he suffered a severe allergic reaction to a bar of chocolate. The officers' prompt actions, in pulling him from the car and assisting him to take his medication, saved his life.</p>
CO7 Palace of Westminster	<p>Two officers recently gave CPR to the driver of a vehicle</p>

	<p>who had had a heart attack and had stopped breathing. They were able to maintain life until the paramedics attended the scene to take over. The officers concerned, PC Ramsey, CO7 and DC Goody, SO1 were awaiting the arrival of the Prime Minister for Prime Minister's Question Time when they became aware of a traffic collision that had happened near them. They realised that the driver of one of the vehicles was having a heart attack. PC Ramsay immediately went to the aid of the driver providing CPR with DC Goody, providing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage.</p>
<p>CO11 Public Order and Operational Support</p>	<p>CO11 Air Support Unit Op Hargood 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> <p>MPS Training Centre - Two National CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Instructors, Chris Hester and Gary Walters, based at MPSTC Gravesend recently assisted SO15 Counter Terrorism Command in running a week long CBRN Search exercise alongside the military at Longmoore Camp, Hampshire. The week involved CBRN trained search officers from the Met, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire and Dorset police services working in partnership with AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment). They dealt with a variety of scenarios from searching a large communal complex to open areas and vehicles. As well as dealing with the searches, the instructors also put the teams through their paces with team self-evacuations, rescues and going through Safe Undressing Procedures. They were also able to provide advice on dealing with the problems of searching in a contaminated environment.</p> <p>CO11 Dog Support Unit <i>Latest News</i> <i>PC Graham Clark and police dog Kiro Demi have won the National Police Dog Trials held in Merseyside last week. The full story will be in the next CO Newsletter.</i></p> <p>On 11th May two officers, PC Alan Chapman and PC Martin Holden, from CO11 DSU will receive an award for bravery from the National Service Dog Bravery & Achievement Awards. The Lord Lieutenant of Essex, the Rt. Hon Lord Petre, will present the awards in a ceremony at Brentwood Centre Showground. Peter Purves, TV presenter will be reading the citations.</p>

	<p>Two Met dog handlers from 5 Area Explosive Trained dog section were recently called upon to assist when a suspicious male carrying a rucksack broke through the perimeter fence at Heathrow. Armed officers detained him after he tried to run towards an aircraft on the runway. The Explosive trained dog handlers were able to provide advice to the duty officer on cordons and RVP and also searched the RVP. They then helped to preserve the scene until an explosive trained officer was able to attend.</p>
<p>CO14 Clubs and Vice</p>	<p>Brothel Owners Jailed - 29/4</p> <p>On 25 April, two brothel owners were sentenced to a total of three years' imprisonment at Southwark Crown Court for money laundering and controlling prostitution. Tansel Kocamemik and Natalja Suhhareva were first arrested by officers from the MPS's Clubs and Vice Unit in November 2006 on suspicion of money laundering and running a brothel. This intelligence led investigation, codenamed Operation Rosas, led to a search being carried out at the brothel. Officers recovered numerous documents relating to Suhhareva's finances, including evidence of six properties abroad and plans to buy another property in London with £50,000 in cash deposit. As a result of the investigation, Suhhareva pleaded guilty to one charge of managing a brothel and two charges of money laundering. She was sentenced to two months imprisonment for managing a brothel and nine months for each count of money laundering, all to run concurrently. Kocamemik was charged with six counts of money laundering and three counts of managing a brothel. In July 2007 a second, two month investigation codenamed Calcio was launched after officers received intelligence that the pair were managing brothels in central London. On 2 August 2007, Kocamemik and Suhhareva were both arrested and charged with one count of money laundering and two counts of controlling prostitution. The two brothels were closed and over £9,000 recovered. Appearing at Southwark Crown Court, Kocamemik pleaded guilty to a total of seven charges of money laundering and three charges of controlling prostitution for gain, as a result of charges from Operation Rosas and Operation Calcio. He was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment. Suhhareva pleaded guilty to one charge of money laundering and two charges of controlling prostitution for gain. She was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.</p> <p>Op Gib - 15 arrests - 21/4</p> <p>Officers from the MPS's Clubs and Vice Unit have</p>

arrested 15 people in a bid to smash a prostitution ring exploiting foreign women by forcing them into prostitution. The arrest phase of the operation - codenamed Gib - started at approximately 6pm on Saturday 19 April with the arrest of three men and one woman on suspicion of trafficking into and within the UK, controlling prostitution for gain and money laundering offences at an address in Orsett Terrace, W2. A further 11 people were arrested at addresses in NW4, SW1, SW16, W8 and W2 in connection with trafficking within the UK and controlling prostitution. The second phase of the operation started at approximately 11pm when officers started to execute warrants at 19 addresses in central London, which they believe have been operating as brothels. So far, 30 women have been removed from the addresses and have been taken to a specialist centre. The specialist centre has been formed specifically for this operation to provide a dedicated care package for the women. The centre is staffed with interpreters; non-government support organisations; health workers and officers trained in sexual offences interview techniques. Operation Gib began in December 2007 following intelligence being passed onto the Metropolitan Police Vice Unit. Police believe that the women were being advertised by a website run by the main suspects, they would also advertise on behalf of other pimps. The investigation has uncovered that some of the women are being forced to pay back some of the largest debt bondages seen by the Unit, estimates suggest in the region of £28,000.

Operation LIS - 29/3

On 28 March at Chelmsford Crown Court, 5 people were sentenced for conspiracy to supply obscene DVD's and launder money. Operation Lis was a joint operation between CO14 and the Belgian Federal Police, resulting in the following sentences - BUCHANAN - 7 years, FISHER - 18 months, DORMER - 12 months, WINTER - 21 months, FOWLER - 21 months. Confiscation of an estimated £650,000 in assets is due to take place later in the year. £720k FIU Confiscation - 21/1. On 17 January 2008, at Southwark Crown Court, a £720,636.86 confiscation order was granted against Stewart McLeod. McLeod was also ordered to pay the forensic accounting investigation costs of £27,018.05 incurred by the CO14 FIU and travel costs of the financial investigators, who travelled to Cyprus to recover £100,000. All McLeod's assets are currently restrained in bank accounts and will be immediately

	<p>released. The MPS could benefit from this confiscation to the sum of £165, 000 as part of the Home Office Incentivisation Scheme. Following a proactive operation by the CO14 Clubs and Vice Obscene Publications Unit (OPU) McLeod was arrested in April 2006 and charged with supplying extreme pornographic DVDs. He was the sole operator of a large-scale business and an investigation by DC Lawrie Day, CO14 Financial Investigation Unit, revealed he had substantial assets held in the UK, Cyprus, Isle of Man, Guernsey and the USA. In October 2006, McLeod pleaded guilty to all charges and was sentenced 16 months' imprisonment.</p> <p>Operation Telon leads to 16 arrests for drugs and money laundering 09.07.07</p> <p>An operation by officers from the Clubs and Vice has netted a total of 16 arrests for people drug dealing, money laundering and being in possession of class A drugs. The arrests on Friday 6 July were the culmination of a 20 month long intelligence led operation - codenamed Telon. This is the biggest operation of its kind carried out by the Unit. In the dawn phase of the operation two men were arrested that police believe have been supplying drugs to a City pub. The men, and a woman, have also been arrested for money laundering. Later that afternoon officers from the TSG raided 'Bar Bed' at 40 Leman Street, E1. Officers were led to Bar Bed by intelligence that drugs were dealt there. During the course of the investigation, police have identified that low levels of drug dealing were taking place in the downstairs bar. They also believe that in an upstairs bar, run as a members only bar, in the region of 1,000 wraps - worth £30,000 was being dealt a week. Three men, who police believe work at the bar, were arrested in the upstairs bar on suspicion of conspiracy to supply controlled drugs. Seven people who were inside Bar Bed have also been arrested on suspicion of being in possession of class A drugs. They have all now been cautioned. Throughout the afternoon three further women were arrested, two for allowing their premises to be used for the supply of controlled drugs and the third for conspiracy to supply controlled drugs and conspiracy to launder money.</p>
<p>CO15 Traffic OCU</p>	<p>BikeSafe - The weekend of the 29 and 30 March saw over 17,000 people attend the 2008 National BikeSafe Event at Hendon Police Training School. Hosted by the MPS and organised by the Motorcycle Tasking Team the aim of the event was to promote safety. Seventy-nine officers from 15 different forces assisted at the</p>

event, running workshops to improve the riding skills of bikers, taking them out on assessed rides and offering advice. Other units involved in supporting this event were the Estate Management of Peel Centre, Property Services, TfL's Road Safety Unit and the London Camera Safety Partnership.

SE ANPR Team results - during February and March this year, the southeast ANPR (Automated Number Plate Readers) teams have been deployed to Lewisham and Southwark boroughs. Working together with TSG 4/5, core teams and street duties, some excellent results have been achieved. A total of 78 arrests were made, for offences such as, possession with intent to supply, handling stolen goods and possession of offensive weapons and an imitation firearm. Further details can be sought from Eddie Tindall – CO15.

Excellent work - Two traffic officers recently stopped a male in a vehicle, whilst on Edmonton's ground. The driver had been using a mobile whilst driving. The officers carried out further checks and ended up reporting him for no insurance and no licence and completed a CRIMINT entry. The male was one of the borough's prolific and persistent offenders (PPO). He was currently out on licence for burglary. As a direct result of this stop and the Crimint completed, the male was recalled to prison to serve the rest of his sentence

Operation Tosca - Officers from Chadwell Heath Traffic Garage ran Operation Tosca, which was aimed at targeting uninsured and unlicensed drivers. This operation was designed to take the learnings from previous FOIST initiatives one step further. The aims of the operation were to prevent and detect criminal offences, and to identify and seize vehicles that were being driven without insurance or by someone without a licence. In four weeks, the officers made 78 arrests for a variety of offences including burglary and other priority crime. In addition, 519 vehicles were seized.

Court results – recent results from Redbridge court have highlighted that a total of 13 offences dealing with vehicles that are over weight or in a dangerous condition due to being overweight have received a total of £6,950 in fines, £430 in costs and nine points for just four cases. One other case of carrying scrap vehicles on top of each other received a £1,000 fine, which does not appear to be that large until you take into account that most other similar cases are withdrawn, as the

	courts cannot see the danger of this practice.
CO18 Aviation Security	A man has received an 18-month prison sentence for conspiracy to evade duty. Officers from CO18's Crime Squad, working with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, carried out an operation to target the male, who was believed to be heading up a criminal network. This network was believed to be responsible for using forged boarding passes to gain access to airside retail outlets in order to purchase duty free goods and then sell them for a profit.
CO19 Specialist Firearms	The next stage of CO19's Female Development Programme commenced on 14 April; please keep an eye on the Intranet for further details, along with news of other positive action in CO19. ARVs are now being dedicated to particular boroughs for six-month periods.
CO20 TSG	Operation Independence – sponsored by SCD1, this was a six-week test purchase operation executed on Ealing and Hounslow Boroughs. The operation targeted a long established and well-organised drugs dealing network operating through a mobile phone number. Overall, three search warrants were executed and 12 people were arrested. Property seized included various Class A drugs and paraphernalia, along with an imitation firearm and numerous mobile phones Officers from TSG and Hackney borough , chased and detained a suspect armed with a sawn off shotgun, after he had fired it at them. TSG mentoring in Lewisham - TSG4 have recently embarked on a training / mentoring / development initiative with 'Specials' at Lewisham. The first meeting resulted in a training input regarding PACE Stop & Search powers followed by live practical on the streets of Lewisham. This will be an ongoing initiative to share skill, knowledge and experience and to help integrate Specials and the TSG to a partnership so we can work together on the borough.