

Agenda item 7

Appendix 2

International Neighbourhood Policing Conference  
February 8-9 2006

The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre  
London, United Kingdom

# Global Thinking Local Policing

Working together to create safer neighbourhoods

An international conference hosted by the Metropolitan Police Service to examine neighbourhood policing across the world.

*REGISTRATION HANDBOOK*

[www.met.police.uk/neighbourhoodpolicingconference/](http://www.met.police.uk/neighbourhoodpolicingconference/)

### **Introduction from the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis, London, UK**

Building safe, secure and engaged neighbourhoods is at the very heart of policing across the world. But the approach to tackling global crime and disorder may differ from country to country and continent to continent.

That's why I am proud that the Metropolitan Police Service, in partnership with the Metropolitan Police Authority, is able to present an international conference about neighbourhood policing.

In developing the Met's Safer Neighbourhoods programme, we are aware of some of the good practice available across the world in this field. In broad terms, as a delegate to this conference you can expect to:

- Hear about neighbourhood policing good practice from across the world
- Hear how other forces and countries have mainstreamed and fully integrated neighbourhood policing into existing crime and disorder structures
- Share engagement processes and methods, particularly engagement with minority community groups
- Share good practice in the partnership field, particularly highlighting how effective interagency working impacts significantly on tackling neighbourhood concerns and issues
- Hear ways in which to create active communities, with the police working jointly alongside the community to tackle local issues
- Hear about the developments in neighbourhood policing policy formation from the UK, Europe and America.

You will also be given opportunities to forge significant worldwide networks in the field of neighbourhood policing. And there will be an opportunity to engage with key corporate partners during the Gala Dinner.

I look forward to you attending this conference in London on February 8-9 2006.

Sir Ian Blair, QPM

### **Foreword - Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority, London, UK**

The introduction of Safer Neighbourhood teams across London has marked the biggest change in community policing in the history of not only the Metropolitan Police but also of law enforcement generally.

There is nowhere else in the world where you can find many hundreds of distinct teams of uniformed officers patrolling small geographical areas without the constant threat of being extracted for duties elsewhere.

These teams, a mixture of police officers and police community support officers, have been introduced as a direct response to the demands of local people.

Londoners have told us consistently and over a long time that they feel reassured when they see a uniformed policing presence on the streets and in their neighbourhoods.

In those places where we have already established teams across an entire municipal area, crime has fallen and public confidence risen faster than in any other part of London.

This is why we have worked hard to roll out Safer Neighbourhoods across London, with more than 624 teams in place by the end of April 2007, covering every district of London

Len Duvall

# Global Thinking: Local Policing

## Participate in an important event

This Conference will offer over 600 delegates from across the world the opportunity to participate in a dynamic forum in a bid to create an international safer neighbourhood.

The event has been initiated by the Metropolitan Police Service and is sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Authority. Both organisations, together with other public sector organisations, have been key in shaping the UK's neighbourhood policing and citizen focus programmes through the Safer Neighbourhoods programme.

The event will be held in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Central London; right at the heart of the community the Metropolitan Police serves.

This innovative conference will be of direct relevance to all those responsible for resourcing decisions, policy decisions, operational strategies, multi-agency coordination and partnership working, best practice procedures, and police reform. It will also be of particular interest to representatives from the following groups:

- Law enforcement agencies
- Local and national government (including city Mayors)
- Members of the judiciary
- Non-governmental organisations
- National and international law makers
- Voluntary support groups
- Human rights organisations
- Business community
- Community leaders (faith; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender; elderly; youth)
- Youth offending agencies and referral groups

Participants will benefit from hearing first-hand testimony from acknowledged experts in the working field from across the world. Whether operational police officer, city Mayor, academic in the field or senior government official, each contributor has been key in bringing about significant change in approaches, attitudes and the law to introduce neighbourhood policing structures in their respective countries.

Following each plenary session, there will be an opportunity to extend the learning in smaller workshops around some of the key contributory issues of neighbourhood policing. Each of these environments will provide delegates with further opportunities to network and hear from experts and practitioners in the field.

Global thinking, Local Policing promises to be an extraordinary event that will have a positive impact on shaping global attitudes and policies on neighbourhood policing. Many organisations and individuals have already committed to attend. The emphasis throughout the conference will be on interaction and learning. The sharing experiences and developing practical solutions will be invaluable for every participant.

# Outline programme – Day 1

February 8 2006

## Opening Remarks

**Speaker to be agreed and confirmed (George Alagiah, BBC News - invited)**

Using his considerable experience, he will act as the Conference's facilitator, introducing all the speakers and guiding the audience through its two-day agenda.

## Setting the Scene

**Rt Hon Tony Blair MP** (invited)  
Prime Minister, United Kingdom

## Sir Ian Blair QPM

Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, London, United Kingdom

## Len Duvall

Chair, Metropolitan Police Authority, London, United Kingdom

**Ken Livingstone** (invited)

Mayor of London, United Kingdom

## Global Thinking – plenary session

### **CASE STUDY 1:**

#### **Shared Problems: Joint Solutions**

#### **The Chicago Alternative Policing Scheme (CAPS), United States of America**

CAPS is a community-focussed policing programme established in 1992 that borrows from the experiences of other American community policing models by meeting the needs of the city's police department and its community. It brings the police, community and other city agencies together to identify and tackle neighbourhood crime problems rather than react to their symptoms. CAPS has been recognised as one of the most ambitious community policing initiatives in the United States.

#### **Speakers:**

**Philip Cline, Superintendent, Chicago Police** (invited)

**Professor Wesley G. Skogan, Northwestern University, United States** (invited)

### **CASE STUDY 2**

#### **Managing Neighbourhood Concerns**

##### **Amsterdam Police, The Netherlands**

The Dutch police have a general approach to their relationship with the public, not an organisational concept or model of "community policing". Although there is a move towards a true partnership between police, and community, with communities being encouraged to be "self-reliant", and to solve their own problems, the Dutch police can still largely be described, as a client-orientated service provider.

**Speaker:**

**Job Cohen, Mayor of Amsterdam, Holland**

### **CASE STUDY 3**

#### **People contact not pavement contact!**

##### **Edmonton Police, Alberta, Canada**

Policing in North America changed radically over the 20<sup>th</sup> century – from well known beat officers policing small townships to lone authority figures in larger sprawling cities. Towards the end of the century, the police officer walking the beat became aloof an authority figure and the community saw officers abandoning the beat in favour of the patrol car, equipped with a two-way radio. As a result communities became disengaged and insulted at this "withdrawal" of direct police contact, leading to the Neighbourhood Foot Patrol Program in 1987.

**Speaker:**

**Honourable Harvey Cenaiko, Solicitor General, Alberta, Canada**

## **Learning environments**

### **SEMINAR 1: Community Engagement and active Citizenship**

It is proposed that this seminar will look at routes for community engagement which have been tried and worked in support of neighbourhood policing. It will also look at how local communities can become more empowered and actively involved in policing.

### **SEMINAR 2: Neighbourhood policing and counter terrorism**

It is proposed that this seminar will look at how neighbourhood policing has operated to prevent and deter acts of terrorism, and their role to reassure communities following an attack.

### **SEMINAR 3: Extending the Policing Family**

It is proposed that this seminar will look at how a traditional policing function can be fully supported through the introduction of additional uniformed patrol staff.

### **SEMINAR 4: The role of the Business community in policing.**

It is proposed that this seminar will look at how local police and the business community can work more closely together to reduce crime and disorder.

## Learning environments – Informal workshops

There will be an opportunity between the end of the Seminars and before the formal dinner, for informal workshops to take place, allowing delegates to learn about other international neighbourhood programmes.

## The Safer London Foundation Dinner

The Safer London Foundation (SLF) is a registered Charity and has been established with support from the Metropolitan Police Authority, Metropolitan Police Service, Rentokil-Initial, Atos Origin and KPMG. The Foundation is the new charitable arm of the MPS and whilst associated with the Service it remains completely independent and autonomous.

The Foundation's main aims are to reduce crime, promote community cohesion & safety, provide education to young people and use research to promote good practice. SLF aims to meet its objectives by providing capital and revenue funding for innovative community led crime reduction and community safety projects, organising training and education events, developing partnerships with London's diverse communities, the business community, UK Government and Safer Neighbourhoods Teams.

The Foundation is unique in that it can provide a wide range of support and advice to community initiatives. Unlike many grant making trusts, SLF will provide practical hands on support and assistance through the SLF Skills Bank team of volunteers, which will enable projects to become sustainable and self sufficient.

[www.saferlondonfoundation.org](http://www.saferlondonfoundation.org)

## Opening Remarks

### **Speaker to be agreed and confirmed (George Alagiah – invited)**

Using his considerable experience, he will be the Chairman throughout the evening.

### **HRH The Prince of Wales (invited)**

Patron, Safer London Foundation

## Evening Event

As a part of the Safer London Foundation dinner, an evening event will be arranged.

# Outline programme – Day 2

February 9 2006

## Opening Remarks

**Speaker to be agreed and confirmed (George Alagiah, BBC News - invited)**

Using his considerable experience, he will act as the day's Conference's facilitator.

## Setting the Scene

**Rt Hon Charles Clarke MP** (invited)

Home Secretary, United Kingdom

**Chief Constable Matt Baggott**

Association of Chief Police Officers, United Kingdom

**Professor Herman Goldstein** (invited)

University of Wisconsin, United States of America

## Local Policing

### **CASE STUDY 4**

**A Break from Reinvention?**

**Metropolitan Police Service, United Kingdom**

With residential burglary in London at a 25 year low, and with reductions in street crime being recorded, the Metropolitan Police Service has made significant progress in tackling priority crime. However, research shows the people of London feel crime is on the increase so reducing priority crime becomes meaningless if people continue to feel unsafe in their communities. Safer Neighbourhoods helps to bridge this gap by growing the organisation to provide every neighbourhood with its own dedicated policing team comprising police officers and civilian police community support officers. These officers work with communities to identify and tackle crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour issues that are affecting community members.

**Speaker:**

**Assistant Commissioner Tim Godwin OBE, Metropolitan Police Service, London, UK**

## Learning environments

**SEMINAR 5: The impact of neighbourhood policing on performance.**

It is proposed that this seminar will look at the impact of neighbourhood policing on communities and the effect it has had on local crime and disorder.



**SEMINAR 6: Partnership Working**

It is proposed that this seminar will look at the role of Partners in a neighbourhood policing environment both in terms of providing financial support as well as how the programme has impacted upon them.

**SEMINAR 7: Diverse and young communities – understanding how best to engage**

It is proposed that this seminar will look at routes to engage diverse communities in local neighbourhoods, and how officers working within schools environments can engage with young people.

**SEMINAR 8: The role of sport in engagement.**

It is proposed that this seminar will look at the role that sport, and sporting organisations can play in community engagement

## **Global Thinking Local Policing Panel**

A combination of key speakers, workshop facilitators and community panel members will form the Global Thinking Local Policing Panel. Delegates will be invited to ask questions from the floor about the issues raised throughout the conference.