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22 January
Seabright School Visit

On Monday 22 January, PCSO Dan Crisp and PC Mike Ray of Haggerstone Safer Neighbourhoods Team attended the Seabright School in Hackney, where they addressed an assembly of year two children about the role of Safer Neighbourhoods policing in Hackney. After the assembly, they then accompanied the students to their lessons where they helped them with their reading and spoke to them about road Safety advice.

15 January
DS Jason Aldridge wins FIU award

On the 9 January DS Jason Aldridge of Haringey's Financial Investigation Unit won the individual category of the Keith Hughes Awards for Excellence in Financial Investigation 2007.

The Award for Excellence was established in memory of Keith Hughes, a former member of the former National Crime Squad's Money Laundering Investigation Team (MLIT) to promote and reward the values that his work and life inspired and is open to accredited financial investigators across the UK.

12 January
Richmond Integrated Youth Support Services Launched

On Saturday 12 January 2008, Heatham House Youth Activity Centre hosted an event to launch Richmond Upon Thames Integrated Youth Support Services. Various youth agencies and organisations were present at the event designed to promote positive activities, places to go and things to do, signpost and illustrate the range support offered and provide interactive activities which support the five outcomes of the Every Child Matters agenda.

Officers from St Margarets Safer Neighbourhoods Team and Twickenham Riverside Safer Neighbourhoods Team attended the launch, taking with them a range of equipment to demonstrate. They spent the day meeting the local young people and participating in events as varied as playing the drums to being players on a human Foosball table.

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8 January
Crime Academy wins training award

The Crime Academy has become one of just six police training establishments in the UK to be awarded the prestigious Skillsmark recognition by Skills for Justice, the skills council for the Criminal Justice Sector.

This accolade is the quality mark for learning and development in the justice sector and firmly establishes the Crime Academy as one of the leading providers of specialist police training.

The certificate of recognition was presented by the Chief Executive of Skills for Justice Mr Alan Woods OBE, and was proudly accepted at the academy's latest All Staff Day on 18 December by Director DCS Steve Lovelock on behalf of all Crime Academy staff.

7 January
Ministers visit youth project in Deptford

On Thursday 6 Dec, MP Phil Hope, 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 the Territorial Support Group (TSG), based at Catford, and Lewisham borough officers to challenge negative stereotypes and create safer neighbourhoods.

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.

The involvement of the TSG 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 & Somaliland Lewisham Youth Project, and police in Lewisham have expressed their support for this work.

Officers from TSG and the borough presented a cheque for £10,000 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.

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21 December
Three Faiths Forum

Faith officers and members of DCFD visited the Three Faiths Forum on 6 December 2007 to discuss working together to promote good relations between the Met and London's diverse faith communities.

The faith officers, who are assigned to the boroughs of Haringey, Bromley, Southwark, Hounslow and Edmonton, also included police officers who have special attachment to Heathrow and the Royal Parks.

Topics under discussion included the Three Faiths Forum Advisory Board and projects such as Tools4Dialogues, a form of Scriptural Reasoning, which is currently undertaken by the Forum's Youth Division.

21 December
Mounted Branch
Met police horse Ypres honoured

Serving police horse Ypres has been 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 the London Olympia Horse of the Year Show.

An impressive 16.1hh black Irish Draft cross thoroughbred gelding, Ypres joined the police service at four-years-old and is now 16-years-old.

A loyal member of the Met's 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 who have recently joined the Met and are in training.