

Central Operations examples of good work and operational success

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| Central Operations Combined Operation | <p><u>OPERATION FOIST 2.</u> Following on from the first and highly successful Operation Foist a second and similar operation ran on Newham borough, targeting uninsured and unlicensed vehicles. CO15 Traffic officers from North East Traffic Garage have worked in partnership with Transport for London (TfL) and DVLA, along with MPS Vehicle Recovery Examination Service (VRES), Territorial Support Group, and the host BOCU to carry out Operation Foist 2.</p> <p>Operation Foist is designed to target collision casualty reduction and to deny criminals the use of the roads, highlighting how Central Operations tactics can help address issues related to volume crime and public reassurance, whilst improving efficiency.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Priority crime reduced by 10.3% ▪ Vehicle crime fell by 17.4% ▪ Residential burglary fell by 9% ▪ At least 1,033 Fixed Penalty Notices issued ▪ 1,806 vehicles seized ▪ 44 offenders arrested for driving with no insurance, drink/drive or other driving offences |
| CO14 Clubs and Vice | <p>Operation Raiz Was a Clubs and Vice Operation that targeted the organised trafficking of women from Malaysia into Brothels in London and elsewhere for sexual exploitation. It resulted in the direct rescue of 19 women, with a further 21 being identified.</p> | <p>There were 15 arrests, including the seven main targets who were sentenced to considerable terms of imprisonment. Financial investigation has so far identified in excess of £140K of criminal assets and work progresses to confiscate this.</p> |
| CO14 Clubs and Vice | <p>Operation LIRIO Vice Operation In support of Safer Neighbourhood teams. This was an operation to disrupt a family run vice business from the local Safer Neighbourhoods</p> | <p>Officers from the MPS Vice Unit arrested three people; two men ages 41 and 59-years old and one 59-year-old woman on suspicion of conspiracy to control prostitution for gain.</p> |

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| | team. | The arrests follow a four-month undercover operation acting on intelligence received |
| CO14 Clubs and Vice | <p>Tackling Violent Crime Priority Boroughs As a part of the TVCP CO14 worked with 12 TVCP boroughs during the year 2006/07 to address problem licensed premises. This work took the form of training BOCU officers to complete overt and covert licensing visits, presentation of Safe and Sound to problem premises on each BOCU, and intelligence lead visits.</p> | Resulted in a number of problem premises being closed and more being subject to a licence review to impose additional conditions to reduce crime and disorder. |
| CO14 Clubs and Vice | <p>Safe and Sound The MPS strategic violent crime reduction initiative for tackling drugs and weapons including firearms in Nightclubs and other licensed premises. This document has been successfully used for a number of years and is being re-launched to reflect changes in legislation and incorporate Counter Terrorism advice for crowded places. It is being targeted at problem premises in TVCP and gun crime boroughs to reduce the number of serious assaults, and by the introduction of polycarbonate alternatives to glass, the severity of the injuries.</p> | |
| CO14 Clubs and Vice | <p>Criminal networks. In 2006/07 CO14 Clubs and Vice are verified to have disrupted 16 criminal networks, this is in excess of 10% of the total MPS target of 150. This included, 3 related to the Publication of Obscene Material. 2 related to Casino Crime. 11 related to Vice crime.</p> | |
| Dogs Support Unit, TSG and BOCUs | <p>Working together for better results – Dogs Support Unit, TSG and Q Cars The Dog Support Unit has been working together with Territorial Support Group since January 2007 to staff “Q” cars. These are covertly equipped vehicles which contain an airwave radio, “blues and twos” lights and sufficient seating for the officers along with a dog cage. Four of these have been working around the MPS to</p> | <p>Having been utilised now for the past 3 months, the impact of the Q cars so far has been significant with excellent individual arrests and proactive patrolling.</p> <p>In the space of the first month officers carried out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 392 stop & search · 123 arrests of which 16 were priority arrests |

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| | <p>support Safer Streets initiatives alongside Borough resources through the Corporate Tasking processes.</p> <p>Officers realised that the joint tasking process lost some of its value in practice for various reasons and officers from the DSU suggested that one way of tackling this issue was through the deployment of a suitably resourced “Q” car.</p> <p>During the autumn of 2006, a trial was run on Bromley borough testing this initiative with volunteers from both OCUs. The results were excellent showing collaborative working at its best, providing a service to Borough that was effective, dynamic and tailored to meet customers needs. Senior Managers from both OCUs decided to roll out this initiative through the Territorial Policing tasking process from 8th January.</p> | <p>The Dog Q cars have proved to be a highly effective tactic and have produced significant results, both in terms of the number of arrests made and crime reduction in identified hot spots. The effectiveness of this initiative will be reviewed after a longer period along with consultation with the BOCUs but in the meanwhile the good work of these Q cars will continue.</p> |
| <p>CO19 Specialist Firearms Command</p> | <p>CO19 does a significant amount of work around building public confidence and understanding of our role. In the last financial year a total of 55 formal presentations were undertaken to a variety of audiences. In late 2006 and in direct response to public concerns, CO19 developed the 'Could You' presentation, which is taken to public representative groups. By combining a talk with practical demonstrations on a portable 'laser range' people get an opportunity to experience some of the pressures and constraints placed on firearms officers in operational circumstances</p> <p>So far, the Could You presentation has been given to a number of strategic public groups including the MPA, the MPS IAG, all the Chairs of the MPS's PCCGs and national and minority media representatives. It is now starting to be rolled out to a wider audience, which has included individual PCCGs. Most recently, the presentation was given to a combined group of DPS and IPCC investigators; also present at this conference were members of the Coroners Society and CPS. There is a busy schedule of events developing for the next</p> | |

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| | <p>12 months, which will continue to include PCCGs, the IPCC and we are hoping to capture the All Party Parliamentary Group on policing.</p> <p>CO19 has been proactive within the media resulting in some high-profile coverage of our operations, most notably a week long series by Sky News and feature in the Sunday Telegraph magazine. This also is ongoing work.</p> | |
| CO4 Disclosure Service | <p>The MPS responded to the challenge set the police service by Sir Michael Bichard with a complete review of the Enhanced Criminal Record Certificate Process.</p> <p>The MPS is required to search for information that might be relevant to a decision on whether an applicant is permitted access to children or the vulnerable. The number of applicants is significant, up to 15,000 a week. (Each applicant has on average 2.2 names and 2.4 addresses to be considered.)</p> <p>The MPS developed, in partnership with suppliers, improvements to methods of search and successfully automated the search in a system capable of handling this large volume of enquires. This work has led to the best search the best person could do on their best day being applied consistently to each application allowing CRIS, Custody, CrimInt and RMS being searched inside sixty seconds. The search regime has been tested against experts given several hours to research an applicant and the search was not be found wanting.</p> | <p>The earlier systems had led to a large backlog. However, the MPS has dramatically reduced this and now operates within an average response time of 5 days.</p> <p>Care was taken to develop a structured decision making process that would retain public and service confidence. The MPS model has been adopted as national practice and was described at Judicial Review as precisely what statute required.</p> <p>As a result of the work of the Disclosure Service, information on an estimated 2,000 people whose access to children or the vulnerable is a concern has been brought to the notice of employers.</p> |
| CO11 Mounted Branch | <p>On 8th February during one of the heaviest snowfalls of the year, officers from the Mounted Branch escorted the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and new Ambassadors through the streets of London for an audience with</p> | |

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| | <p>the Queen. New Ambassadors must present their letters of credence to Her Majesty before they can take up office. Normally performed with horse and carriage, the forecast bad weather may have made this impossible but officers on the day made the decision to ride their horses allowing the Ambassadors to enjoy their day in style.</p> | |
| CO17 TOCU | <p>The Transport OCU has made 45 arrests for taxi touting offences over an eleven-day period in March. The Cab Enforcement Team has a pan-London responsibility and is dedicated to improving the safety of passengers who use London's taxis and private hire vehicles. They regularly carry out alternating plain clothes and high visibility anti-tout operations on unlicensed and uninsured private hire vehicles, and on offenders who pose as cab or private hire drivers.</p> | <p>45 Arrests</p> |
| CO3 Emergency Preparedness OCU | <p>Exercise Cope CO3 Emergency Preparedness recently ran a 3-day exercise dealing with mass fatality and disaster victim recovery and Identification at the police college, Bramshill, involving some 250 emergency service staff. This exercise was the first of its kind, providing an opportunity for joint-agency training in response to an aircraft accident. This involved 90 passengers and crew, a large number of fatalities and aircraft debris covering a large area. This learning opportunity was also attended by officers from SCD20 Crime Academy, Devon and Cornwall and Merseyside police and a Coroner and pathology team from Leicester University. The exercise has helped the MPS ensure that it has an integrated and professional response to mass fatality incidents.</p> | |
| CO1 Co-ordinating and Tasking Office | <p>Operation Coalmont Barely one month after its launch the Central Operations Co-ordinating and Tasking Office (CaTO) has played a leading role in mobilising CO units to assist the task force dealing with teenage shootings in South London. At short notice, the CaTO worked together with colleagues in TP and SCD to mount an intensive series of Neon and Radon operations to provide community reassurance, prevention and enforcement. These operations involved Traffic ANPR units, Dogs Support Unit, and TSG along with Borough and Operation Trident staff and targeted vehicles known to police for firearms matters to demonstrate a highly visible approach to those prepared to carry, use or threaten to use firearms in gang related violence in our Black communities.</p> | |

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| | <p>Significant arrests were made including prominent gang members and others wanted for drugs and violence offences. Drugs, weapons and cars were also seized. The operations received very positive media coverage. Preliminary analysis suggests that Operation Coalmont activity resulted in a dramatic reduction in the number of calls to firearms incidents.</p> |
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