
POLICE REPORT (Min 128/02)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 To apprise Members of the current situation as far as police action on crime and disorder reduction is concerned.

2 NEW POLICE COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER

- 2.1 Inspector Andy Parkman has been appointed as the new Community Safety Officer for the Rayleigh Division. He has been in post approximately 2 months.
- 2.2 Chief Superintendent Jim Noakes has now retired from the Force. His replacement will be John Mauger, although no date has been notified as to when he will actually take up this position.

3 SIGNIFICANT CRIMES (February – May 2002)

- 3.1 On 16th February, 2001, a racial attack took place on the Simla Tandoori Restaurant, Ferry Road, Hullbridge. On 2nd May, 2002 three young men were sentenced at the Crown Court to 12 months detention in a Young Offenders Institute for their involvement in the offence. All were local to the Hullbridge area.
- 3.2 On 16th May, a 24 year old male from the Basildon area was arrested in Bull Lane, Rayleigh. This male has been charged with offences having admitted involvement in a substantial number of auto-crime offences across the County. The matter is currently before the Courts.
- 3.3 On 19th May, forced entry was made to a farm in Canewdon whereby 3 shotguns and a Mercedes motorcar were stolen.
- 3.4 On 21st May at Cagefield Road, Stambridge, animal hutches belonging to elderly residents were set on fire killing a number of animals and causing a great deal of distress to the owners. Two persons have been questioned by police and are currently on police bail pending further enquiries.
- 3.5 During mid May, a search warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act was executed at an address in the Rochford area. As a result of this, 4 people are currently on police bail and various substances are under going analysis by the Forensic science Service.

4 OPERATION RELENTLESS

- 4.1 This is an ongoing operation to tackle burglary and car crime. In response to Members questions, the previous operation took place in Rayleigh Market, Rayleigh High Street, Stadium Way Retail Park and Rochford Market Square. The next phase of the operation is scheduled for July. The Chief Constable has directed that operations be targeted towards car crime. Both the Police and Rochford District Council have agreed joint actions to highlight the issue of car crime and various interventions are planned.

5 CRIME STATISTICS

- 5.1 These are attached as appendices. The Police Research Officer has produced the first. The second shows an amendment to the first for ease of yearly comparison.
- 5.2 The table shows a financial year by year comparison of crime statistics from April 1998 to March 2002. It also shows two months statistical information from April 2002.
- 5.3 The information is broken down into types of crime within the beat areas of the Rayleigh Division. Broadly speaking, beat J11 applies to Rayleigh and J13 to Rochford. Whilst it is not possible to break down police crime statistics to ward level due to the fact that police beats are not co-terminous with local authority wards, it is possible to use crime recorded by beat code to give a good approximation of crimes per ward. The following beat codes relate to the areas indicated:
- J11A - Rayleigh Town Centre
J11B - Wheatleys
J11C - Trinity Lodge
J13A - Rochford
J13B - Ashingdon
J13C - Canewdon
J13D - Wakering
J13E - Hullbridge
J13F - Hockley
J13G - Hawkwell
- 5.4 As a general rule, crime statistics are used alongside any generated intelligence to produce targeted patrolling more commonly known as intelligence lead policing. This is also the case in relation to incidents such as nuisance youths. Resources are directed accordingly.
- 5.5 As of the beginning of April 2002 local authorities are required to provide a more detailed breakdown of violent crime as part of their Best

Value Performance Indicators. However, the current Essex Police crime recording procedures do not readily avail themselves to the specific information required and it would be impossible to accurately produce the data relating to the various identified categories of violent crime.

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is proposed that the Committee notes the report. (CEx)

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