

**BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE
CHIEF OFFICER GROUP MEETING
MONDAY 1 JUNE 2009**

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Present

Chief Constable Ian Johnston
Deputy Chief Constable Andrew Trotter
ACC Alan Pacey
ACC Steve Thomas
Sharon Burd
Linda Scott

Apologies

ACC Paul Crowther
ACC David McCall

In Attendance

Millie Banerjee
DCS Mark Smith
C/Supt Peter Zieminski
Jo Bird
Mike Furness
Elaine Derrick

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Operational update

- 1.1 ACC Pacey provided an update on events over the weekend. These included:
- A critical incident was declared following the death of a man from stab wounds in the car park of Lostock station on 31 May. The incident was initially treated as murder but following investigation it became apparent it was actually suicide.
 - The English & Scottish Cup Finals took place over the weekend with minimal disruption and crime. The two matches were the culmination of 10 days of play offs. Following a review of intelligence, police duty days were reduced from 1600 to 1000, which was sufficient to police all matches.
 - There were six fatalities on the rail network during the week, all except one were cleared within the 90 minute target.
- 1.2 Future events over the next two months include:
- Notting Hill Carnival plans are well developed
 - England v Andorra football World Cup qualifier on 10 June
 - Support to the industry for 20/20 Cricket at Lords and tennis at Wimbledon
 - The various festivals over the summer period, and the change to the policing operation planned to cover these.

- 1.3 COG noted the updated critical and notifiable incidents log. Three new critical incidents have been added this week – incident at Lostock station (which has now been downgraded), the computer virus that attacked the Force network, and a rape at Mirfield station on 30 May where the suspect has been identified and charged.
- 1.4 Jo Bird provided an update on recent media activity and events:
- The publication of the crime stats last week attracted some very positive media coverage
 - The Home Affairs Committee is due to hear further evidence on the policing of the G20 protests
 - First anniversary of the alcohol ban on London Underground
 - Crimewatch are holding a roadshow with a morning broadcast each day this week. BTP have a slot on Tuesday's programme containing footage of bag thefts from trains.
 - The inquest into the death of PC Rees takes place on Wednesday.
 - The sentencing for Operation Cobalt is scheduled for Friday. Media will work with Det Supt Field to ensure maximum publicity is gained from the sentencing, including promotion of the groundbreaking forensic testing that was used to secure the arrest of the main suspect.
 - There is a positive six page article in Rail on BTP and Mr Trotter's new role as Chief Constable.

2. **Operation Cobalt**

- 2.1 DCS Smith provided an overview of Operation Cobalt, the investigation into the armed robbery and shooting at Raleigh station in 2007. The satisfactory outcomes of this investigation were the identification and conviction of the man who committed both crimes, and the groundbreaking use of forensic recovery and analysis to provide compelling evidence to the case. Areas for improvement include the initial resourcing of the incident room and the utilisation of a separate HOLMES account database. The implementation of the Major Investigation Team has already alleviated the resourcing issues. The good practice and lessons learned from this investigation will be covered during the senior CID conference later this year. Costings of this operation will be forwarded to the BTPA Chair. **Action : DCS Smith**

3. **Police Authority**

- 3.1 A discussion took place regarding the content of, and preparation required for the Police Authority meeting on 22 July. It was agreed BTP would assist with the preparation of the following papers:
- Policing context – Mike Furness
 - Financial context with options – Sharon Burd
 - Regulatory and operational challenges – Mike Furness

The Chair will speak to Richard Hemmings and Denis O'Connor regarding facilitation of the day.

4. Policing Plan Performance

4.1 All national targets are currently being achieved with the exception of the notifiable detection rate targets (31% against a target of 33%). The current 90% overall satisfaction rate for the quality of service targets is the highest BTP has ever achieved and is a result of focused attention over the last year.

4.2 Performance against local targets is mixed. London North and Wales & Western Areas are achieving least of their targets (3 out of 12 and 3 out of 9 respectively). Area Commanders have already been spoken to, with particular attention being paid to Wales & Western who have set some very challenging targets.

4.3 The FMT on 18 June will focus strongly on performance.

4.4 Stakeholder management and communication was discussed. A plan on providing operational updates to senior stakeholders will be presented to COG on 15 June. **Action : Mike Furness**

5. Strategic Risk Register

5.1 COG noted the revised Strategic Risk Register that is due to be presented to A&CG in June. It was agreed reference to the impact on the accounts as a result of the judicial review should be included, as should reference to reputational risk.

6. Business Continuity

6.1 ACC Thomas provided an update on progress made by BTP in business continuity management since PWC's inspection in late 2007 and HMIC's review in December 2008. BTP now has 181 business continuity plans in place, all of which have been reviewed and quality assured. Updates on testing of the plans are provided on a quarterly basis to FMT.