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**BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE
CHIEF OFFICER GROUP MEETING
MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2009**

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Title and Version:	Chief Officer Group Meeting
Summary:	Notes and Actions
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Present

Chief Constable Ian Johnston
DCC Andrew Trotter
Linda Scott
ACC Paul Crowther
Sharon Burd

Apologies

ACC David McCall
ACC Alan Pacey
ACC Steve Thomas

In Attendance

Ch Supt Peter Zieminski
Marie Daniels
Ch Supt Mark Newton
Ch Supt Dave Wildbore
Jo Bird
Deepa Bidd

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Urgent Business

- 1.1 A critical incident was declared in the Wales and Western Area on 17 February where a male was struck by a train at Marston Green Station. His wife was later found dead at their home. A murder enquiry commenced by West Midlands police assisted by BTP officers.
- 1.2 COG noted the updated critical incident register.
- 1.3 Ch Supt Wildbore updated COG on events to come including the Carling Cup final this Sunday and also there has been further intelligence on 'Flashdance' events.
- 1.4 Jo Bird will prepare a media response on the Flashdance events.
Action: Jo Bird

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2. Actions from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 All actions from the previous meeting were discharged except for the presentation of a new style of General Orders which will be presented to COG in four weeks time.

3. Chief Constable

- 3.1 No items to note.

4. Deputy Chief Constable

- 4.1 The Deputy Chief Constable will be visiting Scottish Area and meeting with James King and Ch Supt Martyn Ripley to discuss the Policing Plan for Scotland. Martyn will also be attending the Police Authority meeting on 12th March.

- 4.2 The Deputy Chief Constable will also be inviting Detective Chief Superintendent Michael Taylor from the Metropolitan Police to visit FHQ to carry out a briefing on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai. Deepa Bidd to arrange.

Action: Deepa Bidd

5. ACC Operations – represented by Ch Supt Dave Wildbore

- 5.1 Ch Supt Wildbore presented a business case on the Force Taser Pilot Project. It was agreed that engagement with the Industry would take place through consultation with ATOC and Network Rail. The Independent Advisory Group and Passenger Focus should also be consulted with regards to passenger safety perceptions. A report to the Police Authority including relevant data comparing the use of Taser with the use of batons and Captor will be submitted. In-year budget spending on the pilot will go ahead as planned.

Action: Ch Supt Dave Wildbore

6. ACC Crime

- 6.1 BASS training

DC Mick London and DC Gary Powell from London Underground Area gave a presentation to COG on the BASS (Behavioural Assessment Screening Strategy) training. This has had very positive feedback. The training has almost been fully rolled out across the Force and there has been consideration with regards to refresher/stage 2 training. Once the Force has been trained, this will be considered as an income generation project.

7. ACC London & Olympics – represented by Ch Supt Mark Newton

- 7.1 No items to note.

8. HR Director

- 8.1 The PDR moderation process and PCSO training pilot will be presented to FMT.

- 8.2 There will be a slight change to the recruitment SOP as those employees who are at risk of redundancy are announced. Managers will be asked to consider them first before looking outside the Force.

9. Finance & Corporate Services Director

- 9.1 Sharon Burd presented a paper outlining proposed improvements to the risk management process. Sharon Burd will discuss this with the Deputy Chief Constable prior to implementing changes.

Action: Sharon Burd

- 9.2 Strategic Risk Register (SRR)

Linda Scott raised a query about the increase in risk rating of the sickness and absence targets for 2008/9. Sharon Burd will ensure this is looked into.

Action: Sharon Burd

Two new strategic risks relating to the recent downturn in the financial markets have been added to the SRR. One concerns the possibility of TOCs failing to fund front line policing resources and the second is the possibility of the failure of key suppliers which would impact on the delivery of policing.

- 9.3 The PwC audit reports to be presented to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee will be reviewed by COG and any concerns will be emailed to Sharon Burd within 7 days and raised at next week's COG meeting.

Action: All COG

10. Strategic Development

- 10.1 COG noted the Policing Plan performance update on national targets. It was suggested that brief background around the BME and female recruitment targets be included in the updates from now on.

Action: Marie Daniels