



## Neighbourhood Policing update

### DLR

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### Welcome to your newsletter

The Docklands Light Railway Neighbourhood Policing Team covers the DLR and no other lines.

While the DLR team has always been dedicated to the DLR, previously NPTs worked across lines across the Underground but are

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## Welcome to your new team (cont.)

now dedicated to a single line and split up according to the London Underground General Station Manager structure – each GSM will have a single NPT to work with across LU – and the same on the DLR.

Inspector Russ Holloway is in charge of the DLR. He said: “This system makes it much easier for staff and passengers who work and travel across the line as they will deal with the same NPT as they travel from station to station.

“I encourage everyone to come up and chat to our officers, they should see them more often and there are numerous planned meetings which they can attend too (see opposite).”

As well as new NPTs, staff and passengers should also see much more of officers on trains with the new Proactive Patrol Teams starting in April. These teams are specialist on-board officers dedicated to stopping offending and building links with passengers, drivers and platform staff.

Please contact your new NPT with any questions, details are on the front page.

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## Foot patrol uncovers drugs den

While on a foot patrol in London’s East End PC Hassan Mehmet and PCSO Daren Butt were walking past a small seafood shed. A waft of cannabis emanated from the building and upon closer inspection it was found to contain a large amount of herbal cannabis. After a man was arrested a further search of the shed was made, during which equipment to assist in the cultivation of cannabis was found. The man was taken to a local police station where the investigation was passed to colleagues from the Metropolitan Police.

PC Mehmet said: “We were walking along the road and all of a sudden I could smell Cannabis coming from inside a small cockle shed. PCSO Butt looked inside and not only could he see lots of seafood he could see a large amount of cannabis. We promptly arrested a male at the scene. When we did a further search I could not believe what was inside. We worked with our Metropolitan Police colleagues to achieve a successful result.”

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## Recent success on the DLR

- PCSOs Ellis Fitzgibbon and Daren Butt recently detained a woman for a public order offence at Woolwich Arsenal DLR station. While she wasn't caught at the initial incident the eagle-eyed PCSOs spotted her later on and an officer arrived to arrest her for a public order offence for which she was cautioned.
- Two men were arrested for cable theft from the DLR. The men were seen to enter a residential building in possession of the stolen cable and officers arrived to arrest them on suspicion of theft. Inspector Holloway, the officer in charge of the DLR team said: "The officers gave the criminals little room to evade arrest, which is a first class example of the level of awareness, commitment and knowledge our officers have today." They are due in court soon.
- A man who threatened to stab a DLR member of staff at Pudding Mill Lane station in July 2010 has been sentenced at court. The man became abusive and threatened to stab a member of staff who was carrying out ticket checks on the DLR. He was swiftly arrested by PC Jamie Holden of the Neighbourhood Support Team at Poplar. In court the man was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison, suspended for 12 months, and also placed on a 12 month curfew with 12 weeks electronic tagging, he was also made to pay court costs and compensation to the victim. PC Holden said: "This is a great result. It shows that abuse towards staff will not be tolerated and that offenders will be arrested and positive action taken."
- Four suspects who were arrested in November 2009 during the highly successful Operation Utopia were in court recently. During this period £5,000 per week worth of dyed bank notes were being laundered through ticket machines on the DLR. Operation Utopia, a coordinated response by officers from Poplar and the Organised Crime Team working alongside DLR/Serco staff and Banknote Watch, virtually eliminated this activity and it led to 30 offenders being convicted of money laundering. Four of those offenders who were arrested by Poplar PCs Christina Best and Paul Read were sentenced for the offences of conspiracy to convert property and money laundering. Charlie Martinson was sentenced to seven years detention; Victor Latali was sentenced to four years six months; Aaron Asante to 12 months; and Jason Phipps-Corrigan to nine months.

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## **Building links with the deaf community**

PCSO Daren Butt has recently started a sign language course near to Chancery Lane, He is attending classes once a week from which it is hoped that he will obtain a British Sign Language level 1 qualification.

PCSO Butt said of his new training: "Not only is this an exciting opportunity for me to learn a new skill, it will also strengthen links and help us to assist members within the deaf community.

"I am currently in the process of making connections with the James Woolfe School for the Deaf which is near to Greenwich DLR station. This will hopefully give me the chance to put my new skills in to practice."

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## **Upcoming meetings**

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### **Police And Communities Together (PACT) meetings**

These meetings are intended to give staff and the local community a chance to highlight issues that are having an impact on their quality of life, and to assist in deciding which issues are dealt with as priorities.

PACT meetings are held on the last Friday of every month at the British Transport Police station, 212 Poplar High Street, London, E14 0BB at 1pm. Interested attendees should contact the NPT on 020 7363 9582 prior to attending.

The next meeting is Thursday 28 April.

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### **Community surgeries**

The team holds Community Surgeries to discuss individual issues and concerns. Come and meet your local Neighbourhood Policing Team:

At Canary Wharf DLR Station (first Friday of every month) – 4.30 to 6.00pm

At Tower Gateway DLR Station (second Thursday of every month) – 7.30 to 9.00am

At Canning Town DLR Station (third Wednesday of every month) – 9.00 to 10.30am

At Woolwich Arsenal DLR Station (fourth Tuesday of every month) – 5.30 to 7.00pm

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