



Police Authority Meetings and News

The Police Authority can confirm that, by working closely with the Constabulary, there are now

200 EXTRA POLICE OFFICERS IN FRONTLINE ROLES

These are named officers, in newly created, public-facing roles. Out and about, working with you and your communities to make you feel safer.

The Police Authority has been able to do this by working with the Chief Constable to review the duties undertaken by police officers in supporting roles and moving some of those to frontline policing.

It has done this at a time when some police authorities across the country are actually cutting back on officer numbers.

Public confidence in the police up

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary is now rated one of the highest ranked police forces in the country for public confidence. The latest British Crime Survey results show over 52% of people agree that

'the police and local council are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in this area'

The Home Secretary is asking for the Constabulary to improve this to 61.2% by 31 March 2011.

However, the Police Authority is pushing for more. Based on the Constabulary's own, more accurate local survey, the Police Authority has set the Force the target of exceeding 84% of people agreeing to the above statement (from a baseline of 80%) by 31 March 2010.

Serious acquisitive crime down

Serious acquisitive crime which includes offences such as house burglary and vehicle theft has dropped by over 10.6% in the last year. This exceeds the 2% cut that the Police Authority asked the Constabulary to aim for.

This bucks a national trend which is seeing these types of offences rise, caused in part by the difficult economic circumstances. The Constabulary will continue to monitor these crimes closely to ensure quick response to any upward trend

Policing Pledge

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary has **pledged** to improve the service it delivers to you.

The Policing Pledge is a promise to you to provide a **quality** of service that meets your - and your community's - **needs** and increases your **confidence** in local policing.

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority fully supports the Policing Pledge and we will work with the Constabulary to see that the Pledge is embedded in the way the police serve **you**.

It is a critical role of the Police Authority to ensure that the Constabulary is constantly striving to **improve** their service to you.

We will do this by closely monitoring how the Constabulary delivers services to you in line with the content and spirit of the Policing Pledge.

The Police Authority has set challenging **improvement** goals for the Force that place a specific focus on **your satisfaction**.

For more on the Policing Pledge, please see our website www.dcpa.police.uk

National Tackling Drug Week 8 - 12 June 2009

National Tackling Drug Week is designed to provide local agencies and police forces with a platform to publicise the work they do to tackle drugs and reduce drug related crime and to highlight the significant efforts that are being made to keep our communities safe.

The purpose of the week is to:

- Raise awareness of work undertaken by agencies and police forces to tackle drugs and reduce drug-related crime and harm
- Use communications to address local communities' perceptions of drug use in their area and to build confidence in the work of local agencies
- Demonstrate to the public that tangible improvements are being made in communities across the country
- Launch the Tackling Drugs Changing Lives Awards 2009

The Force will be marketing their efforts regarding enforcement and partnership working to reduce the harm of drug misuse.

Webcasting statistics for January to April

The following are statistics about our webcasts from January to April. As you can see in some months the most popular webcast may be one from a previous month not one recorded that month, this is because they can be watched on our website once archived.

In January 2009 a total of 225 people watched webcasts on the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority website. Of this total, 27 (12.00%) were watched live. The most popular meeting of the month was the Community Engagement Committee, on Thursday 11 September 2008 at 10am which gained a total of 103 viewers, 0 of whom (0.00%) watched live.

In February 2009 a total of 311 people watched webcasts on the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority website. Of this total, 41 (13.18%) were watched live. The most popular meeting of the month was the Full Police Authority Meeting on the 13th February 2009 at 10:00am which gained a total of 63 viewers, 30 of whom (47.62%) watched live.

In March 2009 a total of 232 people watched webcasts on the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority website. Of this total, 14 (6.03%) were watched live. The most popular meeting of the month was the Human Resources Committee, on Wednesday 17 September 2008 at 10:00am which gained a total of 34 viewers, 0 of whom (0.00%) watched live.

In April 2009 a total of 250 people watched webcasts on the 'Devon and Cornwall Police Authority' website. Of this total, 31 (12.40%) were watched live. The most popular meeting of the month was the 'Full Police Authority Meeting on the 24th April 2009 at 10:00am' which gained a total of 35 viewers, 21 of whom (60.00%) watched live.

'Stop a Thief' Pilot- East Devon

The force is working alongside the National Farmers' Union on a new initiative to help cut rural crime in East Devon. The 'stop a thief' pilot scheme is aimed at reducing the theft of valuable machinery by loaning security equipment to farmers.

Farmers who have been targeted by burglars can now borrow security alarms from the police and are able to call 999 with a dedicated log number if an alarm on their property is activated.

The alarms have been jointly funded by the NFU, the local Community Safety Partnership and the Constabulary.

How to contact the Police Authority

You can contact the Police Authority at

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Or via the website:- www.dcpa.police.uk

How to contact the Police

GENERAL ENQUIRIES (24 HOURS):

08452 777444

*To report crime or criminal damage
To request police advice or attendance
To be connected to a police station*

999

*When life is at risk, Offenders are nearby
Someone is injured, Immediate action is required*

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