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Tackling Crime

DOWN District Command Unit

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Section 1) Progress in achieving targets in DOWN District Policing Plan for 2005/2006

Domain: Reducing crime

Objective: 2.0 To reduce crime.

Performance Indicator: 2.1 The total number of crimes.







Performance Indicator: 2.2 The number of domestic burglaries.

Performance Indicator: 2.3 The number of vehicle crimes.

Performance Indicator: 2.4 The number of violent crimes.

Performance Indicator: 2.5 The number of criminal damage offences.


Performance Indicator: 2.6 The number of thefts.

LPP Target	Apr-Dec 05/06	Apr-Dec 04/05	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
2.1.1 To continue to reduce the number of crimes	3373	2868	+17.6%		Busy summer period in the District
2.2.1 To continue to reduce the number of domestic burglaries	192	162	+18.5%		Many entry methods are opportunistic – i.e. open windows / doors
2.3.1 To continue to reduce the number of vehicle crimes	260	261	-0.4%		Letters sent to vehicle owners who have left items on view
2.4.1 To continue to reduce the number of violent crimes	991	795	+24.7%		Many violent crimes are alcohol related There has been an increase in reports of domestic violence.
2.5.1 To continue to reduce the number of criminal damage offences	901	778	+15.8%		Many criminal damages are alcohol related
2.6.1 To continue to reduce the number of thefts	498	451	+10.4%		Items left unattended – OPPORTUNISTIC. Mobile phone thefts and other items left unattended.

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Domain: Investigating crime					
Objective: 4.0 To improve crime investigation and increase detection					
Performance Indicator: 4.10 The number of drugs seizures					
LPP Target	Apr-Dec 05/06	Apr-Dec 04/05	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
4.10.1 To increase the number of drug seizures.	81	84	-3.7%		Similar level to last year.

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Domain: Promoting public safety


Objectives:

5.0 To deal with anti-social behaviour in a way that improves the quality of life



6.0 To improve road safety.

Performance Indicator: 5.3 Anti – social behaviour hotspots identified through the use of National Intelligence Model

Performance Indicator: 6.2 The number of detections for excess speed offences in areas with high incidence of injury collisions and also areas subject to local complaint.

LPP Target	Apr-Dec 05/06	Apr-Dec 04/05	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.3.1 To monitor the range of National Intelligence Model products actioned through the District Tasking Meetings in respect of identified anti-social behaviour hotspots					74 products (25 Problem Profiles, 10 Subject Profiles, 3 Market Profiles, 4 Network Analysis, 9 Tactical Assessments, 3 Crime Pattern Analysis, 5 Comparative Case Analysis, 2 Strategic Assessments, 9 Briefing Packs, 1 Results Analysis, 3 Sequence of Events Reports)
6.2.1 To increase the number of detections for excess speed offences.	227	102	+122.5%		Local Officers have been trained for the ultra-light laser (35 trained in District)

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Domain: Resource usage			
Objective: To improve organisational effectiveness and efficiency.			
Performance Indicator: 7.5 The percentage of custody and bail cases processed within administrative time limits.			
	Apr-Dec 05/06	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
LPP Target			
7.5.1 To process 85% of custody cases within 90 days	90.9%		The target for both is to process 85%
7.5.2 To process 85% of bail cases within 110 days.	97.4%		

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Section 2) Progress towards achieving targets set out in the DOWN District Policing Plan

LPP Target	Initiative	Impact
2.1.1 To continue to reduce the number of crimes		
2.2.1 To continue to reduce the number of domestic burglaries	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme being promoted by Community Safety Partnership, the PSNI and the DPP	19 accredited schemes, 4 new applications This is the highest amount in any DCU in Northern Ireland
2.3.1 To continue to reduce the number of vehicle crimes	Op 'Habit' – letters sent to persons who have left items on view in their cars or left their cars insecure	Increased public awareness – less opportunities for crime
2.4.1 To continue to reduce the number of violent crimes	'Chill Out Don't Pass Out' initiative	Between 1 st July – 31 st August 2005: 234 individual items of alcohol seized 8 youths reported to Youth Diversion Officer, 55 persons were reported to the council Posters, beer mats etc distributed – promoting a culture of responsible drinking. This operation has continued on a smaller scale throughout the financial year.
2.5.1 To continue to reduce the number of criminal damage offences		
2.6.1 To continue to reduce the number of thefts	Pro-formas created for mobile phone and home heating oil thefts. Leaflets distributed re thefts from business premises	Better information received – discouraging reporting thefts for insurance purposes. Educating the public.

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<p>4.10.1 To increase the number of drug seizures.</p> <p>6.2.1 To increase the number of detections for excess speed offences.</p>	<p>Citizen and Safety Education Programme (CASE), Mourne Activity Challenge</p> <p>Speed trailer purchased and deployed in August 2005. Local Officers have been locally trained for the ultra-light laser (35 trained in District). Two hand held lasers purchased by District. District continues to make a full contribution to Op Viper. 5 Officers trained in field impairment and drug recognition.</p>	<p>Working in schools and youth clubs on drug/alcohol misuse, addressing the potential for future offending</p> <p>121% increase in excess speed detections Apr '05 -Jan '06 (241) over Apr '04-Jan '05 (109).</p>
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Section 3) Summary of recorded crime and clearance rates within the DOWN District Command Unit

Crimes Recorded & Cleared by the Police Down							
	Recorded Apr-Dec 05/06	Recorded Apr-Dec 04/05	% Change	Cleared Apr-Dec 05/06	% Cleared Apr-Dec 05/06	Cleared Apr-Dec 04/05	% Cleared Apr-Dec 04/05
1. Offences against the person	930	743	25.2%	433	46.6%	399	53.7%
2. Sexual offences	45	39	15.4%	18	40.0%	23	59.0%
3. Burglary	410	380	7.9%	44	10.7%	81	21.3%
Domestic burglary	192	162	18.5%	21	10.9%	34	21.0%
4. Robbery	16	13	23.1%	1	6.3%	4	30.8%
5. Theft	758	712	6.5%	111	14.6%	108	15.2%
Theft from motor vehicles	145	161	-9.9%	5	3.4%	16	9.9%
Theft/unauthorised taking of motor vehicles	115	100	15.0%	22	19.1%	18	18.0%
6. Fraud and forgery	115	65	76.9%	70	60.9%	41	63.1%
7. Criminal damage	901	778	15.8%	131	14.5%	156	20.1%
8. Offences against the state	34	27	25.9%	20	58.8%	17	63.0%
9. Other notifiable offences	164	111	47.7%	109	66.5%	99	89.2%
Violent Crime (classes 1, 2, & 4)	991	795	24.7%	452	45.6%	426	53.6%
Total Crime	3373	2868	17.6%	937	27.8%	928	32.4%

*Please note that 2005/06 figures will only appear once the quarter is complete.
2005/06 figures are provisional and may be subject to revision.*

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Section 4) Additional Information

Emerging issues identified by the DCU through the NIM process

- 1) Thefts of items left unattended – opportunity for the thief
- 2) Thefts from vehicles – unlocked doors / items left on view - opportunity for the thief; attempts to gather information regarding who is disposing of stolen car CD players
- 3) Domestic Burglaries – one of the main M.O.'s is to enter via an unlocked door or open window - opportunity for the burglar
- 4) Violent Crimes – A large proportion are alcohol related

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Section 5) Policing with the Community

Initiative	Impact
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme being promoted by Community Safety Partnership, the PSNI and the DPP	19 accredited schemes, 4 new applications.
Crime Prevention Officer and Community Beat Team Officers visit all victims of domestic burglary	To reassure victims, give out prevention advice to attempt to prevent repeat burglaries.
Case Programme delivered to primary and post primary schools	Educating the adults of the future – impacting on crime levels in the future. New lessons on knife crime are planned for the future.
4-change project	Allocated funding of £20,000 by the Cross Border Community Safety Network in support of a pilot project to tackle anti-social behaviour in Down District. Matched funding of £20,000 from the Policing with the Community fund. This project specifically works with young persons to discourage a future involvement in crime.
Mourne Activity Challenge	Partnership with Newtownards DCU, district councils & schools including activity challenges and residential breaks – promoting responsibility, discouraging underage drinking etc

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Section 6) Community Safety Projects

Initiatives or contribution towards Community Safety Projects	Impact
Bonfire Liaison Committee	Thanks to the preparation work done by the Bonfire Liaison Committee and sterling work on the ground by community representatives Down District had one of its quietest bonfire nights for many years. Over 500 entries for the poster competition. This Committee has been involved over the July period and the Halloween period. There has been a decrease in crimes reported at bonfire sites over the previous 3 full calendar years.
Safer Mournes Partnership	Creating a partnership approach for seasonal problems in Newcastle Sector.
Down Domestic Violence Forum	Multi-agency approach.
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	19 accredited schemes, 4 new applications.
CCTV	Sustainable funding pledged by Down District Council. Bidding process ongoing, to be submitted by 31/03/06.
Castle Ward Piping Festival	Many visited the mobile police station for crime prevention advice and engaged personally with police officers. Distribution of “Respect Difference” and “Mark UR Stuff” armbands proved very popular.

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<p>Community Safety Launch Week</p>	<p>The road show, hosted by Women’s’ Aid and other agencies, visited various towns and villages to continue raising awareness of this important subject, while various youth issues including anti-social behaviour and attacks on Emergency Services were covered by the Ballynahinch event.</p>
<p>Local Summer Schemes</p>	<p>Sessions included discussion / education on various personal and road safety issues and at the same time promoting a positive attitude to policing.</p>
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<p>Anti-Social Behaviour Steering Group</p>	<p>Multi-agency approach to anti-social behaviour in the district.</p>
<p>Reflective armbands given out</p>	<p>Partnership with Wiki Wiki Wheels – this tied in with CASE Programme and Dundrum Village Committee. £500 pledged by Policing with Community Fund which will help expand this project. The aim is to raise awareness of community safety.</p>