

An Garda Síochána



Galway Division

Policing Plan 2009

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An Garda Síochána Strategic Goals 2009

1. National and International Security
To maintain National and International Security.
2. Crime
To significantly reduce the incidence of crime and criminal behaviour.
3. Traffic and Road Safety
To significantly reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injuries and improve road safety.
4. Public Order
To significantly reduce the incidence of public disorder and anti-social behaviour in our communities.
5. Ethnic and Cultural Diversity
To provide equal protection and appropriate service, while nurturing mutual respect and trust.
6. Community Engagement
To build a Garda service that reflects the needs and priorities of the people in Ireland.



Foreword from the Divisional Officer, Galway Division

The six strategic goals for An Garda Síochána in 2009 are listed in the first page of this document. These goals set our strategic objectives for the year ahead and have been drawn from An Garda Síochána's Corporate Strategy.

This document sets out how the management and staff of the Galway Division will advance these strategic goals and contribute to national performance indicators through local action. We are, as always, looking forward to the co-operation of the public in our efforts at achieving our stated objectives. In this regard we also look forward to the continued assistance and co-operation of local authorities, the Health Service Executive, state agencies, voluntary agencies and the business community.

On the 1st of January 2009 the Galway-West Division ceased and in its place the Galway Division came into operation. This occurred in line with the objective set out in the National Policing Plan 2008. The effect of this change is that the Galway Division now encompasses seven Districts; Galway, Clifden, Salthill, Gort, Loughrea, Tuam and Ballinasloe.

This change brings An Garda Síochána in line with other state bodies that use county boundaries as their area of administration. This has been identified as the most efficient way of offering a high standard of policing to the people of Galway.

The Garda and civilian staff of the Galway Division are committed to providing a quality, competent, helpful and efficient service to all our customers. I would welcome your views on how we can improve on the service level provided. I would like to thank all of those who made submissions and suggestions for this plan. There is a list of contacts on the last page of this document.

“Ní neart go cur le chéile”

Signed: **Dónall Ó Cualáin**
 Árd-Cheannfort

Dated: 26th January 2009

STRATEGIC GOAL ONE – NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

To maintain national and international security

Key Actions	This will be achieved by	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
Monitor the Divisional environment to identify and analyse potential and emerging security threats	Continued development of the Division's intelligence gathering capability and focused targeting of identified security threats and proactive intelligence led operations.	No terrorist attacks occurring within the Division.	Each District Officer	A Safe and Secure State
		Operations targeted at terrorist groups	Detective Superintendent	
		Intelligence and information shared with Crime and Security and Assistant Commissioner Western Region	Detective Superintendent	
Take positive action to prevent or contain identified threats	Continued interaction, and information exchanges, with Crime and Security and other Divisional Officers. Reviewing measures in place to secure and protect all vital installations and critical infrastructure.	Sources and quality of intelligence enhanced in the Galway Division	Each District Officer & Detective Inspector	A Positive Contribution to National Security
		Review undertaken	Detective Inspector	
Preparation of Major Emergency Plan	Preparation of a plan for Galway Division.	Plan completed	Designated Inspector	

STRATEGIC GOAL TWO - CRIME

To significantly reduce the incidence of crime and criminal behaviour

Key Actions	This will be achieved by	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
Increase targeting of organised and serious crime networks including human trafficking networks	Confronting organised crime, drug trafficking, gangland crime and related killings by the greater use of intelligence, legislation and the co-ordination of targeted operations.	Detection rates for illegal firearms increased. Incidents where drugs are discovered for sale or supply increased.	Each District Officer. Detective Inspector.	Serious and Organised Crime Undermined Within the Division
Target property crime, including intellectual property and counterfeiting	Areas of high crime targeted by both uniform and plain clothes patrolling. The increased use of the Regional Surveillance Unit to target suspects.	Property crime reduced. Detection rates for property crime increased.	Each District Officer & Detective Inspector. Each District Officer & Detective Inspector.	Reductions in Property Crime and Increased Detections
To lower the incidence of serious assaults	Increased use of CCTV to monitor areas of potential trouble and the targeting of identified Hot Spots by foot patrols.	Reduction in the incidence of assaults.	Each District Officer & Detective Inspector.	An Garda Síochána's Ability to Detect Offenders Increased
Enhance Divisional capability in managing the risk associated with sex offenders	Implementing a structured programme to manage the risk posed to society by sex offenders.	All persons subject to the provisions of the Sexual Offenders Act 2001 risk assessed.	Each District Officer & Detective Inspector.	Risk Posed by Sex Offenders Subject to the Provisions of Legislation Reduced
Ensure effective intervention in domestic violence incidents and crimes of a sexual nature	Improving public confidence in the capacity of An Garda Síochána to intervene effectively in domestic violence incidents and crimes of a sexual nature.	The number of arrests for domestic violence related incidents increased. Detection rate for sexual offences increased.	Each District Officer & Designated Inspector. Each District Officer & Detective Inspector.	Increased Confidence in An Garda Síochána's Ability to Investigate Crimes Involving Domestic Violence and those of a Sexual Nature

STRATEGIC GOAL THREE – TRAFFIC				
To significantly reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injuries and improve road safety				
Key Actions	This will be achieved by	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
Targeted enforcement of both Road Traffic and Road Transport Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater use of MAT (Mandatory Alcohol Testing) checkpoints. 204 MAT Checkpoints Per Month & 1100 Breath Tests Per Month. 	<p>Number of persons arrested for drunken driving.</p> <p>Targets achieved.</p>	District Officers & Divisional Traffic Inspector	<p>Reduction in Incidence of Fatal and Serious Injuries and Improved Road Safety through Increased Road User Compliance</p> <p>Significant Contribution to the Free Flow of Traffic</p>
Promote Road Safety awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting intelligence led operations targeting Section 49 Offences in both rural and urban areas. Full utilisation of speed detection equipment. 	<p>The number of arrests for Drink Driving.</p> <p>Targets, appropriate to An Garda Síochána, set out in the Road Safety Strategy 2007-2012, achieved.</p> <p>168 speed detection checks per month.</p> <p>120 hours duty with mobile speed detection vehicles per annum.</p>	District Officers & Divisional Traffic Inspector	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of High Visibility checkpoints in areas of high traffic volume 	<p>Conducting 48 high visibility static vehicle stops per month.</p>	Divisional Traffic Inspector	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The allocation of two full time members to Road Transport duties, to detect offences. 	<p>Increase in the number of detections under Road Transport Legislation</p>	Divisional Traffic Inspector	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting road show presentations in schools / colleges with targets of 21 per quarter. 	<p>The number of fatal and serious road collisions reduced</p> <p>Reaching the target</p>	Divisional Traffic Inspector	

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Promote Road Safety awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to improve public awareness through greater engagement, communication, visibility and enforcement. 	One radio presentation per quarter. Road Safety advice in the local media	Divisional Traffic Inspector.	Reduction in Incidence of Fatal and Serious Injuries and Improved Road Safety through Increased Road User Compliance
The Implementation of a National Roads Policing Strategy for An Garda Síochána.	Implementing of a National Roads Policing Strategy for An Garda Síochána.	National Roads Strategy implemented	District Officer & Divisional Traffic Inspector.	
Further develop organisational capability in road policing	Maintain ISO9001: 2000.	Comply with audit 2009	Divisional Traffic Inspector	
Changing Unacceptable Road Behaviour	Establishing a prototype operation within Galway Division.	Establishment of operation CURB. Reduction in the number of Fatal and Serious road collisions.	District Officer & Divisional Traffic Inspector.	

STRATEGIC GOAL FOUR – PUBLIC ORDER

To significantly reduce the incidence of public disorder and anti-social behaviour in our communities

Key Actions	This will be achieved by	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
To manage public disorder and anti-social behaviour, in particular those problems associated with the night time economy	Engaging effectively with community, business and statutory groups in conjunction with the analysis of available data in identifying and targeting local public order and anti-social behaviour hot-spots.	Incidence of public disorder reduced The number of meetings held with community, business and statutory groups	Each District Officer Each District Officer & Designated Inspector	Safer Communities and Public Places
	The identification of Public Order hot-spots and the targeted patrolling of these hot-spots by mobile and foot patrols	Incidence of criminal damage reduced. The number of hot-spots identified	Each District Officer	
Maintain and enhance organisational capability to effectively address incidents of public disorder	Develop partnerships with the licensed trade and other relevant stakeholders to create local strategic alliances in managing the night time economy to reduce alcohol and drug related public disorder.	Number of local Strategic Alliances created with businesses in the Districts	Each District Officer & Designated Inspector.	
	Effectively challenging and controlling anti-social behaviour, public disorder and underage drinking through targeted operations.	Incidence of assault reduced Number of targeted operations initiated	District Officer District Officer	
	Implementation of Safe City Initiative.	The implementation of the initiative.	District Officer Galway	

GOAL FIVE – ETHNIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

To provide equal protection and appropriate service,
while nurturing mutual respect and trust.

Key Actions	This will be achieved by	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
Implement Garda Diversity Strategy	The implementation and evaluation of Garda Diversity Strategy.	Garda Diversity Strategy implemented and evaluated	Each District Officer & Designated Inspector	
Engage with ethnic and culturally diverse communities	Proactively developing methods of engaging with ethnic and culturally diverse communities to ensure access to services and information.	Number of formal meetings held/ initiatives implemented	Each District Officer & Designated Inspector	A Garda Service that Reflects and Serves our Diverse Communities
	Improved recording of racist incidents.	Enhanced data on racist incidents with a view to increased detections	Each District Officer	

STRATEGIC GOAL SIX – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To build a Garda service that reflects the needs and prioritises of the people of Ireland

Key Actions	This will be achieved by	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
A Divisional focus on Community Policing	Reactivation of dormant community/neighbourhood watch schemes.	Numbers of schemes reactivated	Each District Officer	Reactivation of Schemes
Engage with older people	Developing effective and innovative policing approaches to enhance our engagement with older people in our communities.	Improved satisfaction levels of older people with Garda service	Each District Officer	
Engagement with all members of the community	Engaging with Joint Policing Committees, interest groups, statutory and voluntary agencies and members of the public to ensure safe and secure communities.	Garda involvement in Joint Policing Committees evaluated	Each District Officer	A Garda Service that is Partnership Based and Community Oriented
	Redevelopment of the Costal Watch Scheme.	One crime prevention local radio broadcast in the Galway Division per week	Each District Officer	
		Regular briefing and development completed	Designated Inspector	
Enhance An Garda Síochána's victim related services	Work towards improving delivery of Victims Charter commitments in consultation with the Victims of Crime Office and the Commission for the Support of Victims of Crime.	Two Family Liaison Officers appointed in every Garda District	Each District Officer	Improved Communication with, and Service to, Victims of Crime
		Improved satisfaction levels of victims of crime with Garda service	Each District Officer	
		Letters to victims issued in all appropriate cases	Each District Officer	
	Increase in the number of Family Liaison Officers trained.	An increase in the number of Liaison Officers Trained	Each District Officer	

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