



An Garda Síochána

Divisional Policing Plan 2009 Louth Garda Division

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Priorities for An Garda Síochána for 2009

1. **National & International Security**

To protect the security of the State and the people against domestic and international terrorism.

2. **Crime**

To target serious crime, in particular organised, gun and drug related crime.

3. **Traffic**

To improve road safety by taking appropriate measures to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

4. **Public Order**

To preserve peace and public order in co-operation with local communities, in particular by targeting disorder arising from binge drinking.

5. **Ethnic & 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 of Ireland

Foreword from Chief Superintendent Patrick D. McGee Louth Divisional Officer



- This Policing Plan sets out the aims of An Garda Síochána for 2009 and should be viewed within the longer term development of policing in this Division and with particular reference to the Garda Corporate Strategy 2007 – 2009.
- The plan sets out challenging targets which we will strive to achieve.
- In policing the Louth Division we are conscious of the wide ranging public support that we receive and the public's general adherence to high standards and this is our aim going forward to maintain and strengthen the beneficial partnerships already forged with statutory, community and business groups and also other stakeholders for the betterment of our community. This will be assisted by the expansion of the Joint Policing Committees in Co. Louth planned for 2009.
- The overall aim of the Divisional Policing Plan is to improve the quality of service to the public. This will be achieved by making best use of available Garda resources in the current budgetary situation, forging strong community links and building partnerships with relevant stakeholders to address issues giving rise to public concern. The key to our success is our relationship with the community we police. In this regard the creation of a third Garda District in Ardee from 1st January 2009 will enhance our vision of having excellent people delivering policing excellence.
- The Gardaí in the Louth Division are totally committed to customer satisfaction, equality and consultation with you as a customer. You are invited to submit your views on any aspect of our plan to my office and if there are any views you want to have included in our Plan for 2010 you can contact me at the address on this cover page.

- In addition to national goals as set out in this document we will during 2009 prioritise the following areas:
- Continued emphasis on national and international security and in particular dissident organisations.
- Continue to reduce the number of fatalities on our roads – deaths have been reduced on our roads in 2008 – 17 people killed in 2007 – 7 people killed in 2008- a reduction of 10 fatalities.
- Increase the number of arrests for driving while intoxicated with alcohol and drugs.
- Increase the number of detections for speeding/non-wearing of seatbelts.
- Targeting and profiling of the main groups supplying drugs in County Louth.
- Implementation of the Garda Diversity Strategy.
- Placing more emphasis on the area of underage consumption of alcohol.
- Ensuring that all people are dealt with respect, equality and fairness.
- Creation of third Garda District in Ardee and improving the service to the people of mid-Louth.

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Patrick D. McGee
Chief Superintendent
January 2009

Strategic Goal One – National And International Security
To maintain national and international security

Regional Actions	Regional Performance Indicators	Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	Process Owner
<p>Monitor the national and international environments to identify and analyse potential and emerging security threats</p> <p>Take positive action to prevent or contain identified threats</p> <p>Maintain and develop our capability to proactively and reactively respond to national and international security threats</p>	<p>No terrorist attacks occurring within the State</p> <p>Operations targeted at terrorist groups</p> <p>Intelligence and information shared with international counterparts as appropriate</p> <p>Sources and quality of intelligence enhanced in each Garda District</p> <p>Collaboration with international security agencies in the area of training increased</p>	<p>Identify, monitor and analyse security threats across the Division</p> <p>Initiate response to each threat identified</p> <p>Enhance the capability of the Division to anticipate and respond proactively to national and international threats</p>	<p>•Terrorist and subversive groups and individuals in each District identified and profiled</p> <p>•Identified terrorist/subversive groups and individuals in each District targeted</p> <p>•Cross-border co-operation through regular meetings with the P.S.N.I. enhanced</p> <p>•Coastal Watch Scheme in the Division reviewed</p>	<p>Each District Officer</p> <p>D/Inspector T. Duffy</p>

Outcome:
A safe and secure State
A positive contribution to international security

<p>Increase the ability of An Garda Síochána to detect crime utilising forensic and other technological developments</p>	<p>Detection rates for assaults increased</p>	<p>Fully utilise our forensic investigation capabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Number of scenes examined by Scenes of Crime Unit personnel increased •Number of ‘hits’ achieved by Scenes of Crime Units increased •Training for Scenes of Crime personnel enhanced •Number of arrested persons fingerprinted/photographed, where legal authority exists increased 	<p>Each District Officer</p> <p>D/Inspector T. Duffy</p> <p>Inspector P. Kiernan</p>
<p>Enhance organisational capability in managing the risk associated with sex offenders</p>	<p>All persons subject to the provisions of the Sexual Offenders Act 2001 risk assessed</p>	<p>Risk assessment to be completed in respect of every registered sex offender</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Risk assessments in respect of every registered sex offenders completed •Every listed sex offender managed by a nominated Garda 	
<p>Ensure effective intervention in domestic violence incidents and crimes of a sexual nature</p>	<p>Detection rate for sexual offences increased.</p> <p>The number of arrests for Domestic Violence related incidents increased</p>	<p>Manage the risk associated with sex offenders</p> <p>Intervene effectively in all domestic violence incidents and crimes of a sexual nature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Detection rates for crimes of a sexual nature increased •Number of arrests for domestic violence related incidents increased •Appropriate victim support services are offered to victims of crime 	

Outcome:

Serious and organised crime undermined within the State

Reduction in property crime and increased detections

An Garda Síochána’s ability to detect offenders increased

Risk posed by sex offenders subject to the provisions of legislation reduced

Increase confidence in An Garda Síochána’s ability to investigate crime involving domestic violence and those of a sexual nature

Strategic Goal Three – Traffic

To significantly reduce the incidence of crime and criminal behaviour

Regional Actions	Regional Performance Indicators	Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	Process Owner
<p>Targeted enforcement of both Road Traffic and Road Transport Legislation</p> <p>Promote Road Safety awareness</p> <p>Further develop organisational capability in road policing</p>	<p>Incidence of drink driving determined utilising available data</p> <p>Targets appropriate to An Garda Síochána set out in the Road Safety Strategy 2007 – 2012 achieved</p>	<p>Targeted enforcement of both Road Traffic and Road Transport Legislation</p> <p>Deployment of appropriate personnel in implementing the National Roads Policing Strategy</p> <p>Engage in the promotion of safety awareness amongst road users</p> <p>Develop a Divisional Roads Policing Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Detections for drink driving increased •Number of MAT checkpoints increased •Detections for exceeding speed limits increased •Detections for non-wearing of seatbelts increased •Detections for breaches of Road Transport legislation increased •Garda/PSNI Traffic policing co-operation and joint targeted operations continued •The number of Road Safety Schools presentations in each District increased •Local media regularly utilised by each District to highlight road safety awareness •Road Safety Team deployed •Authorised strength of Traffic Units within the Division in line with National Plan maintained •Traffic Units on anti-crime checkpoints in conjunction with Detective Units regularly deployed •Effective deployment of ANPR vehicles in both traffic and crime operations ensured 	<p>Each District Officer</p> <p>Inspector M.F. Smethers</p>

Outcome:

Reduction in incidence of fatal and serious injuries and improved road safety through increased road user compliance
Significant contribution to the free flow of traffic

Strategic Goal Four – Public Order

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

Regional Actions	Regional Performance Indicators	Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	Process Owner
<p>To manage public disorder and anti-social behaviour, in particular those problems associated with the night time economy</p> <p>Maintain and enhance organisational capability to effectively address incidents of public disorder</p>	<p>Incidents of public disorder reduced</p> <p>Incidents of criminal damage reduced</p> <p>Incidents of assault reduced</p> <p>National awareness campaign directed at the carrying of knives completed</p>	<p>Challenge disorderly and anti-social behaviour through targeted policing of areas identified as anti-social behaviour hot-spots</p> <p>Engage with community, statutory and business groups in identifying and reducing alcohol and drug related public disorder</p> <p>Effectively utilise the available legislation to challenge and reduce anti social behaviour, public disorder and underage drinking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Incidents of public disorder reduced •Number of meetings with licensed vintners to address issues of disorder and underage drinking held •Incidents of assaults reduced •Detection rates for assaults increased •Incidents of criminal damage reduced •Number of Behaviour Warnings issued for both adults and children increased •Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders applied for increased •Number of Public Order incidents dealt with by Adult Caution increased •Number of targeted operations to prevent/detect underage drinking increased 	<p>Each District Officer</p> <p>Inspector P.L. McGinn</p>

Outcome:

Safer Communities and Public Places

Strategic Goal Five – Ethnic and Cultural Diversity

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

Regional Actions	Regional Performance Indicators	Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	Process Owner
<p>Implement Garda Diversity Strategy</p> <p>Increase the capability and effectiveness of An Garda Síochána in creating an organisation representative of the community it serves</p> <p>Engage with ethnic and culturally diverse communities</p>	<p>Garda Diversity Strategy implemented and evaluated</p> <p>Percentage of new entrants from minority communities to An Garda Síochána increased</p> <p>Enhanced data on racist incidents with a view to increased detections</p>	<p>Implement appropriate elements of Garda Diversity Strategy</p> <p>Engage with minority communities to encourage them to join An Garda Síochána</p> <p>Actively engage with minority communities to ensure effective provision of Garda services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Appropriate elements of Garda Diversity Strategy in each District implemented •One open day in each District to encourage minority communities to join An Garda Síochána held •All racially motivated incidents fully investigated •Detection rate for racially motivated incidents increased •Number of trained Ethnic Liaison Officers in this Division increased •Monthly report on engagement with minority communities compiled by Ethnic Liaison Officers 	<p>Each District Officer</p> <p>Inspector P. Marry</p>

Outcome:

A Garda Service that reflects and serves our diverse communities

Strategic Goal Six – Community Engagement

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

Regional Actions	Regional Performance Indicators	Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	Process Owner
A National focus on Community Policing	Pilot of National Model of Community Policing implemented and evaluated	Implement relevant elements of the National Model of Community Policing	•Appropriate engagement in the pilot phase of the National Model of Community Policing in each District ensured	Each District Officer Inspector P. Marry
Implement Garda Youth Strategy	Targets appropriate to An Garda Síochána, as set out in the National Youth Justice Strategy, achieved	Implement relevant elements of Garda Youth Strategy	•Appropriate implementation of Garda Youth Strategy in each District ensured	
Enhance our service to the community through the implementation of a Garda Charter	Garda Community Charter completed and pilot commenced	Implement Garda Community Charter	•Garda Community Charter in each District implemented	
Engage with older people	Satisfaction level of older people with Garda service established through joint survey with relevant partner agencies	Engage with older people to ensure the effective provision of Garda services	•Every older person who was a victim of a crime revisited within one month of the crime to update them on the investigation	
Engagement with all members of the community	Garda involvement in Joint Policing Committees evaluated	Engage effectively with each Joint Policing Committee	•Every meeting of Joint Policing Committee attended by officer of appropriate rank	

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Regional Actions	Regional Performance Indicators	Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	Process Owner
<p>Enhance An Garda Síochána's victim related services</p>	<p>Satisfaction levels of victims of crime with Garda service established through joint survey with relevant partner agencies</p> <p>Letters to victims issued in all appropriate cases</p>	<p>Enhance our service provision to victims of crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Letter to crime victims in every appropriate case sent •One meeting per quarter with local victim support organisations to enhance service provision held •Two Family Liaison Officers in each District appointed •Family Liaison Officers deployed in every appropriate case 	<p>Each District Officer</p> <p>Inspector P. Marry</p>

Outcome:

A Garda Service that is partnership based and community oriented
Improved communication with and service to Victims of Crime

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