

An Garda Síochána



Mayo Garda Division

Policing Plan 2009

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Mayo Divisional Priorities for 2009

1. National and 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 the 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. Customer Service

To complete and implement a Garda charter which will improve the Garda response to calls for service and which will contain commitments on the level of community policing service which the public can expect from Gardai.

6. Illegal Immigration and Human Trafficking

To protect national sovereignty, the frontiers of the State and the integrity of the State's immigration systems and to prevent and target human trafficking and people smuggling through the effective enforcement of national and international immigration law.



Foreword from the Mayo Divisional Officer

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Divisional Policing Plan 2009 for Mayo Garda Division.

The 2009 Divisional Policing Plan brings a natural conclusion to the three year planning cycle outlined in the Garda Síochána Corporate Strategy 2007 – 2009. The Plan continues with the modernisation and development of An Garda Síochána and is focused on the key public imperatives of public safety, public confidence and transparent public accountability.

In pursuit of our stated objectives we will continue to engage in partnering with a range of statutory agencies, voluntary agencies and community representatives. In Mayo Garda Division our policing strategy will adopt a community engagement and problem solving approach which is essential for effective, efficient and accountable policing empowering local communities to engage in community safety initiatives.

I am very proud to lead a strong organisation of men and women, both Garda and civilian who dedicate themselves daily to securing a safe community for everyone. Our job is to ensure that people feel safe on the streets and in their homes. An Garda Síochána will not let up in pursuit of that objective and adherence to this plan will ensure that we consistently seek to deliver the highest standards of professional policing for the community.

‘Ní neart go cur le chéile’

Signed: _____
A.C. McNamara
Árd-Cheannfort

Dated: 12th 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 divisional, regional and national environments 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 Operations targeted at terrorist groups Intelligence and information shared with Divisional counterparts, Assistant Commissioner, Western Region and Assistant Commissioner Crime and Security	Each District Officer Divisional Detective Inspector	A Safe and Secure State
Take positive action to maintain and develop our capability and reactively prevent, contain or respond to 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. Continue security operations in respect of the Corrib Gas Refinery Project.	Sources and quality of intelligence enhanced in each Garda Division Review undertaken Number of policing operations implemented	Each District Officer Divisional Detective Inspector District Officer, Belmullet	A Positive Contribution to International Security

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. We will develop a Divisional strategy to tackle organised, armed and travelling criminals.	Detection rates for illegal firearms increased Incidents where drugs are discovered for sale or supply increased Enhanced data on the incidence of human trafficking for exploitation with a view to increased detections	Each District Officer Divisional Detective Inspector Divisional Drugs Unit	Serious and Organised Crime Undermined Within the State
Target property crime, including intellectual property and counterfeiting	The development of a multi-agency prolific offender strategy and the implementation of a Crime Prevention Strategy.	Property crime reduced Detection rates for property crime increased	Each District Officer Divisional Detective Inspector	Reductions in Property Crime and Increased Detections
Increase the ability of An Garda Síochána to detect crime utilising forensic and other technological developments	The continued development of our forensic and technological analysis capability in areas such as mobile phones, CCTV, computer, multi media devices and fingerprint identification	Detection rates for assaults increased	Each District Officer Divisional 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 Divisional Detective Inspector & Inspector M. Byrne, Ballina	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	By improving public confidence in the capacity of An Garda Síochána to intervene effectively in Domestic Violence incidents and crimes of a sexual nature.	Detection rate for sexual offences increased The number of arrests for Domestic Violence related incidents increased	Each District Officer Divisional Detective Inspector Inspector M. Byrne, Ballina	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 	Incidence of drink driving determined, utilising available data	Each District Officer	<p>Reduction in Incidence of Fatal and Serious Injuries</p> <p>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"> Full utilisation of speed detection equipment Rollout of ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition] systems Intercept Checkpoints Continuing to improve public awareness through greater engagement, communication, visibility and enforcement 	<p>Targets, appropriate to An Garda Síochána, set out in the Road Safety Strategy 2007-2012, achieved</p> <p>Number of detections under Road Transport legislation</p> <p>The number of fatal and serious road collisions reduced</p> <p>Number of road show presentations in schools / colleges</p> <p>Ensure full compliance with the Collision Prevention Programme</p>	Inspector B. Foley, Divisional Traffic Inspector	
Further develop divisional capability in road policing	The Implementation of a National Roads Policing Strategy for An Garda Síochána.	<p>National Roads Policing Strategy implemented</p> <p>Secure suitable accommodation for Divisional Traffic Corps at Castlebar</p> <p>Continue training needs analysis and implement training in respect of alcometer, intoxilyser, speed detection equipment and stinger stopping device</p>	Each 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.	Incidents of public disorder reduced The number of meetings held with community, business and statutory groups Increased implementation of bye-law regulations in urban areas	Each District Officer	Safer Communities and Public Places
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. Effectively challenging and controlling anti-social behaviour, public disorder and underage drinking through targeted operations	Incidents of criminal damage reduced Number of local Strategic Alliances created Incidents of assault reduced Number of targeted operations initiated Number of licensed premises identified for breaches of legislation	Each District Officer	

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	
Increase the capability and effectiveness of An Garda Síochána in creating an organisation representative of the community it serves	Targeted and innovative recruitment campaigns.	Percentage of new entrants from minority communities to An Garda Síochána (fulltime and Reserve Gardai) increased	Each District Officer	
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. Improved recording of racist incidents.	Number of formal meetings held/ initiatives implemented Enhanced data on racist incidents with a view to increased detections	Each District Officer	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 prioritises of the people of Ireland*

Key Actions	This will be achieved by	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
A divisional focus on Community Policing	Implementing and evaluating the Garda Síochána National Model of Community Policing on a pilot basis in selected Garda Districts.	Pilot of National Model of Community Policing implemented and evaluated	Each District Officer	A Garda Service that is Partnership Based and Community Oriented
Implement Garda Youth Strategy	Working in collaboration with our strategic partners under the umbrella of the National Youth Justice Strategy 2008-2010	Targets appropriate to An Garda Síochána, as set out in the National Youth Justice Strategy, achieved	Each District Officer	
Enhance our service to the community through the implementation of a Garda Charter	The implementation of a Garda Charter	Garda Charter pilot completed	Each District Officer	
Engage with older people	Developing effective and innovative policing approaches to enhance our engagement with older people in our communities.	Satisfaction levels of older people with Garda service established through joint survey with relevant partner agencies	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 the four Joint Policing Committees in Mayo Garda Division evaluated	Divisional Officer District Officer, Castlebar, Ballina and Westport	
		One crime prevention local radio broadcast in Mayo Division per week	Crime Prevention Officer	
		Two Family Liaison Officers appointed in every Garda District	Each District Officer	
		Satisfaction levels of victims of crime with Garda service established through joint survey with relevant partner agencies	Each District Officer	
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	Letters to victims issued in all appropriate cases		Improved Communication with, and Service to, Victims of Crime