



An Garda Síochána Policing Plan 2009 Meath Division



A TIME FOR CHANGE

FOREWORD FROM CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT P. RATTIGAN

DIVISIONAL OFFICER MEATH GARDA DIVISION

I am pleased to present the Meath Divisional Policing Plan for 2009. This plan is a continuation of the implementation of the Garda Síochána Corporate Strategy 2007-2009 “A Time for Change” issued by the Garda Commissioner and includes the priorities for An Garda Síochána for 2009 determined by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform in accordance with Section 20 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.



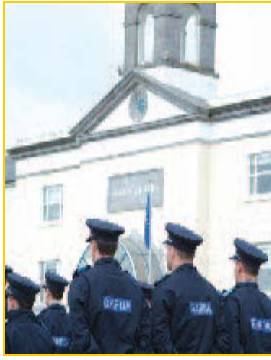
- **National and International Security**
To protect the security of the State and the people against domestic and international terrorism.
- **Crime**
To target serious crime, in particular organised, gun and drug related crime.
- **Traffic**
To improve road safety by taking appropriate measures to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on the roads.
- **Public Order**
To preserve peace and public order in co-operation with local communities, in particular by targeting disorder arising from binge drinking.
- **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 Gardaí.
- **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.

This Policing Plan sets out in a realistic manner how these priorities can be achieved by using the core universal principles of legality, necessity, proportionality, accountability and non discrimination.

As Chief Superintendent of the Meath Division I will strive to provide a professional, well led and well managed policing service grounded on human rights principles. It will be my goal and that of the members of An Garda Síochána in the Meath Division to work in partnership with both internal and external stakeholders to provide a visible Garda presence, an effective response to crime and anti-social behaviour, and an improved sense of security for the people who live within the Division.

I thank you for your ongoing co-operation and support. Your interaction with An Garda Síochána is vital and most valued. I welcome feedback on any aspect of the plan to the contact persons shown.

PADRAIG RATTIGAN
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT



VISION

*‘Excellent people delivering
policing excellence’*

MISSION

*To achieve the highest attainable level of
Personal Protection, Community
Commitment
and State Security*

VALUES

Having respect for people and accepting diversity in all its forms

*Protecting human rights and adhering to the principles of fairness and
justice*

Maintaining partnerships with the community

Individual responsibility and transparent public accountability

Honesty, professionalism and ethical leadership

Continuously learning and embracing change

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
<p>Monitor the environments to identify and analyse potential and emerging security threats</p>	<p>Identifying, targeting and profiling dissident activists / terrorists / subversive individuals and groups in the Meath Division</p>	<p>Number of persons identified, targeted and profiled</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector McEneaney</p>	<p>A Safe and Secure State</p>
<p>Take positive action to prevent or contain identified threats</p>	<p>Preparing a strategy to monitor the activities of extremist activists</p>	<p>No terrorist attacks occurring within the Division</p>		
<p>Maintain and develop our capability to proactively and reactively respond to security threats</p>	<p>Assessing, categorising and recording each threat received</p>	<p>Number of individuals arrested and prosecuted</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector McEneaney</p>	<p>A Positive Contribution to International Security</p>
	<p>Detective Unit personnel and Crime Prevention Officer visiting subject</p>	<p>Number of persons visited by Detective Unit personnel and Crime Prevention Officer</p>		
	<p>Providing immediate response</p> <p>Reviewing and updating Major Emergency Plan</p> <p>Participating in one 'live' Major Emergency Plan exercise</p>	<p>Live exercise held in Division</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent, Inspectors McEneaney and Robinson</p>	

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	Identifying, profiling and targeting individuals and groups in the Division engaged in the trafficking of illegal drugs and gun crime	Number of individuals and groups identified, profiled and targeted	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector McEneaney	Serious and Organised Crime Undermined Within the State
	Immigration Officers examining the existence of groups involved in human trafficking and vulnerable individuals	Action plan implemented and quarterly report compiled by District Immigration Officers		
Target property crime, including intellectual property and counterfeiting	Each District developing and implementing specific action plans to prevent, reduce and detect property crime	District action plan implemented	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector McEneaney	Reductions in Property Crime and Increased Detections
Increase the ability of An Garda Síochána to detect crime utilising forensic and other technological developments	Utilising fully the capabilities of the trained Divisional Scenes of Crime (S.O.C.) Unit	Number of crime scenes examined by S.O.C.	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector McEneaney	An Garda Síochána's Ability to Detect Offenders Increased
	All identifiable marks being forwarded for forensic examination	Increase in number of detections achieved as a result of forensic examination		
	Increasing number of fingerprints taken			
	Increasing forensic awareness through briefing by Divisional S.O.C. personnel to Continuous Professional Development (C.P.D.) classes in Division	Number of briefings by Divisional S.O.C. personnel		

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STRATEGIC GOAL TWO – CRIME

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Key Actions	This will be achieved by:	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
<p>Increase capability in managing the risk associated with sex offenders</p>	<p>Enhancing the monitoring of sex offenders by implementing a structured programme to manage the risk they pose to society</p> <p>Appointing one Garda with responsibility to develop/maintain sex offenders register</p>	<p>All persons subject to the provisions of the Sexual Offenders Act 2001 risk assessed</p> <p>Every new sex offender identified and monitored by a named Garda</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector McEneaney</p>	<p>Risk Posed by Sex Offenders Subject to the Provisions of Legislation Reduced</p>
<p>Ensure effective intervention in domestic violence incidents and crimes of a sexual nature</p>	<p>Each District developing and implementing specific action plans to intervene effectively and detect domestic violence incidents and crimes of a sexual nature</p> <p>Monthly ongoing review of all incidents</p>	<p>District action plan drawn up to achieve effective intervention and detection of domestic violence incidents and crimes of a sexual nature</p> <p>Ongoing review</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent, Inspectors McEneaney and Robinson</p>	<p>Increased Confidence in An Garda Síochána’s Ability to Investigate Crimes Involving Domestic Violence and those of a Sexual Nature</p>

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	Targeting enforcement of Road Traffic Legislation at identified 'Hotspots' and collision prone locations to detect and prevent speeding, drink driving, non wearing of seat belts, use of mobile phones while driving and Road Transport offences	Targets, appropriate to An Garda Síochána, set out in the Road Safety Strategy 2007-2012, achieved Reduction in fatal and serious traffic collisions Increased detections of all road traffic offences	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector Farrell	Reduction in Incidence of Fatal and Serious Injuries and Improved Road Safety through Increased Road User Compliance
Promote road safety awareness	Divisional personnel being trained to deliver Road Safety and Traffic Awareness Programme to secondary schools in the Meath Division Media Liaison Officer engaging local print and radio media to deliver the road safety message	One visit per District per quarter to secondary schools One road safety broadcast per month	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector Farrell	
Further develop organisational capability in road policing	Increasing Divisional traffic management capability	Establishment of a coordinated approach to traffic management for major events, road works and emergencies	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector Farrell	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

Key Actions	This will be achieved by:	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
<p>To manage public disorder and anti-social behaviour, in particular those problems associated with the night time economy</p>	<p>Engaging with licensed trade and other relevant stakeholders to reduce alcohol and drug related public disorder</p> <p>Continuing the use of high visibility public order patrols</p> <p>Optimum use of Adult Caution</p>	<p>Public order 'hotspots' identified</p> <p>Safer streets</p> <p>Reduction in assaults</p> <p>Increase in high visibility public order patrols</p> <p>Increase in the number of Adult Cautions</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent each Superintendent and Inspector Keegan</p>	<p>Safer Communities and Public Places</p>
<p>Maintain and enhance organisational capability to effectively address incidents of public disorder</p>	<p>Regular Divisional review of operational plans to combat public disorder</p> <p>Effectively utilising the provisions of the law, in particular the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2008, to challenge and control anti-social behaviour, public disorder and underage drinking by carrying out one targeted operation per quarter in each District</p>	<p>Reduction in incidents of public disorder</p> <p>Reduction in incidents of criminal damage</p> <p>Reduction in incidents of assault</p> <p>Increase in detections under Liquor Licensing laws</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent each Superintendent and Inspector Keegan</p>	

STRATEGIC 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
<p>Increase the capability and effectiveness of An Garda Síochána in creating an organisation representative of the community it serves</p>	<p>Ensuring there is strict recording of racist incidents within each District</p>	<p>All racist incidents fully investigated with a view to increased detections</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and each Ethnic Liaison Officer</p>	
<p>Engage with ethnic and culturally diverse communities</p>	<p>Each district establishing an Ethnic Liaison Officer to engage with ethnic and culturally diverse communities</p>	<p>Ethnic Liaison Officer to identify specific areas where there has been proactive engagement with ethnic and culturally diverse groups</p> <p>Better understanding by ethnic and culturally diverse communities of the Garda organisation and its service</p>	<p>Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and each Ethnic Liaison Officer</p>	<p>A Garda Service that Reflects and Serves our Diverse Communities</p>

STRATEGIC GOAL SIX – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Key Actions	This will be achieved by:	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
Greater focus on Community Policing	<p>Reviewing the numbers of Garda personnel allocated to Community Policing units</p> <p>Reviewing the status of Neighbourhood Watch / Community Alert schemes in each District</p>	<p>Increase in members allocated to Community Policing</p> <p>Development of Neighbourhood Watch / Community Alert schemes in each District</p>	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector Farrell	
Implement Garda Youth Strategy	<p>Identifying suitable locations within the Division for the further development of the Garda Youth Diversion Project in consultation with Community Relations Office and the Irish Youth Justice Service identified</p> <p>Increasing primary school and secondary school visits</p>	<p>Locations identified for the further development of Garda Youth Diversion Project</p> <p>Number of visits to primary schools and secondary schools</p>	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector Farrell	A Garda Service that is Partnership Based and Community Oriented

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Key Actions	This will be achieved by:	Performance Indicators	Process Owner	Outcome
Engage with older people	Each District giving at least one example of an innovative approach to enhance engagement with older people in the community	Increase in engagement with older people	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector Farrell	Improved Communication with, and Service to, Victims of Crime
Engagement with all members of the community	Engaging with Joint Policing Committees, interest groups, statutory and voluntary agencies to ensure a safe and secure community	Ongoing reviews One Family Liaison Officer appointed in each District	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent and Inspector Farrell	
Enhance An Garda Síochána's victim related services	Victims of crime in each District being notified in with contact details of investigating Gardaí	Increase in letters to victims of crime	Chief Superintendent, each Superintendent, Inspectors Farrell and Keegan	
	Utilising the services of Family Liaison Officers (FLO) in the investigation of incidents involving a fatality and in all other investigations as deemed appropriate by the District Officer	Number of incidents where F.L.O. utilised		

