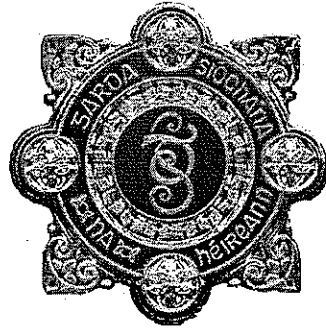


# **An Garda Síochána**



## **Divisional Policing Plan 2008 Louth/Meath Garda Division**

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# **An Garda Síochána Strategic Goals 2008**

## **1. National & International Security**

To maintain National & International Security.

## **2. Crime**

To significantly reduce the incidence of crime and criminal behaviour.

## **3. Traffic**

To significantly reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injuries and improve road safety.

## **4. Public Order**

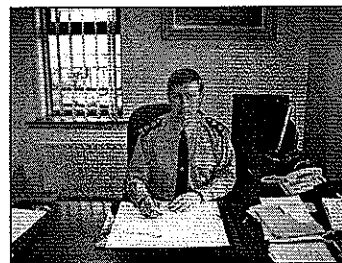
To significantly reduce the incidence of public order and anti-social behaviour in our communities.

## **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.



**Forward from Chief Superintendent Patrick D. McGee  
Louth/Meath Divisional Officer**

This Policing Plan sets out the aims of An Garda Síochána for 2008 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/Meath 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.

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, forging strong community links and building partnerships with relevant stakeholders to address issues giving rise to public concern.

The Gardaí in the Louth/Meath 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 2009 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 2008 priorities the following areas:

- Continue to reduce the number of fatalities on our roads – deaths have been reduced in 2007 by two on the previous year.
- Increase the number of arrests for driving while intoxicated by 10%.
- Increase the number of detections for speeding/non-wearing of seatbelts by 10%.
- Targeting and profiling of the main groups supplying drugs in the Louth/Meath area.
- Revitalise and evaluate all Neighbourhood Watch and Community Alert Schemes.
- Placing more emphasis on the area of underage consumption of alcohol.
- Ensuring that all people are dealt with respect, equality and fairness.
- Preparations for the creation of Meath and Louth as separate Divisions.

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*Patrick D. McGee*  
*Chief Superintendent*

*January 2008*

<b>Strategic Goal 1: National &amp; International Security</b>		
<b>Divisional Actions</b>	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Process Owner</b>
Identify and Analyse the Threats to National and International Security.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of threats, assessed categorised and recorded.</li> <li>• 100% of identified groups and individuals profiled.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Inspector T. Duffy
Initiate responses to identified threats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate operations against 100% of identified targets.</li> <li>• Number of individuals arrested and prosecuted for terrorist/subversive offences.</li> <li>• <i>PULSE</i> generated intelligence.</li> <li>• Number of arrests under Section 30 and searches under Section 29 O.A.S.A.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Inspector T. Duffy
Enhance capability within the Division to anticipate and respond proactively to National and International Threats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of Divisional Major Emergency Plan reviewed and updated.</li> <li>• Number of Joint Policing Operations.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Insp. M.F. Smethers

<b>Strategic Goal 2: Crime</b>		
<b>Divisional Actions</b>	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Process Owner</b>
Enhance the Forensic and Investigative capability of the Divisional Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of Crime Scene Investigation Teams in the Louth/Meath Division.</li> <li>A 5% increase in the number of detections as a result of forensic examination and identification.</li> <li>Train one member in Forensic Phone Data Analysis.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Inspector T. Duffy
To proactively target groups and individuals engaged in gun crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tactical training provided for all certified and authorised firearms personnel.</li> <li>A 5% increase in Operation Anvil Firearm Prevention patrols.</li> <li>Complete list of vulnerable premises</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Inspector T. Duffy
Continuance and intensification of intelligence led operations against groups and individuals engaged in the trafficking of illegal drugs, guns and immigrants into and within this Division.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 5% increase in intelligence led operations against drug, gun and human trafficking networks.</li> <li>A 5% increase in intelligence led operations against street level drug dealers and users.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Inspector T. Duffy
Maximise the Divisional intelligence gathering and management capability to target, prevent and solve crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase by 10% the number of registered intelligence sources.</li> <li>Increase by 10% the number of intelligence reports.</li> <li>Number of C.I.O. Bulletins.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Inspector T. Duffy
Proactively target high volume and high impact crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce High Volume crime by 2%.</li> <li>D/Inspector appointed to this Division.</li> <li>Target 12 Criminals in Division – 2 in</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Inspector T. Duffy

	<p>each District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sex offenders report from Sergeant O'Connell to Chief Superintendent each month.</li></ul>	
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<b>Strategic Goal 3: Traffic &amp; Road Safety</b>		
<b>Divisional Actions</b>	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Process Owner</b>
Targeted enforcement of Road Traffic and Road Transport Legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% increase in detections for Driving while intoxicated; Speeding and Road Transport offences.</li> <li>• 5% increase in detections for non-use of Seat Belts.</li> <li>• 5% reduction in Fatal and Serious Injury Traffic Collisions.</li> </ul>	Insp. M.F. Smethers
Targeted intelligence led operations against offending Young Drivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% reduction in Fatal and Serious Injury Traffic Collisions involving drivers in the 17-26 year age group.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Insp. M.F. Smethers
Utilisation of automated technology in order to enhance Traffic Operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full review of existing Divisional Collision Prone Zones.</li> <li>• 6,000 hours of Safety Camera usage per month.</li> </ul>	Insp. M.F. Smethers
Promoting Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and implement the Garda Road Safety Awareness Communications Programme on a Divisional basis.</li> <li>• Increase by 10% Road Safety Promotion information achieved in local schools and colleges.</li> </ul>	Insp. M.F. Smethers
Engagement with the Road Safety Authority to implement the Government Road Safety Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Road Safety initiatives completed in association with the Road Safety Authority.</li> <li>• Number of Road Shows.</li> </ul>	Insp. M.F. Smethers



<b>Strategic Goal 4: Public Order</b>		
<b>Divisional Actions</b>	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Process Owner</b>
Proactively target groups and individuals involved in Anti Social Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase by 10% the number of targeted Public Order patrols.</li> <li>• Increase by 20% the number of arrests for incidents of Public Disorder.</li> <li>• Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Warnings issued.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Insp. P.L. McGinn
In consultation with community, statutory and elected representatives, identify and target local public order and anti-social behaviour 'hot-spots' through a weekly review and put in place responsive actions and plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase by 100% locally identified 'hot-spots' through targeted and specific operational plans.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Insp. P.L. McGinn
Enforce the law in relation to alcohol and drug related Anti-Social behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce by 5% the incidents of assaults and criminal damage.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Insp. P.L. McGinn
Maximise the use of CCTV technology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase identified locations by 10% for Garda CCTV schemes.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Insp. P.L. McGinn
Conduct an analysis of the findings of Public Attitude Survey 2007 with a view to developing initiatives to address Feeling of Safety issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a strategy and implement same in order to address analysis findings.</li> <li>• Local survey to be carried out in each Town to assess Feeling of Safety.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer  Insp. P.L. McGinn

<b>Strategic Goal 5: Ethnic &amp; Cultural Diversity</b>		
<b>Divisional Actions</b>	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Process Owner</b>
Ensuring that An Garda Síochána is representative of the Community we serve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5% of new entrants to An Garda Síochána are from minority communities. (Full-time, Reserves, Civilian Support Staff).</li> </ul>	Each District Officer Inspector P. Gannon
Enhancement of the Garda Síochána Ethnic and Cultural Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of Community Gardaí to be trained as Ethnic Liaison Officers.</li> <li>• Open Days for Ethnic Minorities in each District Headquarters.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer Inspector P. Gannon

<b>Strategic Goal 6: Community Engagement</b>		
<b>Divisional Actions</b>	<b>Performance Indicators</b>	<b>Process Owner</b>
Implementation of policy on Neighbourhood Watch and Community Alert Schemes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch/Community Alert Committee in the Louth/Meath Division.</li> <li>Establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch/Community Alert Committee in each District in the Louth/Meath Division.</li> <li>All existing Neighbourhood Watch/Community Alert Schemes reviewed.</li> <li>All issues identified in above review to be addressed in Divisional and District Policing Plans.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer
Implementation of the Garda Youth Strategy in order to advance appropriate services for children and young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of suitable locations for the further development of Garda Youth Diversion Projects.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer
Building and utilising our capability in the provision of victim related services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All crime victims notified in writing of the contact details of investigating Garda and where appropriate the availability of victim support services.</li> <li>Training and appointment of two Family Liaison Officers to each Garda District.</li> <li>Utilisation of the services of Family Liaison Officers in the investigation of all incidents involving a fatality and in all other investigations deemed appropriate by the District Officer.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer

Engage fully in Joint Policing Committees and local Policing for a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appointment of the Chief Superintendent or Superintendent to all Joint Policing Committees as appropriate.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer
Implementation of the Garda High Visibility Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase of 10% in visibility as measured by the Public Attitudes Survey 2008.</li> <li>• An increase of 10% on the number of High Visibility patrols in RAPID areas.</li> </ul>	Each District Officer

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