

# An Garda Síochána



## WESTERN REGION

### Regional Policing Plan 2009

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## **FOREWORD FROM ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

**The Western Regional Policing Plan for 2009 incorporates the strategic policing objectives set out by the Garda Commissioner in An Garda Síochána's Annual Policing Plan 2009. It is part of the process of implementing the six Strategic Goals outlined in our Corporate Strategy 2007-2009 in which we commit to maintaining an orderly and safe environment for all citizens and to achieving the key public imperatives – public safety, public confidence and public accountability.**

**Policing is very important to the well being of any community and we will continue to deliver our service to the people of the Western Region in a planned, sustained, professional and accountable fashion. The prevention and detection of crime is our core activity and we will ensure that we use all our resources effectively and efficiently to get the best results. We are deeply committed to providing the best quality police service possible.**

**My team and I will continue to maintain and extend the valued and valuable interaction that currently exists between the community and An Garda Síochána and we will use this interaction to identify the community's needs and concerns, to find solutions and to enhance the service we provide. Partnership and consultation are vital and I look forward to your continued co-operation and support.**

**Finally, I invite submissions on any aspect of our policing plan from any group/organisation or individual who feel that they have a contribution to make in this area. I have included the contact details of my senior management team in the Western Region which includes the Divisions of Galway, Roscommon/Longford, Clare and Mayo.**

**W. J. Keane  
Assistant Commissioner.**

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 Regional environments to identify and analyse potential and emerging security threats	Continued development of the Regional intelligence gathering capability and focused targeting of identified security threats and proactive intelligence led operations	No terrorist attacks occurring within the Region  Operations targeted at terrorist groups  Intelligence and information shared with Regional counterparts and Assistant Commissioner Crime and Security	Each Divisional Officer  Regional Detective Superintendent	<b>A Safe and Secure State</b>
	Reviewing measures in place to secure and protect all vital installations and critical infrastructure.	Review undertaken		
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 Section and other Regional Assistant Commissioners.	Sources and quality of intelligence enhanced in each Garda Division	Each Divisional Officer  Regional Detective Superintendent	<b>A Positive Contribution to National Security</b>
Review and update Major Emergency Plans in order to maintain and develop our capability to respond to major emergencies	Continued review and updating of Major Emergency Plans.	100% of major emergency plans reviewed and updated	Each Divisional Officer	<b>Readiness to Respond to Major Emergencies Maintained</b>

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 Regional 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  Sources and quality of intelligence enhanced in each Garda Division	Each Divisional Officer  Regional Detective Superintendent	<b>Serious and Organised Crime Undermined Within the State</b>
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 Divisional Officer  Regional Detective Superintendent	<b>Reductions in Property Crime and Increased Detections</b>
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 increased	Each Divisional Officer  Regional Detective Superintendent	<b>An Garda Síochána's Ability to Detect Offenders Increased</b>
Enhance regional capability in managing the risk associated with sex offenders	Implementing a structured programme to manage the risk posed to society by sex offenders	Risk assessment completed in relation to all persons subject to the provisions of the Sexual Offenders Act 2001	Each Divisional Officer  Regional Detective Superintendent	<b>Risk posed by Sex Offenders Subject to the Provisions of Legislation Reduced</b>
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 Divisional Officer  Regional Detective Superintendent	<b>Increased Confidence in An Garda Síochána's Ability to Investigate Crimes Involving Domestic Violence and those of a Sexual Nature</b>

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"> <li>Greater use of MAT (Mandatory Alcohol Testing) checkpoints</li> <li>Full utilisation of speed detection equipment</li> <li>Rollout of ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition) systems</li> <li>Intercept Checkpoints</li> </ul>	<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>Number of detections under Road Transport legislation</p> <p>The number of fatal and serious road collisions reduced</p>	<p>Each Divisional Officer</p> <p>Regional Traffic Superintendent</p>	<p><b>Reduction in Incidence of Fatal and Serious Injuries and Improved Road Safety through Increased Road User Compliance</b></p> <p><b>Significant Contribution to the Free Flow of Traffic</b></p>
Promote Road Safety awareness	Continuing to improve public awareness through greater engagement, communication, visibility and enforcement	<p>Number of road show presentations in schools / colleges</p> <p>Number of Road Safety briefings/broadcasts delivered</p>	<p>Each Divisional Officer</p> <p>Regional Traffic Superintendent</p>	
Further develop regional capability in road policing	The Implementation of a National Roads Policing Strategy for An Garda Síochána	National Roads Policing Strategy implemented	<p>Each Divisional Officer</p> <p>Regional Traffic Superintendent</p>	

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	Each Divisional Officer	<b>Safer Communities and Public Places</b>
Maintain and enhance organisational capability to effectively address incidents of public disorder	Developing 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	Each Divisional 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 Divisional Officer	<b>A Garda Service that Reflects and Serves our Diverse Communities</b>
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 Gardaí) increased	Each Divisional 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 Divisional Officer	

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
A regional focus on Community Policing	Implementing and evaluating the Garda Síochána National Model of Community Policing on a pilot basis	Pilot of National Model of Community Policing implemented and evaluated	Each Divisional Officer	<b>A Garda Service that is Partnership Based and Community Oriented</b>
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 Divisional 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 Divisional 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 Divisional 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  One Crime Prevention local radio broadcast in each Division per week  Two Family Liaison Officers appointed in every Garda District	Each Divisional 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	Satisfaction levels of victims of crime with Garda service established through joint survey with relevant partner agencies  Letters to victims issued in all appropriate cases	Each Divisional Officer	<b>Improved Communication with, and Service to, Victims of Crime</b>



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