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Area Committee Report for 7 September 2021

Police Scotland

Inspector Roddy MacNeill

Helensburgh & Lomond

Thank you Chair, good morning to all present

Police resources have been impacted by the recent surge in Covid cases however we have maintained our operational levels by moving officers between areas as required.

Officers continue to police in line with the latest SG and Health guidance relating to social distancing and PPE use.

Resourcing request for the COP26 event is at an advanced stage and a comprehensive policing matrix is in place to maintain front line resource levels to provide a professional service throughout the duration of the event.

Speeding as always is on the radar, various 'hot spots' around the sub division that we, assisted by our Traffic Dept. colleagues, are addressing to the best of our ability.

As mentioned previously, my wheelie bin stickers in Arrochar are now in place and have been well received and are giving a good visual deterrent in an attempt to influence driver behaviour. I am going to do likewise in Garelochhead as soon as the stickers are available.

Staying with traffic matters, Hugh O'Neil from A&B is pulling together a partners meeting to discuss the general management of the A82/ A83 & A814 during times when road closures are in place. Recent serious RTCs on the A82 have resulted in long tailbacks and delays. Have had some larger vehicles attempting to use the A814. Will look at signage, comm's, general roads management etc. Not an exact science as variable issue depending on location, time, volume, weather.

Fraud remains an issue, continuing with education through our Local Authority Liaison Officer.

Argyll & West Dunbartonshire Division is introducing The Herbert protocol, this is a system to allow family and associates of persons suffering from dementia to log all relevant information about the person. It will include places frequented, medication required, general routines, description, recent photograph and past memories that may be relevant. It is intended to speed up the initial enquiry when someone is reported missing. It will negate the possibility of important information being missed or omitted by family when they may be in a state of upset reporting someone missing. Form downloaded online.

We are also introducing a suicide bereavement support service, leaflets signposting family and friends of someone who has taken their own life will be given out allowing them to contact the service where:

- Specially trained staff will provide compassionate and person centred support based on the individual or family's needs. This may be with practical things such as support to make funeral arrangements, or talking to other agencies such as funeral directors, faith-based leaders, or Police Scotland.

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- Staff will also be there to simply listen and be a source of support as families come to terms with their loss.
- Initial contact will be made within 24-hour of the referral being received, including at weekends. Ongoing support will be available for up to 2 years, and will be provided by a named Practitioner.

Staycation patrols specifically aimed at addressing any issues arising from the increased visitor numbers are continuing with great effect expected. Lots of education and engagement with visitors.

NP joint patrols continuing due to visitor numbers remaining quite high, land and loch patrols taking place. Weekly partnership meetings to ensure resources are in the correct areas at peak times. Currently looking forward to ensure resource levels around Sept weekend and October school holidays are sufficient.

Taser Hub at Helensburgh now complete and officer training commences later this month leading to daily deployment.

Any questions?

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