

Warwickshire Police Authority – 18 December 2009

General Report of the Chief Constable

Recommendation

The Authority is recommended to note the contents of this report

1. Staff Moves

Detective Superintendent Steve Burrows has been seconded to the ACPO Crime Business Area Secretariat with effect from 21 December 2009. He replaces Detective Superintendent Kevin Bradford who retires on 7 February 2010

A process for the appointment of Chief Superintendents is currently underway.

2. Awards

Warwickshire Racial Equality Partnership – Employer of the Year 2009

Warwickshire Police has received a prestigious award in recognition of its commitment to equality in its recruitment process.

The force has been presented with the Employer of the Year award by the Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership (WREP) which was impressed by its long term commitment shown and recruitment strategy.

The award was presented by WREP Chair James Shera at the charity's second annual awards ceremony on 26 November 2009 and accepted by Assistant Chief Constable Lewis Benjamin, on behalf of the force. The award represents the hard work of many people throughout the organisation in ensuring that the Force's policies and practises are fair and incorporate equality.

3. Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse

Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse (WADA) launched a countywide domestic abuse campaign on 25 November to coincide with the International Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women.

The day, also known as White Ribbon Day, offers the opportunity for people around the world to speak out, stand up and wear a ribbon for the women in their lives by pledging never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence towards them.

At the launch, WADA members unveiled a pledge wall in Rope Walk Shopping Centre in Nuneaton and asked shoppers to back the campaign message by submitting their own promises. Local shopkeepers also supported the event by wearing white ribbons and handing out pledge cards. The team collected 122 pledges on the day.

4. Annual Christmas Drink Driving Campaign

Warwickshire Police launched the annual drink driving campaign on 1 December.

As well as the traditional message warning Christmas revellers of the dangers of drinking and driving the force is widening the warning to include three other key major causes of death and serious injury on the road - speed, lack of seat belts and distraction.

Information has been translated into four other languages to take the message to Warwickshire's diverse population.

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Chief Constable