

Warwickshire Police Authority – 28 July 2010

General Report of the Chief Constable

Recommendation

The Authority is recommended to note the contents of this report

1.0 SENIOR STAFF MOVES

- Superintendent Adrian McGee, Customer Contact - Judicial Services and Head of Customer Contact.
- Superintendent Martin Samuel, District & Borough – Temporary Project Lead for review of district & borough policing (150plus).
- T/ Superintendent Mike Wylde, Judicial Services – Temporary Head of District & Boroughs.

2.0 AWARDS

2.1 Home Office Tilley Award

- 2.2.1 A Harm Analysis & Intelligence Group (HAIG) and Community Protection problem-solving project on distraction burglary has led to the Force winning the West Midlands Regional stage of the Tilley Awards 2010. The Tilley Awards were set up in 1999 to recognise crime fighting projects where police, community safety groups and the public, work in partnership using innovative and strategic methods to tackle problems identified by their local communities.

3.0 FORCE GOVERNANCE

3.1 New Police Radios

- 3.1.2 The Force has selected the latest Sepura STP8038 TETRA hand-portable radios to replace the existing fleet of Airwave terminals that are coming to the end of their life. More than 1,200 hand-portable terminals will be supplied in the near future. The STP hand-portable range has been designed to improve efficiency, usability and personal safety while reducing operational costs.

3.2 Visible Results Campaign

- 3.2.1 As the Home Office releases national crime figures for last year, Warwickshire Police's Visible Results campaign continues to show how crime has fallen in the county:

In Warwickshire last year (2009/10):

- * 8103 crimes were solved,
- * 3621 fewer people were the victims of crime,
- * 1008 fewer vehicle crimes took place,
- * 4434 fewer incidents of anti-social behaviour occurred,
- * 69,686 999 calls were answered – 88.4 within 10 seconds,
- * £576, 455 worth of assets were recovered from criminals,
- * 393 fewer people were victims of serious violence,
- * 192 fewer homes were burgled or vehicles stolen,
- * 66 fewer robberies or aggravated burglaries took place,
- * 45 members of organised crime groups were identified and charged.

3.2.2 Fear of crime across the county is also at its lowest levels for ten years. Crime levels are no longer perceived to be the factor most in need of improvement:

- Fear of being a victim of domestic burglary fell from 68.2% in 2000/01 to 50.8% in 2009/10, a reduction of over 17%.
- During the same period fear of having a car stolen fell by 20% from 59.9% to 39.9%.
- Fear of physical attack by a stranger also fell from 47.9% to 38.1%, a reduction of over 9%.

3.3 Disability Hate Crime Initiative

3.3.1 Local people are being encouraged to report incidents of bullying, abuse and anti-social behaviour against people with disabilities, which may otherwise go unreported. The Force together with the County Council and NHS Warwickshire have joined together to raise awareness of disability hate crime which is defined as a criminal offence motivated by hate, prejudice and hostility against a person with a disability. The first phase of work will involve increasing the number of hate crime reporting centres in the county and police officers working with Community Forums to raise awareness of reporting mechanisms on a local basis.

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