

Police and Crime Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting May 2013

National Policing Requirement update

The Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) ensures that forces fulfil their national responsibilities for tackling criminal or terrorist threats and harm, and other civil contingencies. Threats have been assessed and selected from the National Security Risk Assessment on the basis that they either affect multiple police force areas or may require action from multiple forces, resulting in a national response. The threats are identified as:

- Public disorder
- Civil emergencies
- Organised crime
- Terrorism
- Large-scale cyber incidents

As part of the response to the SPR, the National Policing Requirement (NPR) has been developed to detail the capacity and contribution, capability, consistency and connectivity required by individual police forces to counter the above threats. This paper considers Surrey Police's capacity and capability to deal with the identified threats.

Public Disorder

- Surrey Police has the required capacity and capability to provide its contribution towards national mutual aid. This is in terms of numbers of Police Support Units (PSUs) required as well as accredited public order commanders and tactical advisors.
- The Force has the requisite specialist officers, equipment and assets as prescribed in the NPR.
- Latest inspections from 2012 showed Surrey Police to be fully compliant with the National Training Curriculum for Level 2 PSU officers and the Force successfully completed a national mobilisation test in the winter of 2012.
- The Force has deployed regularly into Sussex, the Metropolitan Police area and also Hampshire, where PSUs have worked easily with other Forces.

Civil Emergencies

- Surrey Police has the skilled resources and equipment required in order to meet the planning assumptions in the NPR, whether in Force, regionally or collaboratively with Sussex Police.
- Staff are trained to the required standard and training for Silver Commanders was rolled out prior to the Olympics.
- Links are well established with PNICC for resourcing requirements and were utilised extensively during the Olympics.
- The Force's work with the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) is based on the National Risk Assessment and is supplemented by weekly horizon scanning to identify, prioritise and respond to any emerging threats.
- The Force regularly takes part in LRF table top exercises and training events, some of which are attended by JESIP (Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme) and we continue to develop our interoperability and work with partners.

- Business continuity arrangements within the Force focus on key aspects of service delivery ensuring provision of essential services can be maintained during an emergency; these arrangements have been informed by real events such as the recent severe weather.

Organised Crime

- Surrey Police has access to all of the specific functions and capabilities listed in the NPR.
- Surrey Police works collaboratively on a regional basis via the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROUCU), as well as bilaterally with other forces, and there is an effective meeting structure in place to manage the relationship between partners.
- Surrey Police has the capability and capacity to manage fraud investigations, though the demand for digital forensics is increasing.
- Surrey Police is able to demonstrate its required intelligence capability and has a dedicated team of suitably accredited researchers and analysts in the Intelligence Operations Hub to support serious and organised crime policing.
- Surrey Police utilises an Integrated Operating Model which links in with crime mapping to identify and prioritise the threats posed by Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) and task them accordingly.

Counter Terrorism

- Surrey Police's counter terrorism policing is delivered in Force via Special Branch and regionally by the South East Counter Terrorism Unit (SECTU) which covers most of the work required under the 4 strands of the CONTEST strategy.
- There are links to neighbourhood policing through embedded officers in each cluster and Community Engagement Officers who also manage the engagement with community partners.
- The Force has access to all the appropriate skills and specialisms required by the NPR.
- There is effective tasking and prioritisation in place whereby national and regional priorities are tasked to the Force and equally local concerns are escalated.
- Surrey Police takes part in regional exercises to test tactical options and any learning points that arise are captured and acted upon.

Large Scale Cyber Crime

- Surrey Police does not have a dedicated cyber crime unit as such, but this is reflective of the other Forces in the South East Region and consideration is being given to introducing a regional cyber crime unit.
- However the Force does have all the assets that it may be asked to contribute to assist the National e-Crime Programme such as digital forensics as well as access to dedicated teams that specialise in online crime such as online sexual abuse and economic crime.
- Since 1st February, all fraud is reported via a helpline to the National Fraud Authority and it is too early to comment on the impact of this.

Overall Surrey Police has the capability and capacity to meet its requirements under the SPR and NPR, with the possible exception of a lack of a dedicated cyber crime unit, though most areas of cyber crime fall into existing business areas and are thus covered.