



SURREY POLICE - PAPER FOR PCC MANAGEMENT MEETING

Update on Strategic Policing Requirement – Public Disorder

The Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) ensures that police 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 identified are:

- Public disorder
- Civil emergencies
- Serious and organised crime
- Terrorism
- National cyber security incidents
- Child sexual abuse

This paper considers Surrey Police's capacity and capability to deal with the first identified threat –Public disorder.

- **Capacity** - Surrey is required to provide 4 Police Support Units (PSUs) in mutual aid in times of public disorder, Surrey exceeds this, being able to provide 6 full PSUs if required. The recent HMIC report, Strategic Policing Requirement 2014 (page 28) notes Surrey as being one of four forces (Thames Valley, Hampshire and Norfolk) "**where their national requirement for PSUs is greater than their local threat and they have resourced to their national requirement**". These additional numbers also allow Surrey to fulfil its requirement for Chemical Biological Radioactive and Nuclear (CBRN) trained officers.
- **Capability** - Surrey has trained additional Forward Intelligence Team (FIT) officers, Police Liaison Officers and Protestor Removal Team Officers to fill gaps that the Force had identified within its public order work force. Other specialist resources such as evidence gathering teams (EGT), medics and method of entry officers (MOE) are also trained. Furthermore, commanders are trained to cover strategic, tactical and operation roles. This allows the force to have a fully graduated response to protest and disorder.

- **Future Planning** - Surrey Police produces a joint Strategic Assessment (STRA) with its collaborative partner force Sussex Police. This looks at emerging threat, influences training and identifies any potential vulnerability. The most recent STA document has identified command resilience as an issue allowing the Force to identify the requirement to train more Silver (tactical) and Bronze (operational) commanders within Surrey.
- **Equipment** - Surrey public order officers are well equipped with equipment and uniform that meets national guidelines.
- **Interoperability** - Surrey and Sussex public order officers train together and the training provided has been signed off by the College of Policing as being compliant with their training package. The fact that the two Forces train together means they are used to working side by side and this has been put into good affect on many occasions over the past year such as Operation Bayfield (shale and gas oil exploration), Epsom Derby, and Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Celebrations. Furthermore both Forces take part in a yearly regional exercise ensuring interoperability with regional forces.

As can be seen from the above, Surrey Police either meets or exceeds requirements for public disorder under the SPR and the PCC can be satisfied that the Force is able to meet its mutual aid obligation.