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South Cambs Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

Priority Area Quarterly Progress Report: Q1 2009/10

Priority Area: Serious Acquisitive Crime

Lead Officer: Cllr John Reynolds

Key Achievements during this Quarter¹

- Burglary & Vehicle Crime Task Group amalgamated into Serious Acquisitive Crime Task Group to streamline agendas.
- Significant reductions to SAC levels in Great Shelford and Linton. Great Shelford reductions are result of known persistent offender being given custodial sentence.
- As part of Police – Trading Standards partnership work, Bobby Scheme reps are asking all burglary victims that they visit if they have had any door-step sellers or cold callers at their home prior to the offence taking place (either Burglary/ Distraction Burglary or Rogue Trading) - so that it can be determined if there are links between these incidents. Police are funding increased patrols in distraction burglary hot-spot areas.
- Operation Promenade 2009 - In specific hot-spot areas a Bobby Scheme rep will be working using information from Cambridgeshire Police to upgrade security for those residents who may be vulnerable or at risk of distraction burglary.
- A database of community contacts is being compiled for South Cambs villages to include Residents Groups, Lunch Clubs, Meals on Wheels, Neighbourhood Watch, Housing Societies, etc. This list will then be used to disseminate information and awareness messages regarding Distraction Burglary and Rogue Trading as appropriate.
- Police have completed purchases of Smart Water kits – and wish to thank CDRP for swift response on granting of funding for this.
- Change in PPO matrix guidelines has allowed three more known burglary offenders to be added to PPO scheme list.
- Trading Standards reported that HomeShield scheme is working well – 13 cases in South Cambs successfully referred to other partners for services required during Q1. Training sessions for partner reps very well subscribed, which bodes well for extending the scope of the scheme.

Areas of Concern for Partnership to Note²

- Spikes in incidences in Cottenham, Willingham, Bourn and Cambourne – Cambs Police have identified offenders believed to be responsible for this activity and are pursuing investigations.
- The County CSO was going to facilitate meeting between SACTG members and County Magistrates to discuss sentencing policy. This has lapsed with previous post holder leaving and group feel it would be very beneficial to schedule this ASAP.

Recommendations to Partnership to Address Concerns³

- Explore possibility of scheduling meeting between SACTG and Magistrates to discuss sentencing policy.

Any Items for Publicity⁴

¹ Please ensure that you only highlight those notable achievements recorded against your Task Group's Action Plan.

² Please ensure that you only highlight those concerns that your Task Group considers should be drawn to the attention of the Partnership.

³ Please ensure that, in connection with the above Areas of Concern, your Task Group sets out its Recommendations to the Partnership to address these Concerns, so that agreement can be made (where appropriate).

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- Home security information leaflets have been produced by the CDRP and distributed to all residents in the district with the latest edition of the SCDC magazine.

⁴ Please ensure that any items included here for Publicity are not protectively marked.