

# South East Area JPC Annual Work Plan – 2015

Update on meetings held during 2015

Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person/Agency	Timescale for action	Action taken
<p>1. Community safety / Confidence building</p>	<p>Department of Justice Guidelines</p> <p>Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of <b>Dublin City</b> 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021)</p> <p><u>High Priority Issues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Safety / confidence-building</li> <li>2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates</li> <li>3. Street crime</li> </ol> <p>Annual Work Plans (Action Matters for South East Area JPC listed to the left)</p>	<p><b>Traffic / cycling</b></p>	<p><b>Area Manager: Rose Kenny</b></p> <p><b>Garda Representatives: Chief Superintendent Francis Clerkin and Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Councillor Mannix Flynn</b></p>	<p>Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established – February 2015</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b><i>In 2015 the South East Area JPC continued to work together to promote safe cycling in the city</i></b></p> </div> <p><b>1. Fixed Charge Penalty Notice</b></p> <p>Continued to lobby the Department of Transport, Tourism and a Sport for a change in legislation to allow for the introduction of a “Fixed Charge Penalty Notice” for cyclists who do not obey the rules of the road.</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <p>New Fixed Charge Notice System for Cyclists introduced in August 2015 7 Offences are now the subject of €40 fines</p> <p>Cycling on the footpath was not included in the fixed charged penalty notice schedule of offences. Consideration will be given to an awareness campaign to highlight this particular offence in 2016.</p> <p><b>2. Education:</b></p> <p>Garda Schools programme “Safe Cycling” promoted to the young during school visits. An Garda Síochána traffic policing initiatives entailed promoting safe cycling.</p>

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					<p>Divisional Traffic Units operate from Terenure and Pearse Street Garda Stations.</p> <p>The objective of the Divisional Traffic Units is to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads arising from traffic collisions and to create a culture of compliance by motorists and pedestrians with road traffic legislation. Ensuring that vehicles using the road network are roadworthy at all times is a very important part of our road traffic policing strategies. Other main objectives of our road traffic policing strategies is to detect / prevent road traffic violations relating to drink / drug driving, speeding, mobile phone use, motor insurance, disobeying traffic light signals and the non wearing of safety belts by drivers and passengers.</p> <p>The road traffic operations designed on specific objectives that took place in 2015 consisted of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operation Artery</li><li>• Operation Open City</li><li>• Operation Bank Holiday</li><li>• Operation Mobile Phone</li><li>• Operation Learner / Permit</li><li>• Operation Slowdown</li><li>• Operation Motorcyclist</li><li>• Tispol Operations - Seatbelt / Speed / Truck / Bus / Commercial Vehicle / Alcohol / Drugs</li><li>• Operation Pedestrian / Pedal Cycle</li></ul>
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					<p><b>DMR South Division Terenure District</b> 36 arrests for driving whilst intoxicated in 2015 in comparison to 54 for the same period in 2014, a decrease of 33%.</p> <p>1 Fatal Road Traffic Accidents recorded in 2015</p> <p><b>Sundrive Road Sub-District</b> 12 arrests for driving whilst intoxicated in 2015 in comparison to 25 for the same period in 2014, a decrease of 52%.</p> <p>No Fatal Road Traffic Accidents recorded in 2015</p>
2.	Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates		Burglaries / theft		<p><i>An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council worked to develop ways of local collaboration to reduce incidents of particular crime</i></p> <p><b>1. Bike Theft</b></p> <p><b>Registration Scheme</b> The pilot pedal cycle registration scheme operated in the E &amp; D districts in an effort to thwart stolen bikes being circulated and to facilitate the return of “found” bikes to owners by the Gardaí was promoted.</p> <p><b>Outcome</b> The pilot pedal cycle registration scheme evaluated in the “E” District to determine its</p>

					<p>effectiveness.</p> <p>A proposal to evaluate and develop a national cycle registration scheme was undertaken however there is no funding available to develop this proposal further.</p> <p><b><i>Bike Theft Initiative</i></b> Anti-bike theft initiative was developed for the Dublin 2 area.</p> <p>An Garda Síochána supported the new Bike Locking campaign with the Dublin Cycling Campaign.</p> <p><b><i>Communication:</i></b> Presentation in relation to Bike Theft from the Crime Prevention Unit made at the March JPC meeting</p> <p>Media release in relation to in relation to Bike Theft in April 2015.</p> <p>During National Bike Week June 2015 An Garda Síochána held a press briefing on bike theft. An Garda Síochána highlighted 'info bikes' 'bait bikes' and secure locking systems.</p> <p>Liaison with Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin in relation to bike registration scheme and to raise awareness in relation to incidents of bike theft and preventative measures continued.</p>
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					<p>Media update coincided with the return of 3<sup>rd</sup> level colleges in September</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b>  Pearse Street Garda Station published all recovered bikes on Garda 'Flickr' account and had success in returning bicycles to owners.</p> <p>Bike theft to the end of 2015 showed a reduction for the first time in 5 years.</p> <p>Bike security continues to be a priority for the South East Area JPC.</p> <div data-bbox="1451 735 2009 879" style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>2. Create an awareness amongst the citizens of the South East Area of Crime Prevention and Community Safety Initiatives</b></p> </div> <p>Garda Community Safety Week 26<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 - Gardaí attended major transport hubs LUAS Stephens Green/ Tara DART station handing out hi-viz jackets and safety information leaflets.</p> <p>"Bike Theft" and "Holiday Security" tips were tweeted by Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána</p> <p>Crime prevention advice/information provided by community Gardaí.</p> <p>Community Policing Unit, Pearse Street carried out crime prevention advice at DART line stations,</p>
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					<p>LUAS Green line, Stephens Green Shopping centre in the lead up to Christmas.</p> <p>An Garda Síochána retail security guide circulated to the main business groups for dissemination amongst their members DCBA, Dublin Town, Temple Bar Company, Local Vintners Association, Dublin Chambers of Commerce, Restaurant’s Association Ireland</p> <p>The availability of crime prevention advice available from the Garda Web Site continued to be promoted to the public.</p> <p>Crime prevention literature distributed throughout communities.</p> <p>Local radio (RICC radio) was used to highlight local issues</p> <p><b><i>3.Continue to recognise and respond to the needs of victims of crime and to ensure protection of vulnerable persons and groups</i></b></p> <p>Garda Victim Service Offices established at Pearse Street Garda Station and Crumlin Station. Staff assigned contact victims of crime to ensure provision of support services.</p> <p>Community Policing Units maintained regular contact with elderly citizens via visits to homes and social gatherings in 2015.</p>
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					<p>Talks given to groups for Positive Aging Week 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015.</p> <p><b>4. Support the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area.</b></p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Meetings attended by Garda personnel and advice given regarding crime prevention.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Stickers and crime prevention advice distributed through neighbourhood/community meetings and presentations.</p> <p><b>5.Reduce property crimes such as burglaries, thefts and robberies</b></p> <p>“Operation ACER” was resourced on a daily basis to target residential crime (burglary, theft from businesses etc.)</p> <p>“Operation Aughtim” was resourced on a daily basis to target street level thefts (pick pockets, phone/ bag theft etc.)</p> <p>“Operation Thor” implemented. It involved a targeted and integrated approach in dealing with criminals involved in burglaries and other crime.</p> <p>The newly established “Burglary Response Unit” performed intensive patrols of residential communities to prevent and detect crime.</p>
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“Garda Analysts” were utilised with great effect in identifying “Crime Hot Spots” and emerging unfavourable crime trends.

“Operation Creeper” implemented to target areas where burglaries are prevalent

**Outcomes:**

**DMR South Central Division  
Pearse Street & Donnybrook Districts  
(as at 30/11/15)**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	905	897	-1%
<b>Robbery from the person</b>	144	132	-8%
<b>Robbery for the Establishment</b>	51	65	+27%
<b>Theft from the Person</b>	1800	1717	-5%
<b>Theft from MPV</b>	557	472	-15%
<b>Theft from shop</b>	1098	1037	-6%
<b>Theft (other)</b>	2133	1964	-8%
<b>Theft of Pedal Cycle</b>	895	857	-4%
<b>Property Crime</b>	7751	7298	-6%

**DMR South Division  
Terenure District Sundrive Road  
(as at 6/12/15)**

	2014	2015	% Change
<b>Burglary</b>	479	439	-8%
<b>Robbery from the person</b>	18	12	-33%
<b>Robbery for the Establishment</b>	15	16	+7%
<b>Theft from the Person</b>	38	43	+13%
<b>Theft from MPV</b>	251	209	-17%
<b>Theft from shop</b>	228	300	+32%
<b>Theft (other)</b>	174	268	+ 54%
<b>Property Crime</b>	1693	1666	-2%

**Sundrive Road Sub-District**

	2014	2015	% Change
<b>Burglary</b>	247	178	-28%
<b>Robbery from the person</b>	16	16	0%
<b>Robbery for the Establishment</b>	9	22	+144%
<b>Theft from the Person</b>	31	23	-26%
<b>Theft from MPV</b>	83	69	-17%
<b>Theft from shop</b>	75	79	+5%
<b>Theft (other)</b>	60	68	+13%
<b>Property Crime</b>	635	570	-10%

*\*It should be noted that in any reference to*

					<p><i>statistics, those statistics are professional, operational, liable to change and some possibly reclassified with the introduction of the Central Statistic Office reports</i></p>
3.	Street Crime		Prison Service		<p><b>J-ARC Initiative</b></p> <p>The J-ARC initiative is a joint agency approach to prolific offending. It targets prolific Burglars currently. The Joint Agency approach involves An Garda Síochána, Prison Service and Probation Service. The initiative is piloted in DMR South Central Division (Kevin Street District).</p> <p>The offender management programme for the people that have been part of the programme involves all agencies collaborating to maximise the benefits not only for the offender but ultimately the community.</p> <p>In this regard the three agencies share information which is relevant to the target. The prison service have an important role in the initiative in the where a person is due for release the service can through three agency meetings put the offender management plan to work in advance of the release. The offender management plan is then taken up by Garda Case manager and the probation service.</p> <p>The prison service as stated is a critical component of the joint agency and the relationship between</p>

					<p>case managers and prison liaison officers is excellent and the results of the initiative has been seen in reduction in offending by most of the participants. Where there is re-offending again the prison service through the flow of information has the ability to curtail temporary release for those who are not engaging.</p> <p>The success of the initiative and joint agency approach has led to the possibility of the initiative being extended to other areas of the country.</p>
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**Please list current up-to-date membership**

**South East Area Joint Policing Subcommittee Membership 2015**

- ❖ **Local Authority Elected Members (all):** Cllrs. Mannix Flynn (Chair), Jim O' Callaghan( Vice- Chair), Chris Andrews, Kieran Binchy, Claire Byrne, Patrick Costello, Mary Freehill, Frank Kennedy, Dermot Lacey, Paddy McCartan, Ruairí McGinley, Kate O' Connell, Paddy Smith, Sonya Stapleton
- ❖ **Oireachtas elected members (max.6):** Deputies Lucinda Creighton, Eoghan Murphy & Ruairí Quinn
- ❖ **Community/Business Representatives (6)** Fionnuala Blake, Esther McGrath, Teresa Weafer, Martin Harte, Ciaran Flanagan, Damien Coughlan,
- ❖ **An Garda Síochána (2):** Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin and Chief Superintendent Francis Clerkin
- ❖ **Dublin City Council (2):** Rose Kenny, Area Manager and Frank Lambe, Deputy Area Manager

- **Please list number of meetings held during 2015 and dates.**

- ❖ **25/3/2015, 25/6/2015, 24/9/2015, 17/12/2015**

- **Similarly, in the event that any separate Public Meetings / Policing / Drugs Fora meetings etc. took place, please list number of meetings, brief summary and dates held.**

**Local Policing For a**

- ❖ Pearse Street LPF held 11/2/15, 10/6/15, 9/9/15, 25/11/15
- ❖ Charlemont/Whitefriar LPF held 15/4/15, 30/6/15, 21/10/15
- ❖ Ringsend/Irishtown LPF held 2/7/15, 10/6/15, 9/9/15, 25/11/15