

Bromley Borough Commander's Newsletter



August 2015

Welcome to the August edition of the Borough Commander's newsletter. To get myself back on track, I thought it would be better to send a shortened version this month after the late bumper edition for June and July. Thank you to those who responded with feedback following the Commissioner's Roadshow and the BBC Documentary. There were some interesting points raised but generally I think both were well received.

In recent weeks I have been to a number of meetings and briefings with The Commissioner and Management Board regarding the future direction of the Metropolitan Police Service in light of Government spending and the next Comprehensive Spending Review. The One Met Model is being developed to meet this challenge and you may have seen some news pieces recently regarding this or heard rumours around police officer numbers. Although no firm decisions have been made regarding the structure of policing, some of the options that will be considered involve reducing the number of Operational Commands, further reductions to operational budgets, and reductions in the number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) in neighbourhood policing roles. The MPS is still operating at almost 32,000 police officers at this time and Bromley is actually over-strength which is good news for us.

At this stage, all options are being considered to ensure that we make the right decisions based on our ability to deliver our core functions. Whatever the outcomes we face, we are still here to prevent crime, catch offenders and give a quality service to victims, which will not change. I will update you further in due course.

Crime update and operational news

Our Op Omega focus on MOPAC 7 crime continues to go well and we have made further reductions since the last newsletter (-3.9%). We are currently at -4.7% which is almost 500 less offences and is good news. We have done this by continuing to put more officers out into the key wards and locations where crime occurs.

Within this over-arching figure, I am pleased to say that burglary is currently down by 532 (-17.8%), theft from motor vehicle has decreased by 16.2% (298 offences), theft from the person offences are currently reducing by 9.2% and robbery is at -24.6%. The offences where we are still showing an increase are violence with injury which is up by 5.4% (104 offences), criminal damage at +9.1% (197 offences) and theft of motor vehicle which is at +35.8% (199 offences). The eagle-eyed amongst you will know that all three of these offences have slowed down since the last newsletter.

In the last newsletter I highlighted some of the work we are doing to combat increased crime and ASB in Bromley Town centre during the evening and early morning. You'll be pleased to hear that we were recently successful at a licensing review of a nightclub in partnership with Bromley Council and new conditions will be imposed to improve behaviour of those using this venue. We will continue to focus on this.

We have just finalised our plans to combat ASB during the Halloween and Fireworks period and you will see more police officers and PCSO's on patrol in the evenings to prevent offences taking place.



Chris Hafford
Borough Commander

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Contacting the police in Bromley

There are a number of ways that you can contact the police.

If a crime is currently taking place and you are in immediate danger, please always dial 999.

If you wish to contact the Metropolitan Police Service and it is not an emergency, please call our non-emergency number, 101. You can request a visit from a local officer within 48 hours via this number too.

Certain categories of crime or incidents committed in the London area can now be reported over the internet, as long as an urgent response is not required. Please visit the MPS website for further information – www.met.police.uk

You can also contact any of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams by telephone or email – visit the MPS website www.met.police.uk, type your postcode into the team finder and you'll be directed to your local team's webpage which contains their contact details.

In non-emergency situations you can visit any Front Counter:

- **Bromley Police Station**, High Street, Bromley, BR1 1ER has a front counter open 24 hours a day
- **Penge SNT base, Maple Road, Penge**, SE20 8RE is open:

Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) between 11 am - 7 pm (closed 3pm- 4pm).

- **West Wickham SNT base**, 9 High Street, West Wickham, BR4 0LP is open:

Monday and Thursday: 1pm - 4pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am - 1pm

There are also currently three Contact Points across the Borough. Contact points provide a convenient opportunity to speak to the local police face to face. They are an alternative to visiting a police station front counter for non urgent issues. These are:

- **Biggin Hill SNT base**, 192-194 Main Road, Biggin Hill, TN16 3BB
- **Cray Valley SNT base**, 43 - 45 High Street, St Mary Cray, BR5 3NJ
- **Green Street Green SNT base**, 49 High Street, Green St Green, BR6 6BG

Their opening times are:

Wednesday and Thursday evenings: 7pm - 8pm
Saturday afternoons: 2pm - 3pm



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A/Inspector Andy Buckley

Contact numbers for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the North East Neighbourhood

Bickley	020 8721 2610
Bromley Town	020 8721 2859
Chislehurst	020 8721 2612
Mottingham & Chislehurst North	020 8721 2889
Plaistow & Sundridge	020 8721 2613



Inspector Ian Brown

Contact numbers for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the South West Neighbourhood

Biggin Hill	020 8721 2820
Bromley Common & Keston	020 8721 2607
Darwin	020 8721 2603
Hayes & Coney Hall	020 8649 3548
West Wickham	020 8721 2608



Inspector Phyllis Rooney

Contact numbers for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the North West Neighbourhood

Clock House	020 8721 2615
Copers Cope	020 8721 2772
Crystal Palace	020 8721 2604
Kelsey & Eden Park	020 8721 2616
Penge & Cator	020 8649 3541
Shortlands	020 8721 2614



Inspector Toby Noar

Contact numbers for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the South East Neighbourhood

Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom	020 8721 2605
Cray Valley East	020 8284 8113
Cray Valley West	020 8721 2611
Farnborough & Crofton	020 8721 2606
Orpington	020 8721 2729
Petts Wood & Knoll	020 8721 2609