

A Division Community and Neighbourhood Watch News



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'Work With Us'

Divisional Commanders Message

CITY
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A New Year brings with it a new Commander, and I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. After 18 months in charge of the Safer Communities Department at Headquarters, I am taking over as the Divisional Commander of Edinburgh. During my 23 years with Lothian and Borders Police, I have enjoyed a range of different posts, both in uniform and CID duties, and have previously worked at Howdenhall, St Leonard's, Gayfield, and Leith police stations in the city, as well as postings in Mid, East and West Lothian. I have also been seconded to the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency, based in Strathclyde, for over three years.

I am really looking forward to getting out and about in the city to see for myself the extent of community engagement that is going on every day at a local level.

Community Beat Officers are crucial to achieving our aim of understanding and addressing local issues, and I am keen to push ahead with the emphasis on prevention and problem solving approaches.

As in previous years, Edinburgh has hosted a wide range of events over the festive period, and police officers and staff have worked hard to keep crime levels low and anti-social behaviour to a minimum. The extensive planning for the policing of the Hogmanay celebrations paid off again this year, with the low level of arrests reflecting the good natured atmosphere and friendly relationship between the public and the police.

I look forward to contributing to the policing of this diverse and dynamic city, and maintaining its high attraction as a safe place to live, work and visit.

Chief Supt Gill Imery, 'A' Division Commander

HOT
TOPICS

Theft Of Your Christmas Presents

Favourite items for thieves are gadgets like mobile phones, laptops, MP3 players and satellite navigation systems.

I'm sure many of you were lucky enough to get one of these items for Christmas.

They are most vulnerable when on view in your car so don't leave luggage or valuables on display. Even an old coat or cigarette packet can be a temptation for someone to smash and grab. Car thieves steal first and think about value later. Take valuables with you or lock them in the boot out of sight. Don't be tempted to hide things under the seats or leave them in the glove box.

Thieves are innovative and latest scams include:

- Using a mobile phone with Bluetooth capability to scan your vehicle or home for any items you may have with Bluetooth enabled, then breaking in and helping themselves. So even though you have gone to the trouble to lock your valuables in the boot, they can be detected. **DISABLE YOUR BLUETOOTH BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**
- Satellite Navigation systems are highly sought after and criminals look for the sucker mark that is left on the inside of the windscreen when it is removed, then break in on the off chance that you've hidden the unit in the car. **CLEAN THE TELL TALE MARK AND TAKE YOUR SAT NAV WITH YOU.**

And finally...

- Picture if you will, a snowy or frosty winter morning in January. You leave the house to find your car windows frozen so you open up, turn on the engine and fire up the heater. This may take a while so you retire to the house to finish your cup of coffee. When you return to the car, it's not there!

Ward 02 - Currie / Juniper Green / Hermiston

Here is the newsletter covering activity from the 1st December to the 31st December 2009

INCIDENT SUMMARY

During the month of December there was a reduced number of reported incidents from the previous month, down to 108

Of these 3 were graded 1 – emergencies, 27 were graded 2 – non emergencies but still to be attended to within 1 hour, 41 were graded 3, 11 were graded 4 and 26 were graded 5 – no police attendance required.

VANDALISM

Overnight on the 17th December a wing mirror was knocked off a car on Dolphin Road.

On 28th December a bedroom window was smashed at a premises on Lanark Road, enquiries are ongoing with regards to this.

CRIMES AGAINST PREMISES

A business premises on Lanark Road was the subject of an attempted house breaking over the weekend of the 5th December, the culprits were unsuccessful in their attempt.

A premises on Blinkbonny Road was also the subject of an attempted house breaking overnight on the 12th December, again the culprits were unsuccessful.

Overnight on the 20th December a container was forced open and a generator was stolen on Riccarton Mains Road. Enquiries are still ongoing with regards to this.

AUTOCRIME

Two vehicles within the car park of Heriot Watt University were the subject of theft, both having their windows smashed and items stolen.

Around 1625hrs on the 5th December within the Kirkgate car park at Currie a vehicle was the subject of a theft whereby the rear window was smashed and a number of items were stolen.

An attempt was made to steal a motor vehicle from a drive in Newmills Crescent, this attempt was unsuccessful.

SHOPLIFTING

Two males aged between 14 & 16 stole confectionery from the Co-Op Garage on Lanark Road West. This happened approximately 2030hrs on the 12th December. Both made their way westwards along Lanark Road West.

THEFTS

In between the 4th and 8th December two projectors were stolen from a classroom at Heriot Watt University. These projectors were taken from their ceiling attachment and are worth approximately £2500 each

A bike was also stolen from the university between the 11th & 17th December. The bike is a Ragley and is lime green.

Return of old faces.

Just to let you know that as of the 11th January this year PC Mike Smith will return from his stint at Oxfords. He is looking forward to catching up with you all.

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And Finally....

At this time of year rivers and ponds can get frozen and look very inviting.

This opportunity is taken to remind the public about the dangers of walking or skating on the ice.

The ice in places can be extremely thin and it is not possible to see this. There is then the danger of plunging through the ice and into the freezing water which can send the body into shock and the person suffering severe injuries or even death.

Please try and keep clear of these areas meantime.

Many thanks.

