

PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL

Community Safety Committee

Report by Chief Superintendent Paul Anderson (Quarter ending 31st December 2016)



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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Police Scotland to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing priorities for Perth and Kinross.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Perth and Kinross Council Community Safety Committee. This report covers the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st December 2016.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

This report will make reference to crime groupings. Groups 1-4 refer to an amalgamation of four crime groups. They are Group 1, consisting of violent crime; Group 2 covering sexual offences; Group 3 covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty; and Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief.

Serious and Organised Crime

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) in Perth and Kinross remains a key priority.

Within this quarter we have continued to focus our activity on drug possession, supply, production and cultivation as well as continuing our partnership working with HMP Perth to tackle illegal activity within the Prison Estate and can report some notable successes.

For the period under review there have been 20 offences detected in respect of persons being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs. Of the 20 cases there were 6 incidents at HMP Perth.

In addition there were 8 other cases reported to the procurator Fiscal in respect of individuals being in possession of drugs with the intent to supply. Of these 8 cases, 6 were within HMP Perth.

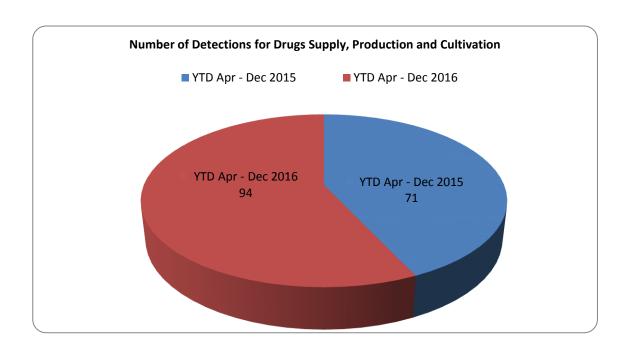
On the 17th October a vehicle was stopped on the A9 near to Pitlochry and a male from Liverpool was found in possession of nearly a six figure sum of controlled drugs.

On the 31st October, following the hospitalisation of two juvenile males for ingesting a tablet, a 17 year old Perth male appeared at Court in relation to supply of controlled drugs offences.

On the 28th November an operation took place in Kinross the result of which led to a large recovery of cocaine with 6 people being reported for supplying of drugs offences.

On the 19th December a male juvenile was found attempting to pass drugs in HMP Perth and a significant drugs recovery was made. As this case is still sub judice no other comments can be made on this incident.

Serious and Organised Crime											
	5 year Apr 2015- Apr 2016- % Char average Dec 2015 Dec 2016 from last										
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, production, cultivation.	67.8	71	94	32.4%						



Public Protection and Safety

Keeping People Safe is a key priority for the Police Service of Scotland.

Reducing violence is a key priority for Police Scotland and as a result we continue to deploy our officers into key locations to prevent, deter and detect violent crimes.

Centre Safe deployments within Perth city's centre have continued to focus on the night time economy. Officers are deployed with the latest up to date intelligence and carry out licensing checks and proactive patrols within the town centre. Engagement meetings are also held with licensees within Perth to identify and target any issues and to aim for continuous improvement in making a night out in Perth as safe as it possibly can be as well as prioritizing our contribution to the Purple Flag award.

We work closely with our partners who include street pastors and community wardens to provide support and assist vulnerable people within our community.

Our Operational Support Unit has assisted on a number of occasions in supporting our Centre Safe Deployments and assisting with additional patrols and a visible reassurance particularly around the night time economy and in tackling related antisocial behaviour.

For this Quarter there have been 23 serious assaults across Perth and Kinross. Of the 23 serious assaults, there has been only 1 that occurred within HMP Perth with 1 individual being reported for this offence.

There have been two reports of robbery within the reporting period. On the 29th November a robbery occurred at the Bank of Scotland, Dunkeld as a result of our

investigation a 28 year old male from Pitlochry has appeared in court for this crime. Whilst the matter is sub judice we can confirm that no weapon was presented during this incident.

On the 30th December following concerns raised by the community a lengthy investigation has culminated with the arrest of a 19 year old male from Letham for telecommunication offences. As this investigation is sub judice no other information can be passed at this time.

Our partnership approach for tackling the causes of missing persons continues and follow up interviews with the individual is tasked to a variety of partners to ensure that the individual's needs are met and signposted for further intervention.

The Community Hub assisted Sandy Robertson, Safer Communities (MAPPA liaison) to develop a screening process to enhance the Environmental Risk Assessment process already carried out by the Offender Management Unit. Whilst the ERA identifies potential risks and vulnerabilities of the residents at the relevant time there remains the issue of persons subsequently moving into the area. Whilst Perth and Kinross Council cannot influence privately owned properties the Community Hub can screen potential tenants who are to be allocated in the proximity of offender's addresses.

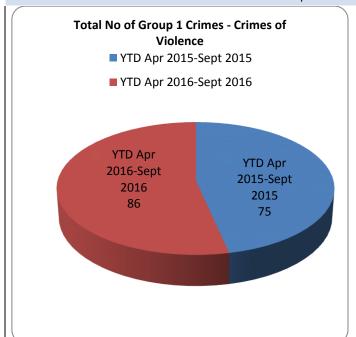
Discussions are under way with Women's Aid to develop a similar system to address the issue of known domestic perpetrators being located in the vicinity of Women's Aid properties.

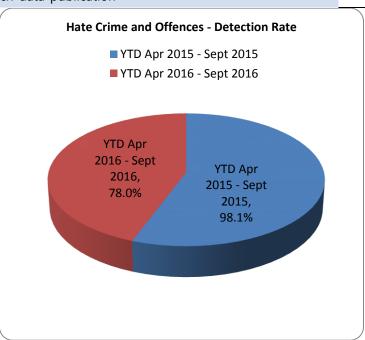
	Public Protection and Safety									
		5 year average	Apr 2015– Dec 2015	Apr 2016- Dec 2016	% change from last year					
1	Total Number Group 1: Crimes of Violence	97.2	102	124	21.6%					
2	Murder	1.4	1	1	0%					
3	Attempted Murder	8.4	1	1	0%					
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	-	0	0	-					
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	-	0	0	-					
6	Serious Assault detection rate	90.4%	94.4%	80.3%	-14.1%					
7	Serious Assault	41.6	72	76	5.6%					
8	Robbery detection rate	88.8%	91.7%	53.9%	-37.8%					
9	Robbery	19.6	12	13	8.3%					
10	Petty (Common) Assault detection rate	83.3%	84%	78.7%	-5.3%					
11	Petty (common) Assault	923	864	714	-17.4%					
13	Number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police	-	943	929	-1.5%					

14	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents	-	692	512	-26%
15	Percentage of Domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded	-	52.5%	40.5%	-12%
16	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents detection rate	-	85.1%	71.5%	-13.6%
17	Total detections for Domestic Bail offences	-	45	26	-42.2%
18	95% of initial Domestic Abuse Bail Checks are conducted within 24hrs	-	-	97.5%	-
19	Hate crime and offences detection rate	-	89.9%	78.9%	-11.0%
33	Number of Group 2: Crimes of Indecency	148.2	193	227	17.6%
34	Group 2 crimes detection rate	78.1%	81.4%	72.3%	-9.1%
35	Rape detection rate	75.2%	90.3%	62.5%	-27.8%

		April 2016 – Dec 2016	April 2016 – Dec 2016 (Positive)	
20	Number of Stop and Searches conducted (total)	721	372	
21	Number of Statutory Stop and Searches conducted	710	371	
22	Number of Consensual Stop and Searches conducted	11	1	
23	Number of Consensual Stop and Searches refused	0	-	
24	Number of seizures made	30	-	

An enhanced version of the National Stop and Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data caoture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been recognised this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management information and date in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication





Road Safety

The strategic priority for road safety is keeping people safe on the roads of Perth and Kinross.

The officer who holds the post of Rural Crime Liaison Officer for Roads Policing continues to offer support to those affected as well as providing security advice. This has led to frequent cross border Kinross-shire/Fife evening/night road checks with Fife DRPU. Roads Policing continue to maintain their commitment to local priorities with five officers completing a Plant and Agricultural Machinery theft and identification course ensuring our offices are highly skilled and have the latest information available in terms of crime trends.

We continue to operate a Road Crime Patrol car, the purpose of which is to augment our efforts in targeting criminals using the road network. This commitment has led to significant drugs and Proceeds of Crime Act seizures throughout the region.

Tragically there have been two fatalities over the reporting period both occurring on the same day. On the 13^{th} October a two year old child was tragically killed in Coupar Angus and the same evening a further fatality occurred on the A9 in Luncarty.

Between the 17th and 23rd October Roads Policing officers conducted a Get Ready For Winter campaign across Tayside, including Perth and Kinross. This campaign was to ensure vehicles were ready for winter as well as checks to ensure the vehicles were of a roadworthy standard. In total across Tayside 148 vehicles were stopped and 96 warnings were issued to drivers with regards to their vehicles.

National Police Chief's Council Truck and Bus campaign took place between the 7^{th} and 11^{th} November. This campaign is UK wide and focused on the roadworthiness of trucks and buses using the trunk roads within Perth and Kinross. In total 22 trucks were stopped with 13 offences detected, 3 prohibitions were issued and several mechanical defects detected.

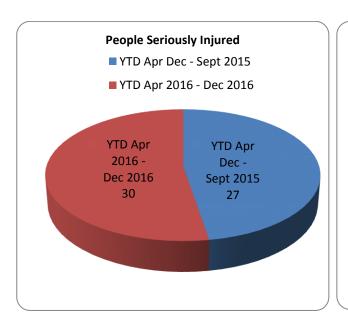
Between the 23rd and the 25th November we attended the Safe Drive, Stay Alive Campaign held at the North Inch Campus, Perth. The hard hitting conference is aimed at S5 pupils across Perth and Kinross educating the audience on the dangers of speeding and other contributory factors for serious road traffic collisions.

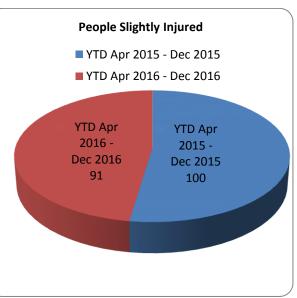
In addition there have been two Operation Scandium initiatives in conjunction with BTP targeting metal thefts and other criminality on the roads on the 9th November over 30 vehicles were stopped. The same operation took place on the 14th December again over 30 vehicles were stopped.

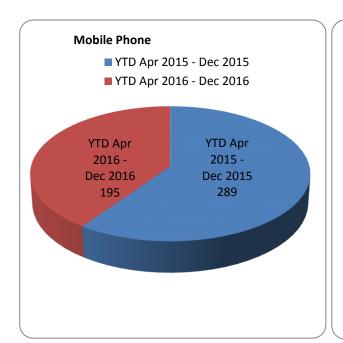
The annual Festive Campaign commenced on the 2nd December through to the 2nd January 2017. In total there were 700 breath tests for the whole of Perth and Kinross. The whole of Tayside reported 46 drink drive offences for this Campaign.

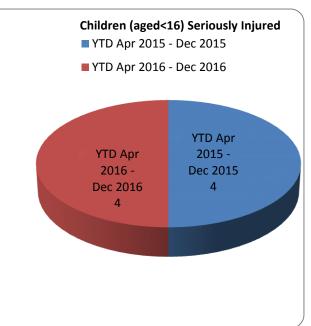
These detected offences included 2 offences between 0600hrs and 1000hrs.

	Road Tra	ffic Statistics			
		5 year Average	Apr 2015– Dec 2015	Apr 2016- Dec 2016	% Change from last year
N/A	People Killed	-	5	9	80%
N/A	People Seriously Injured	-	27	30	11.1%
N/A	People Slightly Injured	-	100	91	-9.0%
N/A	Children (aged<16) Killed	-	1	1	0.0%
N/A	Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	-	4	4	0.0%
36	Dangerous driving	49.4	80	53	-33.8%
37	Speeding	1501.6	1446	1073	-25.8%
38	Disqualified driving	19.4	38	51	34.2%
39	Driving Licence	135.6	195	170	-12.8%
40	Insurance	298.2	468	448	-4.3%
41	Seat Belts	126.8	76	59	-22.4%
42	Mobile Phone	268.0	289	195	-32.5%









Antisocial Behaviour

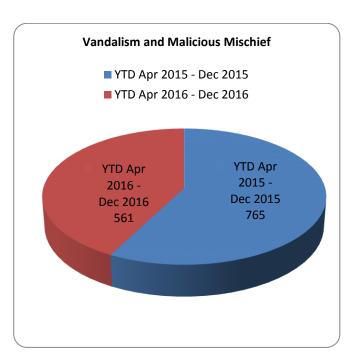
Anti social behaviour and its impact on communities remains a priority for Police Scotland. Working closely with our council and housing partners at the hub we continue to make early interventions where householders are identified as being involved in anti-social behaviour and have a range of measures in place to stop it and improve the quality of life for those previously affected.

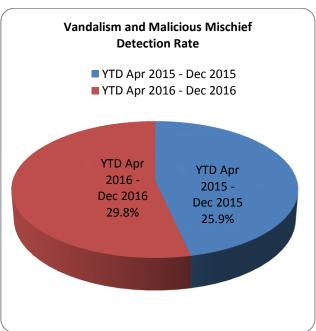
Following concerns raised by members of the community within Crammond Place, Perth a family including six children were the subject of a joint investigation by the Anti Social Behaviour Team and Police Scotland. Following the investigation the Community Hub engaged with other partners to ensure the needs of this family were met. As a result the family who are now accepting parent to parent support, life skills and a review of the progress is being led by partners.

Concerns were raised by the Letham community with regards to a young female and numerous calls to her address for loud music and parties. The female failed to engage with services and as a result a full ASBO was granted that led to her moving from the address. The female now has a new tenancy and is now accessing the support she has been offered with this support there have been no further issues at her new address.

Local residents are encouraged to report any incidents at the time to Police Scotland via 101 or if in an emergency 999. Correspondence can also be sent to taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk. Perth and Kinross Council Safer Communities Team can also be contacted on 01738 476173.

	Antisocial B	ehaviour			
		5 year average	Apr 2015 – Dec 2015	Apr 2016 – Dec 2016	% Change from last year
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	-	2922	3727	27.5%
30	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	32.2	25.9%	29.8%	3.9%
31	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	671.0	765	561	-26.7%
32	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	-	17	12	-29.4%





Major Events and Planning

For the period under review there have been major events that have happened that had an impact on local policing resources.

We engaged with partners in relation to the week between Halloween and Bonfire Night which assisted with the sharing of local intelligence and information for patrols to prevent firework or fire related calls. This operation also led to the use of Police Scotland Youth Volunteers to engage with local firework distributors advising them of the legislation. There were also additional patrols across Perth and Kinross to ensure that peak demand could be met.

The weekend of Friday 28th – Sunday 30th October 2016 provided coordinated crime

prevention activity undertaken by Special Constables assisted by PSYV volunteers and Community Wardens. This focused on shops within the operation area discouraging them from selling eggs/flour and fireworks to youngsters and also scoping the area for signs of unofficial bonfires and any particular areas of concern re ASB.

From Monday 31st October until Sunday 6th November regular officers supported by Perth CIU will undertake a range of crime prevention and detection patrols. This included high visibility patrols in communities and the City Centre aimed at deterring anti-social behaviour and shoplifting which have an impact on the City Centre. This week long action included an Operation Frankie targeting licensing issues and drugs misuse within Perth City Centre.

The week of action saw all towns within the LPA receiving additional patrols and an Op Frankie targeting drug misuse in the town centre licensed premises was undertaken on 04/11/2016. A drugs search warrant was also executed in Perth and a number of tablets recovered from a house.

The Festive Period led to additional resources and operations throughout the City Centre and further afield. The Festive Lights Switch on in Perth took place on Saturday the 19th November with other celebrations taking place within the City Centre. This led to a significant footfall within the City Centre and a dedicated policing operation. There were no significant issues as a result of these celebrations.

Other significant incidents for the reporting period include on the 19th December following a report of a male who entered the River Tay in Perth. The male has since been identified as Iain Guthrie, 20, from Perth. Significant assistance has been received in relation to the search for Iain from specialist officers in Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Mountain Rescue Team, Coastguard, RNLI and Air Support from Police Scotland and the Coastguard however at present Iain remains an on-going missing person investigation.

On the 23rd December officers attended a report of an assault in Rattray following initial investigation a search was conducted at a separate address in Carsie which led to the recovery of items from within the address. Due to the nature of these items assistance was sought from the Explosives Ordnance. This matter is still the subject of an on-going police investigation and no further information can be passed at this time.

On the 28th December St Johnstone had a home fixture against Rangers. Several officers were deployed to the fixture as well as an amended traffic management plan that was agreed between the club and Police Scotland. The police operation was a success and one male from Glasgow was arrested due to his behaviour at the game.

On 31st December additional officers provided a high visibility presence across Perth and Kinross in light of the Rangers V Celtic fixture taking place. Early engagement

with licensees by officers on these patrols ensured a relatively peaceful fixture was managed across the LPA.

Theft, Housebreaking and Scams

Theft, housebreakings and scams continue to be a divisional priority and as such officers are tasked on a daily basis with deterrence patrols based on the latest intelligence. It is encouraging to report that crimes of housebreakings are showing a significant reduction year on year. Our figures for 2016/17 indicate 127 crimes of housebreaking from the $1^{\rm st}$ April to the $31^{\rm st}$ December. This is in contrast with the figures of 220 for the same reporting period the previous year. It is of further note that the figure of 220 was the lowest for the previous 5 years. The cumulative figures for all crimes of dishonesty are at the lowest levels for 5 years and are 12% down from the previous year.

These figures are encouraging and we are also pleased to report some notable results in terms of detected incidents for the reporting period.

A 39 year old local male was charged with a housebreaking and other theft crimes at car showrooms in Perth. The case is waiting to proceed at court. Two local males were also charged with stealing from three motor vehicles in Perth and are also waiting to appear in Court for these offences. A 35 year old local male was charged with stealing from charity tins within Perth. One of the locations for these crimes took place within a local church.

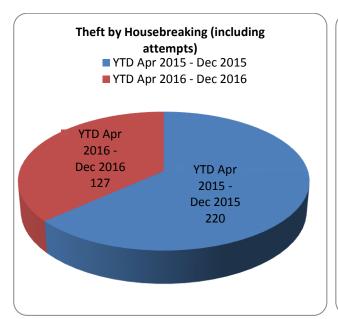
Operation Tigerclaw is D Division's response to a rural crime series in Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area and encompasses the prevention, intelligence and enforcement measures taken. It aims to identify and apprehend any persons involved in the theft of trailers, quad bikes and other agricultural equipment within Perth and Kinross, particularly the hot spot area of Kinross-shire. Due to the location we regularly share information with Fife Division to ensure our crime patterns are shared. It has also been used to identify possible associates or places used for the purposes of disposal of said trailers or other Plant and report any such persons to the Procurator Fiscal as well as for any other subsequently identified crimes they may be responsible for including road traffic offences and housebreakings.

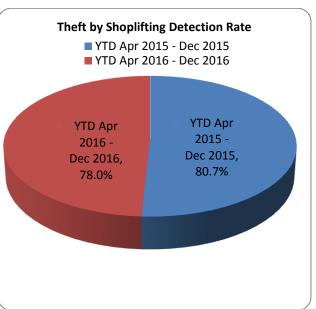
One such occasion occurred on the 29th November whereby two males from Fife were involved in theft crimes in Kinross at farms. As a result these two males have subsequently been arrested for these crimes as well as others in Fife and are waiting trial.

Our Hub staff also provided an outreach Keep Xmas Safe in Blairgowrie on 21st December with the Community Bus offering 'shop safe' support and advice as well

as some giveaways to the Blairgowrie community. Subjects discussed with members of the public included, doorstep crime, internet safety, fraud prevention and boqus callers.

	Housebreaking and Theft by Shoplifting											
		5 year average	Apr 2015– Dec 2015	Apr 2016- Dec 2016	% Change from last year							
26	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	35.2%	30.0%	20.5%	-9.5%							
27	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	253.4	220	127	-42.3%							
28	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	84.0%	80.7%	78.0%	-2.7%							
29	Theft by shoplifting	389.4	405	390	-3.7%							





Community Engagement

Engaging with the community is a priority for Perth and Kinross LPA. In respect of our partnership work with HMP Perth and Castle Huntly there is also an emphasis on engaging with this specific community. Within the reporting period, Constable McRae has held two "Meet the Police" days with the prisoners and their families. This model is based on other initiatives in other divisions. Whilst the families met the police in a different environment it also provided families with assistance and signposting for issues they were facing at home.

The local authority of Perth and Kinross, has so far accepted 7 families relocated from Syria under the Home Office refugee relocation scheme.

Since the first family arrived in September 2015, there have been regular multi agency meetings to ensure the families are integrating in the community and to share any issues or difficulties they may have encountered.

Along with our PKC housing partners a Syrian Workshop day was arranged with the Community Hub and provided an educational input to the families regarding Scots Law.

Over the festive period the Community Hub arranged a "pop up shop" to be let in the St John Shopping Centre, Perth which was manned by all partner agencies and third sector organisations. The purpose of the project was to provide information and support to local residents regarding all aspects community life during this testing time of the year.

The first meeting of the Perth and Kinross Rural and Wildlife Crime Steering Group took place on 1st November 2017 and its second meeting is due to take place on 2nd February 2017. A sub/working group meeting also took place on 13th December 2016 with representation from key partners including the Scottish Gamekeepers Association, SEPA and National Farmers Union all working together to deliver on the Perth and Kinross Rural Crime Week of Action in February 2017.

	Alm	ond a	nd Earn	Blairgowrie and Glens		Carse of Gowrie			Highland			
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	81	47	58.0%	187	93	49.7%	153	84	54.9%	175	54	30.9%
Overall Violent Crime	20	12	60.0%	41	33	80.5%	22	13	59.1%	31	18	58.1%
All Group 1	5	4	80.0%	7	7	100%	10	9	90.0%	1	-	0.0%
Murder/Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	2	2	100%	6	6	100%	3	3	100%	1	-	0.0%
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Assault	18	10	55.6%	35	27	77.1%	19	10	52.6%	30	18	60.0%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	-	-	-	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drugs Supply/Production	-	-	-	4	2	50.0%	3	2	66.7%	3	3	100%
All Group 2	10	5	50.0%	15	7	46.7%	19	16	84.2%	19	11	57.9%
Housebreaking	4	6	-	5	-	0.0%	9	7	77.8%	6	-	0.0%
Shoplifting	10	8	80.0%	37	30	81.1%	4	2	50.0%	11	1	9.1%
	Ki	nross-	shire	Per	th City C	Centre	Pei	th City	y North	Per	th City	South
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	148	46	31.1%	1032	694	67.2%	493	259	52.5%	189	85	45.0%
Overall Violent Crime	23	20	87.0%	281	232	82.6%	117	98	83.8%	57	45	78.9%
All Group 1	2	2	100%	48	36	75.0%	11	10	90.9%	5	4	80.0%
Murder/Attempt Murder	-	-	-	2	2	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	1	1	100%	36	26	72.2%	6	6	100%	5	4	80.0%
Robbery	1	1	100%	4	2	50.0%	2	1	50.0%	-	-	-
Common Assault	21	18	85.7%	239	202	84.5%	109	91	83.5%	52	41	78.8%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	-	-	-	17	16	94.1%	2	2	100%	1	1	100%
Drugs Supply/Production	-	-	-	58	37	63.8%	11	12	109.1%	3	3	100%
All Group 2	15	13	86.7%	44	34	77.3%	32	23	71.9%	11	9	81.8%
Housebreaking	16	2	12.5%	17	1	5.9%	22	2	9.1%	12	1	8.3%
Shoplifting	8	8	100%	215	179	83.3%	59	45	76.3%	21	14	66.7%
	S	tratha			Strathea		Strathmore			Strathtay		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	602	416	69.1%	164	79	48.2%	181	72	39.8%	89	45	50.6%
Overall Violent Crime	57	39	68.4%	41	32	78.0%	65	55	84.6%	31	21	67.7%
All Group 1	5	2	40.0%	7	6	85.7%	11	8	72.7%	7	6	85.7%
Murder/Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serious Assault	4	2	50.0%-	5	5	100%	5	4	80.0%	1	1	100%
Robbery	1	-	0.0%	-	-	-	2	2	100%	2	1	50.0%
Common Assault	52	37	71.2%	36	27	75.0%	58	49	84.5%	28	19	67.9%
Knives/Offensive Weapons	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drugs Supply/Production	23	23	100%	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
All Group 2	9	6	66.7%	18	17	94.4%	21	15	71.4%	8	3	37.5%
Housebreaking	7	1	14.3%	8	2	25.0%	11	-	0.0%	5	3	60.0%
Shoplifting	1	1	100%	11	5	45.5%	8	7	87.5%	1	1	100%

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