

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 07 NOVEMBER 2001

**SAFER STREETS
POLICING REPORT
'U' DIVISION**

**Report by Director of Community Services
on behalf of
Superintendent Alistair Mckie
Sub Divisional Officer
UC Sub Division**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the nature and results of policing issues, operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period, and to advise of forthcoming initiatives.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members previously agreed to make "Spotlight" a standing item on the Committee's agenda. However, 'Spotlight' now falls under the '**Safer Streets**' banner and it is no longer appropriate to classify all policing operations under 'Spotlight'. A 'Spotlight' report will only be included in future where a Force or local 'Spotlight' has taken place. Community Safety is the central theme that guides all policing activity in East Ayrshire. To improve the local interest of this report, several topical areas of specific local interest will now be included.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 **Crime Trends** (all figures relate to the Local Committee area)

3.1.1

	Housebreaking	Vehicle Crime	Drugs
April 2000 -- Sept .2000	108	141	22
April 2001 – Sept. 2001	119	109	25

- 3.1.2 The number of persons charged with 'supplying offences' has increased from 3 to 6 (see 'Know the Score' below).

3.2 Pro Active Initiative

- 3.2.1 The Community Safety Department has taken delivery of a single deck bus from Stagecoach. It is fitted with hi-fi and TV and will be taken to schools and areas where youths congregate to reinforce the anti vandalism message through an 'UP2U' theme that will assist children in making a choice.

4. OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

- 4.1 'U' Division took part in a force 'Spotlight' under the 'Safer Streets' initiative on Friday 5 October 2001. A total of 421 persons were searched for weapons. One knife, a razor and a baseball bat were among items recovered which resulted in 6 persons being reported for possession of offensive weapons. A total of 240 licensed premises were visited.

5. KNOW THE SCORE

- 5.1 The safer Scotland 'Know the Score' drugs campaign lasted from 1 April to 31 August 2001. During the campaign, which lasted 153 days, Scottish Forces recovered a staggering amount of controlled drugs bound for Scottish communities. The seizures included over 70 kilos of heroin, 540 kilos of cannabis and 150,000 ecstasy tablets.
- 5.2 'U' Division used West Sound Radio to broadcast police interviews on anti-drug themes, reaching an estimated audience of 250,000 people. Drug talks were given to diverse audiences such as licensees, business people, councillors and parents and children.

6. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 Policing in East Ayrshire is designed to combat local concerns and problems. The involvement of Members and the local community is essential to reducing crime and the fear of crime.
- 7.2 Sergeant James Richmond, Police Liaison Officer, has replaced Sergeant Hugh Mitchell. Sergeant Richmond can be contacted at 01563 576512 if you wish to discuss any matter with him.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that Committee: -
- i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation; and
 - ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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AGENDA