THE GIBRALTAR POLICE AUTHORITY

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The Community in Policing

Report on the Policing Plan 2008 – 2009

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Foreword

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Police Act 2006, I have much pleasure in presenting the annual report of the Gibraltar Police Authority (GPA) for the year 2008-2009. An account of events of importance to the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP) and statistics prepared by the RGP covering the year in review are set out in the attachments to this report.

This is the second annual report prepared by the GPA since it was established in February 2007. This system of producing both the Policing Plan and the Annual Report is now firmly established. This independent direction, monitoring and assessment of the RGP carried out by the GPA aims to secure an efficient and effective police service for Gibraltar within the financial resources available to it and on a value for money basis, as defined in the Police Act. It further aims to establish high standards of integrity, probity and independence of policing as prescribed in the Police Act and enshrined in the Gibraltar Constitution.

The GPA has assessed that during the year under review the RGP has performed very well in the execution of its varied role and responsibilities to our community. Worthy of special mention is their performance during the long frontier queues during July 2008 and in the aftermath of the severe storm in October 2008. However the RGP must continue to work hard to further improve their performance and meet the high expectations of the general public. The GPA is satisfied that the RGP continues to police with the consent and for the benefit of the community.

The GPA is grateful to the Commissioner of Police, his senior officers and the head of administration at the RGP for their assistance whenever it has been sought, for the detailed and helpful periodic reports submitted to the GPA at its request, for appearing before the GPA to answer questions in connection with the monitoring by the GPA of the work of the RGP and for the statistics submitted as required by the GPA.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the GPA and the Police Complaints Board for their support and the many hours dedicated to the performance of their duties and responsibilities. It must be recognised that they all execute their functions in their own time and without any remuneration. I must also thank our two members of staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Edward Guerrero OBE JP
Lt Col (Retd.)
Chairperson
Gibraltar Police Authority

The Policing Plan for 2008-9 set out the targets for policing for that year, in addition to basic community policing. Before preparing the Plan, the Authority first organised an independent public opinion survey, which produced 1,166 replies and which helped to identify the priorities of importance to the community as a whole. This information, together with the priorities of the Governor, Government and the Commissioner of Police, was used to produce the Plan, as prescribed by the Police Act 2006.

The Policing Plan for the year under review identified 4 strategic aims as follows:

1. To reduce overall crime
2. To support policies aimed at compliance with the law
3. To inspire, gain and retain public confidence
4. Anti-terrorism

These strategic aims were suggested by the RGP and adopted by the GPA. A number of measurable indicators identified by the RGP were also set out in the plan.

Two major unforeseen challenges

The RGP faced two major unpredicted challenges during the year. The first was the traffic problems caused by the delays at the frontier during the month of July. The operation mounted by the RGP prevented a traffic grid-lock throughout Gibraltar during the peak periods. The RGP carried out this operation with courtesy and good humour. This was not easy considering the long extra hours in the open air under high temperatures.

The second major challenge was the aftermath of the severe storm on 10 October 2008. On that weekend the Gibraltar Government Civil Contingency Committee sent out a Red Alert warning the general public that severe weather was expected to continue and possibly worsen during the next 24 hours.

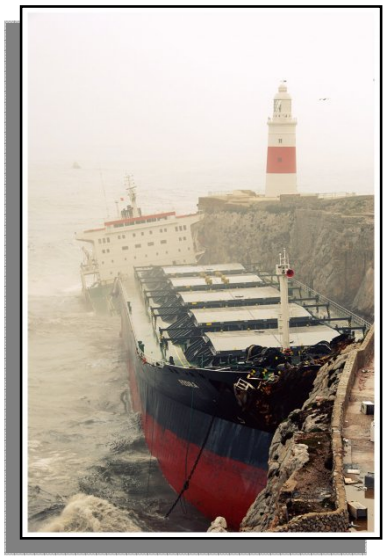
Apart from the extensive damage caused to various parts of Gibraltar, which required a substantial deployment of resources, the shipwreck of the MV FEDRA which ran aground at Europa Point was by far the most serious incident. The potential for loss of life, both of its 31 crew members and of the many who formed part of the rescue teams, coupled with the potential environmental impact presented huge issues that had to be dealt with.

In a perilous life-saving operation led by the Royal Gibraltar Police, all 31 crew of the Liberian bulk carrier were rescued. It was an all-night operation in hurricane strength winds and rough seas involving a helicopter and an improvised rescue system involving a giant crane and 'cage'.

The crew were required to go on deck for the daring rescue operation as heavy seas and hurricane force winds pounded the vessel. A helicopter from the Spanish Maritime Service initially rescued five men but it was forced to make an emergency landing due to the ingress of salt water into its turbines and the difficult weather conditions. This left 26 crew members stranded on the battered hull. Using a large mobile crane installed by the cliff face and an improvised cradle, officers of the RGP then hoisted the wet, shivering and terrified crewmembers from the stricken ship and on to dry land.

However the operation had to be suspended with 11 men still on board, as the storm intensified. The exhausted rescuers grasped their chance, when at 0700 hrs the storm mildly subsided allowing a further and possibly last chance to haul up the remaining crew members to safety. Officers stabilising the cradle wires were in danger of falling off the cliff when the platform from which they were operating gave way due to the constant bashing the vessel was giving the cliffside.

By dawn Saturday the remaining crew, mostly Filipino, had been lifted off the stricken vessel and were taken to hospital initially and later housed in a local hotel.



Later that Saturday morning a strange calm descended over Gibraltar, the hurricane subsided and all one could see was the FEDRA ripped apart by the sea with both sections trapped against the cliffs just off Europa Point with clear blue skies and flat calm seas.

The Commissioner of Police highly commended 98 Officers who in their various roles displayed bravery, determination, perseverance and coordination. It is the largest number of commendations for a single event in Gibraltar's recent history.

THE WIDER PICTURE

In reviewing the year in question, the Police Authority has chosen to take a wider view of the year, in the first instance, before narrowing the focus on the four specific measures set out in the Policing Plan. Although the number of crimes reported in 2008/9 was at a 5-year high, with 3921 crimes having been reported, the Police Authority notes with satisfaction that: -

- Serious crime was at its lowest level for 5 years, with 35 crimes recorded per 1000 population (down from 72 in 2005/6 and 71 in 2004/5).
- The burglary detection rate was at its highest for 5 years at 32%, compared with a 5 year low in 2006/7 of 22%.
- The number of reports of burglaries was at its lowest for 5 years, at 107 reports compared with an average over the previous 4 years of over 190 reports.
- The number of drivers processed for misbehaviour on our roads was at its lowest for 5 years, at 1,236 processes compared with 1,728 the previous year.
- The number of traffic accidents declined for the fifth year in a row, to 811 accidents.
- The number of detections of crime involving drug enforcement rose to a 5- year high of 576, having climbed steadily for 5 years.

Increased policing of crime and anti-social behaviour in turn produces a higher number of recorded crimes. It is nevertheless noteworthy that:

- The number of processes resulting from enforcement of anti-social behaviour measures dropped to 425, from a five year peak in 2007/8 of 581 processes.
- The number of charges brought against persons for supplying or trafficking in drugs dropped to 37 from 53 in 2007/8, its lowest figure in 5 years.

These figures are particularly encouraging, given the resources that the RGP have dedicated to drug crime, to making our roads safer, to reducing anti-social behaviour, to tackling burglaries. They show that Gibraltar continues to be a safe place for all who live and work here and for those who visit us.

Some of this success is doubtless due to the increase in the beats covered by High Visibility Policing, which cover the whole of Gibraltar, as well as numerous operations conducted throughout the year to address specific issues in localised areas.

THE FOUR SPECIFIC MEASURES OF THE POLICING PLAN

(1) To reduce overall crime

The strategic aim was to reduce crime, with special emphasis on: the supply and misuse of drugs, under-age drinking, careless and indiscriminate driving, vandalism and burglaries.

Although the RGP did not meet its target of reducing the number of traffic accidents involving serious injury or fatalities which rose from 34 to 36, the incidence of serious driving offences dropped from 1845 (07/08) to 1236 (08/09). The most common offence was speeding (673 reports) followed by driving under the influence of drinks or drugs (205 reports) and contravening a traffic light (160 reports).

The majority of traffic accidents in 2008/9 (629 cases out of 811) involved damage, and 506 of these consisted solely of damage, with a further 36 accidents involving extensive damage (with no injuries). This represents an average of over 2 accidents a day.

The largest number of offences was general traffic offences, including parking offences, and these stood at 11,744 for the year, an average of over 32 per day. This is very high. However, it must be pointed out that enforcement action alone

is not enough to reduce the number of these offences, and the work of the police must be assisted by the introduction of other deterrent measures. The GPA is aware that the Government is actively pursuing this matter.

The initiatives and operations undertaken to tackle the incidence of burglaries have produced results. The number of reports was at its lowest for 5 years, at 107 reports compared with an average over the previous 4 years of over 190 reports.

With regard to anti-social behaviour the measures taken by the RGP have resulted in a reduction of this type of offence. The number of reported alleged offences dropped and a total of 425 cases were processed through the courts.

A lot of effort and resources are dedicated by the RGP, rightly, to the fight against drugs. The principal target is the drug trafficker or supplier rather than the victims. The approach towards young people and vulnerable members of society is through education, which formed part of the year's plan.

There were 26 detected cases involving possession of drugs with intent to supply others, of which 25 have so far been processed through the courts. There were 8 cases detected of unlawful importation of drugs. 484 detections of possession of a controlled drug were made, of which 463 have so far been processed. This is an area of work where the RGP continues to be vigilant.

For the past six years officers from the Crime Prevention & Reduction Unit have delivered drugs prevention talks to Gibraltar's school children in collaboration with the Government Drugs Coordinator. During this reporting year it was decided to target the year seven students (11-12 years of age) in all Government Middle schools and a private school. The presentations are informative and involve audience participation in role-play scenarios with an element of fun to capture the full attention of the students. The various topics covered include the

consequences of drug taking. Each student receives a small memento marked with a drug prevention theme to remind them of the key messages.

Overall, during 2008/9, the RGP succeeded in maintaining an overall crime detection rate of 60.44%, about the same as the previous year. This figure is high and the RGP deserves to be congratulated for this.

(2) To support policies aimed at compliance with the law

The strategic aim was to deliver: crime prevention and security; traffic management support; interaction with our youth; action to support the public and private sector in their policing needs.

During 2008-9, the RGP increased the number of crime prevention and reduction surveys talks and initiatives to 49 from 38 in 2007-8. This has involved the Crime Prevention and Reduction Unit concentrating on high-tech crime, especially computer forensic analysis.

This strategic aim was targeted particularly at public awareness in relation to crime prevention and security, and for public and private sector policy needs. Nevertheless, the statistics for the year show that this has also been reflected in the results of the number of crimes reported and detected, and the general performance of the RGP in 2008-9.

Traffic management is a topic where the RGP does not have sole control of successful delivery and the independent survey conducted by the Police Authority indeed found that only 36% of respondents were satisfied with the way the RGP polices and controls traffic circulation and traffic management. This figure was sharply down from 44% in 2007-8. As noted elsewhere in this report, this is an issue on which Government collectively, and not just the RGP, needs to continue to work together closely if it is to respond to public concern.

With regard to RGP action involving Gibraltar's youth, the RGP's Community Safety Unit is already actively engaged with the Ministry for Family, Youth and Community Affairs in preparing a youth strategy. Regular meetings are being held and the Police Authority looks forward to practical and measurable results in this area from the RGP.

(3) To inspire, gain and retain public confidence

This strategic aim underlay the vision of the Police Authority for the RGP for the year: to gain the confidence of the community, in particular young people, in the RGP's ability to provide a service that is visible, accessible, responsive, fair and reduces crime and maintains Gibraltar as a just and safe society.

In order to fulfil this strategic aim, the RGP set itself the target of obtaining the Investors in People accreditation. This it successfully achieved and the Police Authority recognises the efforts of all officers of the RGP and civilian support staff who contributed to the achievement of this standard. The RGP is committed to retaining this award and will continue to maintain its high standards.

The results for the year show that substantial inroads have been made in respect of this strategic aim. The RGP have succeeded in:

- Providing a service that is visible, through the dedication of increased resources to High Visibility Policing initiatives;
- Showing their responsiveness in attending to emergency calls received on the emergency 199 telephone line in an average response time of 3 minutes;
- Reducing crime, as set out elsewhere in this report.

In so doing, the RGP have contributed to maintaining Gibraltar as a just and safe community. The public survey conducted by the Police Authority showed that the RGP continue to enjoy public confidence. 58% responded positively to this

question; the RGP remains committed to further improvement to respond to those who do not yet have such confidence in the police.

Much work has been done internally within the RGP to improve the management of the Force. The positive effects of these initiatives now need to be translated into the way the RGP carries out its business, and equally, the public perception that there have been positive changes. The independent Police Complaints Board plays an important role in securing public confidence in the RGP.

(4) Anti-terrorism

The strategic aim was to maintain Gibraltar's ability to counter terrorism, from prevention and deterrence through to incident response, in a balanced way alongside other demands on police resources.

To this end, the RGP conducted a table-top counter terrorism exercise, as planned. Valuable lessons were learned from this exercise. Internal plans have been reviewed, and security awareness initiatives completed.

The Police Authority is satisfied with the performance of the RGP in respect of this strategic aim.

ATTACHMENTS

Attached to this Report are:

1. Crime statistics 2008-9.
2. The year 2008-9 in review, as prepared by the RGP.

2008 – 2009
STATISTICS

Police Crime Statistics From: 1/4/2008 to 31/03/2009

	Reported	Detected	Detection Rate
Against the Person Minor	**192**	**94**	**49%**
ASSAULT (COMMON)	192	94	49%
" Past Detections = 1			
Against the Person Serious	**108**	**81**	**75%**
ABH	82	57	70%
" Past Detections = 2			
ATT. MURDER	1	1	100%
CRUELTY AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN	4	*3	75%
FALSE IMPRISONMENT	1	1	100%
GBH	5	4	80%
THREATS TO KILL / CONSPIRACY TO MURDER	2	2	100%
WOUNDING	13	13	100%
Burglaries Serious	**107**	**34**	**32%**
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	1	1	100%
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY DWELLING	0	0	
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OTHER	5	1	20%
BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	22	9	41%
BURGLARY OTHER	79	23	29%
Children & Young Persons Act. 2006	**2**	**2**	**100%**
SELLING LIQUOR TO A CHILD	2	2	100%
Civil Registration Act.	**2**	**1**	**50%**
PERMITTING YOUR I/D CARD TO BE USED BY ANOTHER	1	1	100%
USING ANOTHER PERSONS I/D CARD	1	0	0%
Criminal Damage Minor	**541**	**120**	**22%**
C/D TO VEHICLE	290	40	14%
" Past Detections = 1			
CAUSING DAMAGE GENERAL	249	78	31%
" Past Detections = 1			
DEFACING GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	1	1	100%
POSTING BILLS	1	1	100%
Criminal Damage Serious	**24**	**9**	**38%**
ARSON ENDANGERING LIFE	3	2	67%
" Past Detections = 1			
ARSON NOT ENDANGERING LIFE	9	2	22%
ATTEMPTED ARSON NOT ENDANGERING LIFE	1	1	100%
C/D TO VEHICLE	8	2	25%
CAUSING DAMAGE GENERAL	1	0	0%
THREATS TO DESTROY	2	2	100%

* One case still under investigation

	Reported	Detected	Detection Rate
Drug Offences General	**539**	**513**	**95%**
ADMINISTERING A NOXIOUS SUBSTANCE	1	0	0%
INTRODUCING DRUGS INTO PRISON	1	1	100%
OBSTRUCTING M.O.D.A.	53	49	92%
POSS. OF A CONTROLLED DRUG	484	463	96%
Drugs Trafficking Offences	**37**	**34**	**92%**
CONSP TO IMPORT/EXPORT DRUGS	1	0	0%
CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS PLANT(S)	1	1	100%
MONEY LAUNDERING	1	0	0%
POSS. WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY DRUGS	26	25	96%
SUPPLYING / OFFERING DRUGS	0	0	
UNLAWFUL IMPORTATION	8	8	100%
Firearms Offences Serious	**14**	**12**	**86%**
DISCHARGING A FIREARM	1	1	100%
IMPORTING/FIREARM/AMMUNITION	1	1	100%
POSS. FIREARM/AMMUNITION	11	9	82%
POSSESSING/DISTRIBUTING PROHIBITED WEAPON	1	1	100%
Fireworks Offences Minor	**3**	**2**	**67%**
DISCHARGING FIREWORKS	3	2	67%
Fraud & Deception Minor	**64**	**35**	**55%**
AIDING/ABETTING MAKING OFF WITHOUT PAYMENT	1	1	100%
FORGERY	8	6	75%
MAKING OFF WITHOUT PAYMENT	54	28	52%
OBT. PROPERTY BY DECEPTION	1	0	0%
Fraud & Deception Serious	**54**	**42**	**78%**
ATT. OBT. PROPERTY BY DECEPTION	0	0	
Endeavouring to Obtain property on a Forged Instrument	1	1	100%
EVADING A LIABILITY	2	1	50%
EXPOSING FORGED GOODS FOR SALE	1	1	100%
FALSE ACCOUNTING	8	10	100%
IMPORTING A PROHIBITED IMPORT	4	4	100%
OBT. PROPERTY BY DECEPTION	24	14	58%
OBT. SERVICES BY DECEPTION	3	2	67%
OBT. SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT BY FALSE REP.	5	5	100%
OBT/UTTERING A FORGED INSTRUEMENT	1	1	100%
POSS. OF A COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY	1	0	0%
POSS. OF FORGED GOODS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRADE	1	1	100%
UTTERING A COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY	3	2	67%

	Reported	Detected	Detection Rate
Immigration Offences	**14**	**13**	**93%**
AIDING/ABETTING ENTERING GIB OTHER THAN VIA IMMIGRATION CONTROL POST	1	1	100%
DECEIVING AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER	1	0	0%
ENTERING GIB OTHER THAN VIA IMMIGRATION POST	4	4	100%
FOUND IN GIBRALTAR WITHOUT A PERMIT	6	6	100%
HARBOURING AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT	1	1	100%
OBSTRUCTING IMMIGRATION OFFICER	1	1	100%
Licensing Offences	**36**	**36**	**100%**
DISPLAYING TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENT	4	4	100%
LIGHTING A FIRE WITHOUT A PERMIT	1	1	100%
NO ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE	2	2	100%
NOT DISP. TAVERN LICENCE	2	2	100%
NOT DISP. TOBACCO LICENCE	2	2	100%
NOT DISP. TRADE LICENCE	1	1	100%
OTHER LICENCE OFFENCES (NOT QUOTED)	2	2	100%
PERSONS IN LICENSED PREMISES AFTER HOURS	6	6	100%
PLAYING MUSIC AFTER HOURS	4	4	100%
REFUSING TO LEAVE A LICENCE PREMISES	1	1	100%
SELLING DRINK AFTER HOURS	2	2	100%
TRADING NO PERMIT	7	7	100%
TRANSCIEVER NO LICENCE	2	2	100%
Liquor Licence Offences Minor	**285**	**282**	**99%**
DRUNK & DISORDERLY	212	210	99%
FOUND DRUNK	65	64	98%
INDECENT BEHAVIOUR WHILST DRUNK	8	8	100%
Liquor Licence Offences Serious	**4**	**3**	**75%**
DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A CHILD	4	3	75%
Miscellaneous Minor	**193**	**122**	**63%**
ANIMALS /BIRDS ORDINANCE OFFENCES	11	11	100%
BEACH BYELAW OFFENCES	7	7	100%
BEGGING	5	5	100%
CAMPING	66	65	98%
DANGEROUS NAVIGATION	2	2	100%
DEPOSITING EXCREMENT	3	1	33%
DEPOSITING LITTER	1	1	100%
FAILING TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDERS	20	8	40%
ILLEGAL IMPORT (Knife)	1	1	100%
ILLEGAL IMPORT (VESSEL)	1	1	100%
ILLEGAL IMPORT (Pocket Motor Cycles)	1	0	0%
IMPROPER USE OF PUBLIC ELECTRONIC COMMS	60	11	18%
OBSTRUCTING CUSTOMS	2	2	100%
PORT RULES	6	6	100%
REFUSING TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT PREMISES	0	1	
SECT. 6 C. P. P	5	0	0%
SENDING PROHIBITED ARTICLES BY POST	1	0	0%
WRITING / DISTRIBUTING THREATENING MATERIAL	1	0	0%

	Reported	Detected	Detection Rate
Miscellaneous Serious	**21**	**14**	**67%**
ATT. TO PERVERT JUSTICE	2	2	100%
BIGAMY	1	1	100%
BOMB HOAXES	2	1	50%
BREAKING PRISON	2	0	0%
FALSE DECLARATION (PASSPORTS)	1	0	0%
FURIOUS DRIVING	1	1	100%
INTERFERING WITH WITNESS	5	2	40%
INTIMIDATING JUROR/WIT, PERSON ASS.	7	7	100%
Police Related Offences Minor	**218**	**205**	**94%**
DISORDERLY CONDUCT POLICE STATION	29	29	100%
ESCAPING LAWFUL CUSTODY	1	1	100%
FAILING TO SURRENDER TO BAIL	9	5	56%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	120	114	95%
RESISTING POLICE	54	53	98%
WASTING POLICE TIME	5	3	60%
Police Related Offences Serious	**45**	**41**	**91%**
ASSAULT ON POLICE	43	41	95%
IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER	2	0	0%
Public Order Minor	**486**	**394**	**81%**
CONDUCT LIKELY TO CAUSE A BOP	19	18	95%
INSULT/THREAT/WORDS & BEHAVIOUR	105	62	59%
MAKING A DISTURBANCE	75	69	92%
MUSIC FROM CARS	80	80	100%
OFFENSIVE CONDUCT	4	1	25%
POSS. OFFENSIVE WEAPON	34	33	97%
SPITTING IN A PUBLIC PLACE	2	1	50%
THROWING MISSILES	28	7	25%
URINATING IN A PUBLIC PLACE	27	26	96%
VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR	112	97	87%
Robberies Serious	**12**	**5**	**42%**
ATT. ROBBERY	3	0	0%
ROBBERY	9	5	56%
Sexual Offences Minor	**6**	**4**	**67%**
INDECENT ASSAULT	1	0	0%
INDECENT BEHAVIOUR	4	3	75%
INDECENT EXPOSURE	1	1	100%
Sexual Offences Serious	**13**	**9**	**62%**
INDECENT ASSAULT ON A FEMALE OVER 16	5	2	40%
INDECENT ASSAULT ON A FEMALE UNDER 13	2	2	100%
INDECENT ASSAULT ON A FEMALE UNDER 16	1	1	100%
INDECENT ASSAULT ON A MALE OVER 16	1	1	100%
OUTRAGING PUBLIC DECENCY	1	1	100%
RAPE	3	2	66%

	Reported	Detected	Detection Rate
Theft & Kindred Minor	**702**	**169**	**24%**
ABSTRACTING ELECTRICITY	1	1	100%
ATTEMPTED THEFT	18	9	50%
THEFT	526	139	26%
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	151	16	11%
VEHICLE INTERFERENCE	6	4	67%
Theft & Kindred Serious	**143**	**46**	**32%**
GOING EQUIPPED FOR THEFT/CHEAT	6	6	100%
HANDLING STOLEN GOODS	16	15	94%
THEFT	35	6	17%
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	2	0	0%
THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING M/VEHICLE	84	19	23%
Tobacco Offences	**56**	**51**	**91%**
BEING CONC. IN THE EXPORTING OF COM QUAN TOB.	6	6	100%
EXPORTING TOBACCO & ATTEMPTS	1	0	0%
POSS. COMMERCIAL QUANTITY OF TOBACCO	47	43	91%
SELLING COMMERCIAL QUANTITY OF TOBACCO	1	1	100%
TRANSPORTING TOBACCO	1	1	100%

	Reported	Detected	Detection Rate
Grand Totals:	**3921**	**2370**	**60.44%**

SEARCHES DERTAKEN 2008-2009

	Total of Stops Made
DRUGS	568
NATURE PROTECTION	1
STOLEN PROPERTY	123
TOBACCO	146

ALL SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENCES

From: 01/04/08 To 31/03/09 **Grand Total 12980**

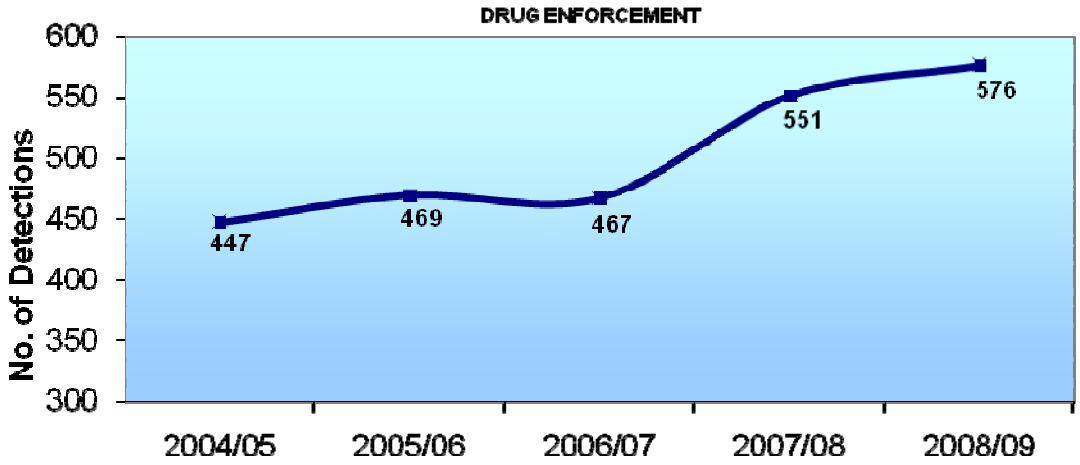
OFFENCE	Total
CARELESS DRIVING	68
CARELESS RIDING	14
CONT. A TRAFFIC LIGHT	160
DANGEROUS DRIVING	86
DANGEROUS RIDING	9
DRUNK IN CHARGE	13
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	205
FAILING TO PROVIDE A SPECIMEN	8
SPEEDING	673
ALL GENERAL TRAFFIC OFFENCES	11744

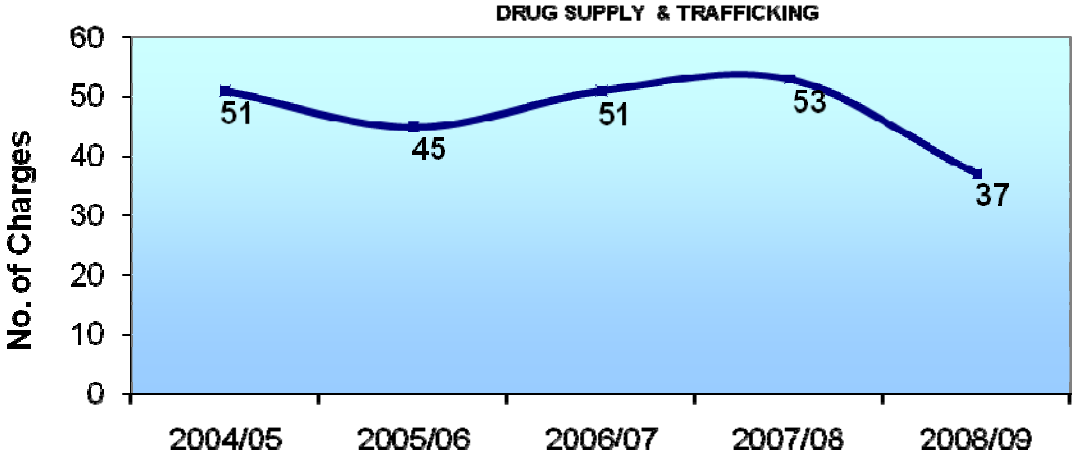
There is a total of 250 persons arrested & 6781 persons processed

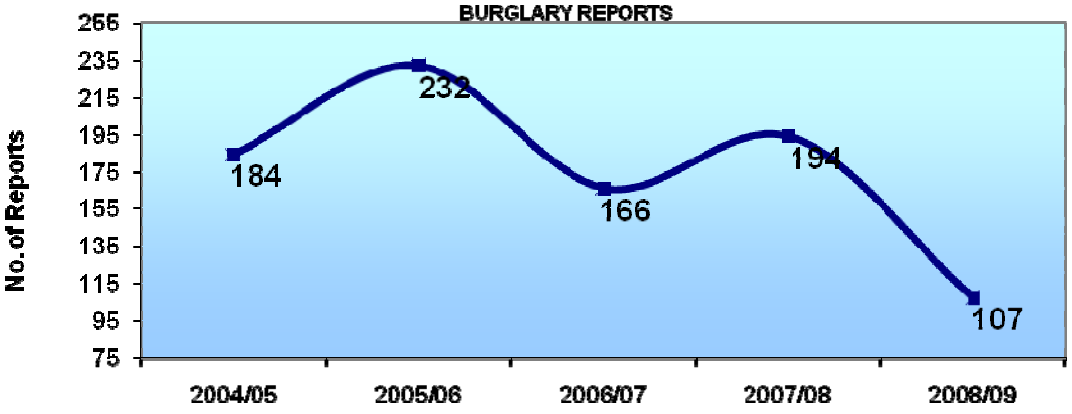
GRAND TOTAL OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS FROM 1/4/2008 – 3/3/2009

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Grand Total 811
DAMAGES	**629**
DAMAGE ONLY	506
EXTENSIVE DAMAGE NO INJURIES	36
HIT & RUN (Vehicle Parked found with damage)	55
MINOR AGAINST OBJECT	26
MINOR SKIDDED/LOST CONTROL	2
NO DAMAGE WITH PEDESTRIAN & NO INJURIES	2
NOT A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - RECLASSIFIED	1
NO DAMAGE WITH AN ANIMAL (dog killed)	1
SLIGHT	**146**
SLIGHT INJ AGAINST OBJECT	1
SLIGHT INJ SKIDDED/LOST CONTROL	11
SLIGHT INJURIES	117
SLIGHT INJURIES/PEDESTRIAN	9
SLIGHT INJURIES WITH EXTENSIVE DAMAGE	8
SERIOUS	**34**
SERIOUS INJ AGAINST OBJECT	1
SERIOUS INJ SKIDDED/LOST CONTROL	5
SERIOUS INJURIES	21
SERIOUS INJURIES/PEDESTRIAN	5
SERIOUS INJURIES WITH EXTENSIVE DAMAGE	2
FATAL	**2**

Five-year Comparisons







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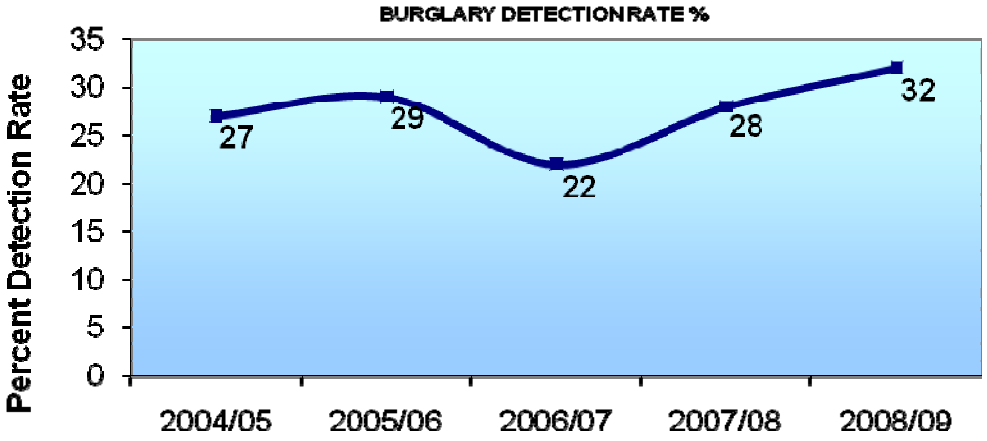

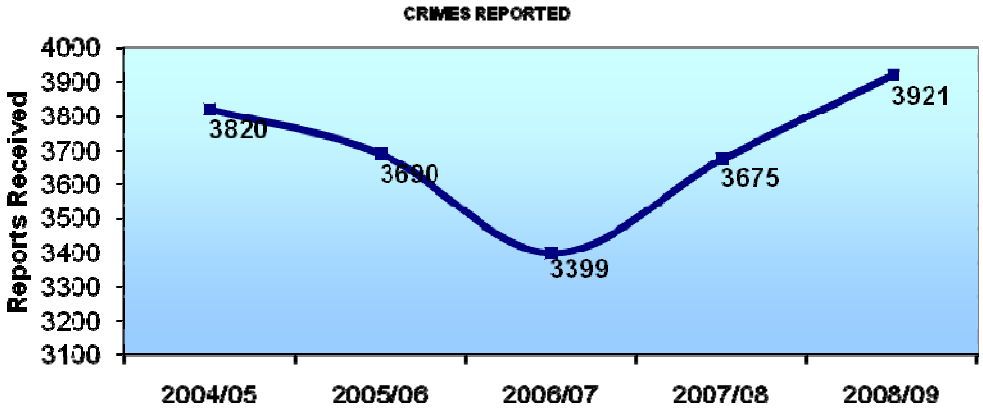

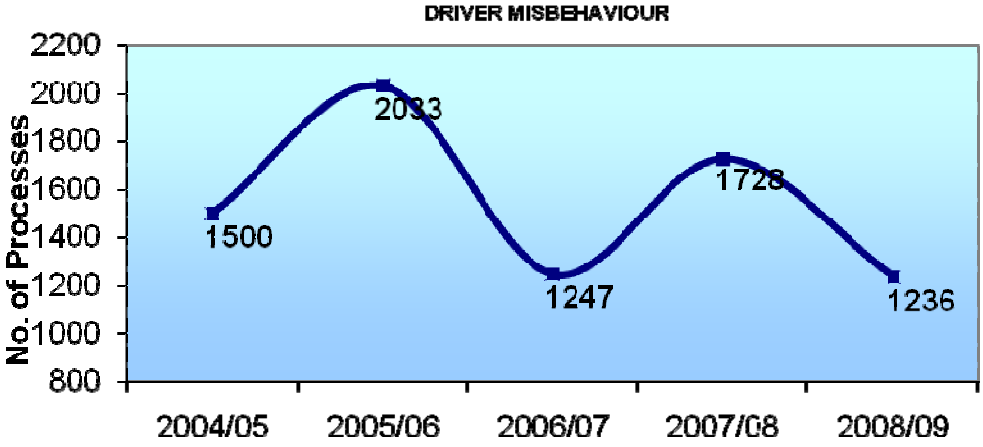

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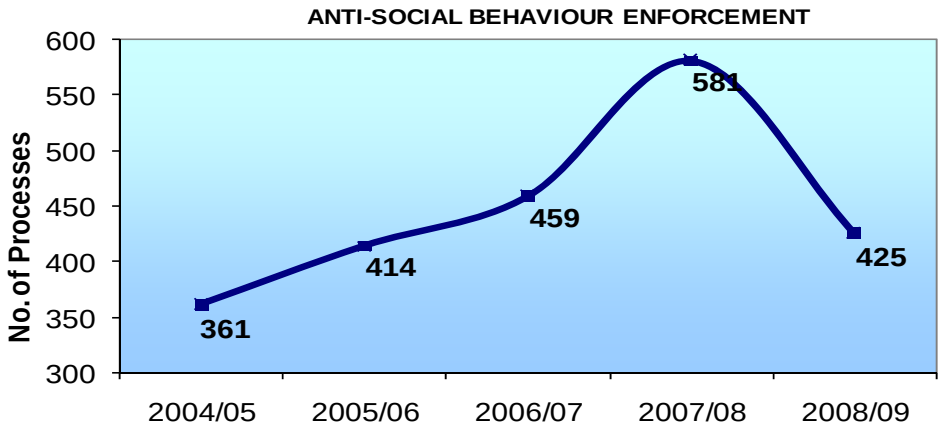

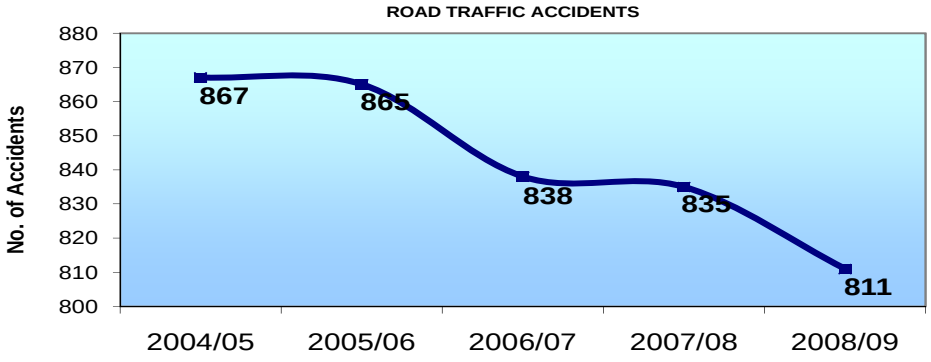

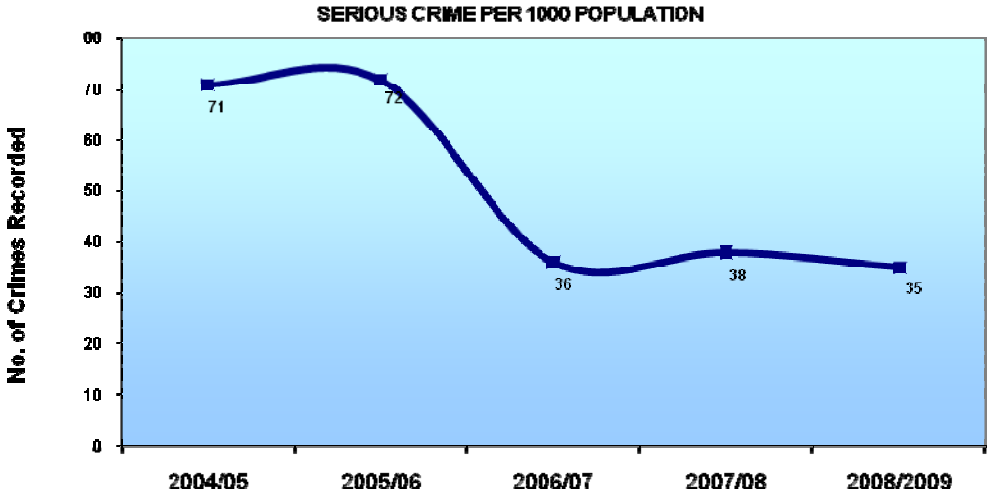

ROYAL GIBRALTAR POLICE

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Year in Review – The Royal Gibraltar Police

Strength

The total strength of the RGP during this reporting year was 227 Police Officers plus a supporting staff of 29.

Finance Support

The Royal Gibraltar Police continues to be financially supported by the Gibraltar Government. The total cost of running the RGP during the year under review was £ 9,264,000.

Resources

Buildings
This year saw the completion of the new Control Room and the new Operations Room.

Communications
This year with the significant support of the Gibraltar Government, the new Emergency Services Radio system was put into operation. The new encrypted system will not only allow for the respective Emergency Services to work independently but also, should the need arise, to be able to communicate effectively with each other. A new telephone Call Management System has been introduced; this will improve accountability and enhance customer service.

Vehicle Fleet
During the year in review, the Royal Gibraltar Police has acquired one Minibus, one Caged Patrol Van and two 750cc Patrol Motorcycles.

These will assist the organisation in continuing the high standard of service delivery provided to the community.

Investors in People

The Royal Gibraltar Police's commitment to the personal and professional development of its staff can be further illustrated by the fact that, during the year in review, the organisation achieved accreditation for the Investors in People award.

The achievement of this award is something that the RGP can be justly proud of. It is recognition at the highest international level that the RGP is an Investor in People. Such an award is only possible with the full participation of all the workforce, police and support staff alike.

The European Association of Airport and Seaport Police Gibraltar Conference

The 35th EAASP Annual Conference this year was hosted by the Royal Gibraltar Police between the 22nd and the 24th April, supported by the Gibraltar Government.

Superintendent Edward Yome of the RGP was elected as Vice President of the EAASP.

Training

During the course of the year, substantial investment has been made to provide the organisation's staff with professional and personal development training. In addition to this, the RGP offers training courses and facilities to outside Agencies such as Schools, the Scouts and Guides Associations and other Government Departments. Examples of courses and conferences attended, or provided, during 2008-09 are:

UK & Overseas Courses/Attachments

- Volume Crime Scene Investigator Conversion
- Informant Handler
- Arabic Language Courses
- Greater Manchester Police, Professional Standards Attachment
- Strategic Command Course

Local Courses

- Custody Officer
- Controller
- Driving
- Diving
- Recruit School
- First Aid Courses Public Order
- Training Days Police/Support Staff
- Pre-Retirement
- Investors in People
- Unarmed Defensive Tactics

Courses supplied to other Agencies

- Custody Officer Customs
- Safeguarding Children
- Security & Immigration Personal safety Training
- Comprehensive Schools
- Middle Schools
- Life Guards
- Cycling Proficiency
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Vocational Trainees
- Social Services Department
- Education Department
- Scouts Association
- Guides Association

Retirements

Inspector James Alcantara
Inspector Harry Parody
Sergeant Joseph Olivero
Sergeant Frederick Field
Sergeant Louis Russo
Sergeant James Baldachino
Constable Frank Rawlinson

Constable Brian Reyes
Constable James Noguera
Constable Rose Parody

External Honours and Awards

Between April 2008 and March 2009, the following awards were made to members of the Royal Gibraltar Police:

Colonial Police Medal

Superintendent Edward Yome CPM

Inspector Robert Peliza CPM

Long Service Awards

The Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is awarded after eighteen years meritorious service in police work. After twenty-five years service a clasp to the Long Service Medal is bestowed. During this year, the following officers have been honoured as follows:

Second Clasp to the Long Service Medal:

COP L Wink
DCI E Acris
PC (Rtd) R Parody
PC (Rtd) O Huart

First Clasp to the Long Service Medal:

CI J Barabich
CI D Smith
Insp M Napoli
PS 9 M Ignacio
PS 17 A Buhagiar
PS 26 C Sawyer
PC 78 L Rodriguez
PC 153 C Sanchez
PC 104 C Jurado
PC 132 A Attias
PC 177 A Estella
PC 183 J Ignacio
PC 186 D Canepa
PC 188 D Games
PC (Rtd) M Imossi

Police Long Service Medal:

PC 196 A Watson

Gibraltar Award (Governor's Certificate and Badge of Honour):

Police Sergeant John Goodman

HM Coroner's Commendation:

Police Sergeant Sean Perera

Internal Honours and Awards

Commissioner's Commendations:

June 2008

Police Constable 55	SACRAMENTO	Police Constable 181	GOMEZ
Police Constable 64	PIZARRO	Police Constable 187	MORELLO

July 2008

Police Constable 152	MASSEY

September 2008

Chief Inspector	SMITH	Administrative Officer	OLIVERO
Inspector	RICHARDSON		

October 2008

On Friday 10 October 2008 Gibraltar experienced extreme weather conditions. Quite apart from the extensive damage caused to various parts of Gibraltar, which required a substantial deployment of resources, the shipwreck of the MV FEDRA at Europa Point was by far the most serious incident with the potential to result in a massive loss of life, not only to the 31 crew members but also those who formed part of the rescue teams.

The organisation can be justly proud of the committed men and women of the Service who did not think twice before putting their own lives at serious risk to save all 31 crew members of the MV FEDRA. Their courage, perseverance and determination were the main contributors to the successful outcome. The Commissioner therefore had no hesitation whatsoever in highly commending the following Officers who in their various roles displayed bravery, determination, perseverance and coordination.

Superintendent	GOMEZ	Police Constable 83	BALLOQUI
Superintendent	YOME	Police Constable 84	CUMBO
Chief Inspector	ACRIS	Police Constable 89	HAYES
Chief Inspector	BARABICH	Police Constable 94	COTTAM
Chief Inspector	McGRAIL	Police Constable 96	HERMIDA
Chief Inspector	SMITH	Police Constable 99	DEBONO
Inspector	FIELD	Police Constable 101	BAUTISTA
Inspector	HOWES	Police Constable 107	DALMEDO
Inspector	LARKHAM	Police Constable 113	MORENO
Inspector	MASSIAS	Police Constable 119	SANCHEZ
Inspector	NAPOLI	Police Constable 120	CRUZ
Inspector	PELIZA	Police Constable 123	RILEY
Inspector	REYES	Police Constable 128	PALMER ***(x2)***
Inspector	ULLGER	Police Constable 130	YOME
Police Sergeant 4	YEATS ***(x2)***	Police Constable 131	WYAN
Police Sergeant 8	SAWYER J	Police Constable 132	ATTIAS
Police Sergeant 9	IGNACIO	Police Constable 133	SANCHEZ WILLIAMS
Police Sergeant 11	FINLAYSON	Police Constable 135	SOANE
Police Sergeant 13	PEREZ	Police Constable 136	VICTORY
Police Sergeant 15	ZAMMIT	Police Constable 142	MAGINNIS
Police Sergeant 16	KASSAM	Police Constable 147	CURTIS
Police Sergeant 17	BUHAGIAR	Police Constable 149	EDWARDS
Police Sergeant 18	GOODMAN	Police Constable 150	SANTOS ***(x2)***
Police Sergeant 24	TUNBRIDGE	Police Constable 151	PHILLIPS
Police Constable 34	ALBA	Police Constable 152	MASSEY
Police Constable 37	BONAVIA	Police Constable 153	SANCHEZ
Police Constable 38	GARCIA ***(x2)***	Police Constable 155	POZO
Police Constable 42	ANSON	Police Constable 156	POVEDANO
Police Constable 43	McKNIGHT	Police Constable 161	JONES
Police Constable 44	SMITH	Police Constable 162	PIRI
Police Constable 45	McMAHON	Police Constable 168	BENTEOLO
Police Constable 46	GAETTO	Police Constable 169	DURANTE
Police Constable 47	CANO	Police Constable 171	MARTINEZ
Police Constable 49	ROCA	Police Constable 173	CRUZ

Police Constable 51	OLIVERO	Police Constable 175	QUIGLEY
Police Constable 57	BAGLIETTO	Police Constable 177	ESTELLA
Police Constable 58	PULHAM	Police Constable 181	GOMEZ
Police Constable 60	JOAQUIN	Police Constable 186	CANEPA
Police Constable 62	MACEDO	Police Constable 187	MORELLO
Police Constable 64	PIZARRO	Police Constable 190	GARRATT
Police Constable 67	CERISOLA	Police Constable 193	OLIVEIRA
Police Constable 68	WINK	Police Constable 196	WATSON
Police Constable 70	IGNACIO	Police Constable 197	FERNANDEZ
Police Constable 71	BACARESE	Police Constable 201	BARKER
Police Constable 75	WINK	Police Constable 202	SANTOS
Police Constable 76	ALVAREZ	Police Constable 210	SCHEMBRI
Police Constable 78	RODRIGUEZ		

January 2009

Inspector	RICHARDSON	Police Constable 63	BRUCE
Police Sergeant 25	CHIPOLINA	Police Constable 74	GALIA

February 2009

Inspector	FIELD	Police Sergeant 7	FERNANDEZ
Inspector	NAPOLI		

March 2009

Superintendent	GOMEZ	Inspector	ULLGER
Chief Inspector	ACRIS		

Deputy Commissioner's Commendations:

Police Constable 41	TUNBRIDGE	Police Constable 131	WYAN
Police Constable 42	ANSON	Police Constable 133	SANCHEZ WILLIAMS
Police Constable 45	McMAHON	Police Constable 175	QUIGLEY

Gavin Clinton Award (Constable of the Year):

Police Constable 89 Patricia HAYES

Support Staff Member of the Year:

Administrative Officer Mark GOMEZ

Best Academic Recruit (Class 2008):

Police Constable 156 Alexander POVEDANO

Best All Round Recruit (Class 2008):

Police Constable 113 Tania MORENO

Promotions:

To Inspector:

Police Sergeant 7	FIELD
Police Sergeant 14	HOWES

To Sergeant:

Police Constable 67	CERISOLA
Police Constable 73	CHIPOLINA
Police Constable 127	PERERA
Police Constable 197	FERNANDEZ

Demands on the RGP During 2008/2009

	2007-2008	2008-2009	% Change +/-
Recorded Crime	3675	3921	+6.7%
Traffic Accidents	835	811	-3%
Other incidents	5460	3090	-43%
Emergency Calls	1068	611	-43%
Enquiry calls	5113	7478	+46%
Detections	2207	2497	+13%
Detection rate %	60%	60.44%	+0.44%
Persons Arrested	2157	2338	+8%
Persons Charged	1344	1715	+28%
Persons Cautioned	583	624	+7%
Persons Released	350	364	+4%