



# **GIBRALTAR POLICE AUTHORITY**

## **(The Community in Policing)**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL POLICING PLAN 2008-2009**

The Gibraltar Police Authority recently received a presentation from senior members of the RGP providing it with an assessment as at the date of the presentation on the progress achieved by the RGP in achieving the targets contained in the Annual Policing Plan for the current year (1.4.2008-31.3.2009) and the anticipated end-of-year results. The GPA were very encouraged to hear how the plan was being implemented and the results to date.

The 2008-2009 Policing Plan concentrated on 4 main priorities:

1. To reduce overall crime but with particular emphasis on the following:
  - Misuse of Drugs;
  - Under-age Drinking;
  - Careless and Indiscriminate Driving;
  - Vandalism; and
  - Burglaries.
2. To support Policies aimed at compliance with the Law, delivering:
  - Crime Prevention and Security;
  - Traffic Management Support;
  - Interaction with the youth; and
  - Action to support the public and private sectors in their Policing needs.
3. To gain the confidence of the community, in particular the youth, in the Royal Gibraltar Police's ability to provide a service that is visible, accessible, responsive, fair and reduces crime and maintains Gibraltar as a just and safe society.
4. To maintain Gibraltar's ability to counter terrorism, from prevention and deterrence through to incident response, but in a balanced way alongside other demands on police resources.

Almost all the measurable targets planned to achieve these objectives are in the process of being met. General operations relating to High Visibility Policing have

increased during the period as well as targeted operations designed to deal with anti-social behaviour. As a consequence, more instances of anti-social behaviour were now being identified and dealt with. The number of serious driving offences reported to the Police has reduced when compared with the previous year, the number of crime prevention and reduction initiatives will surpass those planned at the beginning of the year and links to bring the RGP closer to the youth and youth affairs have been initiated. The average time to respond to 199 emergency calls has reduced to 4 minutes and the RGP achieved the highly-regarded Investors in People accreditation in August. All initiatives planned to combat terrorism are on target, and a date was awaited for a counter-terrorism exercise in partnership with Government.

The members of the Police Authority took a deep interest in the work of the RGP and how they deliver, and asked wide-ranging questions on all aspects of the RGP work covered by the mid-term review.

The Commissioner of Police informed the Police Authority that, although he was very pleased with the performance of the Force in relation to meeting the targets set in the annual policing plan, the RGP would not become complacent and they would strive to exceed the plan's targets and continue to achieve the high standards the public demanded of the Force.

The Chairman of the GPA, Eddie Guerrero, thanked the Commissioner and his senior staff for the update and complimented them on the RGP's progress to date in achieving the plan's targets, effectively the first annual policing plan that had been produced by the GPA following last year's public consultation exercise. He recalled in particular the excellent way in which the RGP had dealt with the extraordinary frontier queues this summer which had earned the force the respect of the public.

The GPA is now embarked on the public consultation exercise that is the first step in producing the Annual Policing Plan for the year 1.4.2009-31.3.2010.