Proud to deliver an exceptional policing service
A local force with national reach and global impact

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Introduction

The City of London Police was established in 1839, and is the UK’s smallest police force by location, holding responsibility for policing the City of London, or ‘Square Mile’.

We are governed by Home Office regulation and legislation in the same way as most UK police forces. We frequently work closely with the other London police forces, such as the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and British Transport Police (BTP) although we remain operationally independent, with our own command structure and a range of functions and units you would find within most urban police forces. Our police authority is the City of London Corporation rather than an elected Police and Crime Commissioner.

Alongside our local responsibilities, City of London Police holds national lead force status for economic crime. Within the force are a number of units with national reach dedicated to combating fraud, cybercrime and other economic crime, such as intellectual property offences. Some of these units are funded by innovative relationships with industry while others receive direct funding from Government.

We also have international reach and work frequently with overseas law enforcement agencies and other associated organisations. We have a particularly fruitful relationship with the office of the Manhattan District Attorney and together we co-founded the Global Cyber Alliance, a not-for-profit entity dedicated to combating cybercrime globally.

At the heart of law enforcement

The City of London Police is very much at the heart of law enforcement in London and this, along with our national responsibilities and international influence, is key to policing the wide and diverse range of issues that impact on our communities.
Corporate plan

Our geographic location and national policing lead responsibilities give the City of London Police a unique position of opportunity in the law enforcement landscape. We have articulated our core strategic ambitions for the organisation by launching our Corporate Plan for 2018-23.

We will deliver our plan through a comprehensive programme, designed to transform the organisation, allowing us to meet the challenges facing modern policing.

There are five clear pillars of ambition to the plan:

• To make the City of London the safest city area in the world
• To deliver a policing service that is valued by those who live in, work in and visit the City of London
• To be a police force with global influence and impact
• To build new ethical economic partnerships
• To have an innovative, skilled and agile workforce in a culture that supports and empowers our people.

Delivering our commitment to create the safest city in the world

We aim to expand our already extensive connections and develop new ethical economic partnerships that will deliver a safer capital in which to live, work and visit. We seek to achieve greater alignment and, where appropriate, to further integrate our services with other local services to improve the outcomes for our communities and protect the vulnerable.

We will use our expertise internationally through having a physical presence in key global locations to prevent and detect crime affecting the City and the UK’s prosperity.

We recognise that being innovative in our response to new and complex threats to protect the public and deliver specialist capabilities collaboratively by connecting policing locally, nationally and internationally are critical to delivering the best public policing service.

We are therefore keen to explore opportunities with the business community and listen
to ideas and offers for ethical economic partnerships to:

- Exploit and develop digital policing to make it easier for the public to contact us and improve our use of digital intelligence, evidence and investigative capabilities
- Develop a more representative workforce with relevant skills, training and experience to meet future challenges
- Create the safest, most secure and protected City area in the world: with low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Underpinning our plan is the ambition to create a world leading “environmentally friendly Policing service” and use pollution prevention and environmental best practices in all we do.

In our endeavour to deliver the best possible outcomes for our communities, if you and your organisation believe that working closely with us can achieve success in our aims, we would welcome the opportunity to engage with you further. Our Corporate Plan team contact details are:

- COLPCorporatePlanEnquiries@city-of-london.police.uk
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A secure city

Since the 1990s, the City of London Police has been at the forefront of developing solutions to maintaining the security of urban spaces. This work began as a response to the threat posed by Northern Irish terrorism and continues today.

In the 1990s, working in partnership with the City of London Corporation, we built the Ring of Steel in the City, a physical barrier to deter terrorists from entering the Square Mile. To manage the same threat, we also developed Automatic Number-Plate Recognition (ANPR), now used across the globe, to support the physical measures in place.

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Project Servator

Due to its size and location, the City of London is often the chosen location and police force to test and develop new policing and security methodologies. This includes Project Servator, an innovative range of tactics that utilises unpredictable, highly visible police deployments, designed to deter, detect and disrupt a wide range of criminal activity with a focus on defeating terrorism.

Project Servator was launched in the City of London in 2014 and in 2017 City of London became the dedicated national Centre of Excellence for Project Servator, with responsibility for enabling forces across the country to learn and deploy the tactics in their locations. Project Servator is now used across much of London, in many of the country’s airports, as well as in towns and cities across the UK.
Delivering security through partnership

City of London Police maintains the security of the City and keeps its workers, residents and visitors safe in conjunction with a range of partners, such as the City of London Corporation, security providers and the various businesses in the Square Mile.

We have a range of offerings for businesses to raise awareness of current threats and how to mitigate them. These include seminars with our Counter-Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs), and bespoke advice on designing a secure environment, as well as regular crime prevention events and business engagement meetings.

Additionally we work closely with security teams across the Square Mile who amplify our security specific operational activity, such as Project Servator, as well as being additional ‘eyes and ears’ to assist us in investigating and deterring hostile behaviour and other criminality.

More information on our security initiatives can be found on our website www.cityoflondon.police.uk, or email counterterroristsection@cityoflondon.police.uk to discuss your specific security concerns with one of our advisors.
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Economic crime

Since 2008 we have been the national lead police force for fraud. This is a broad role that encompasses many aspects of the volume economic crime landscape, from investigating some of the country’s most complex frauds to hosting the national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre, Action Fraud.

Combating economic crime through partnerships

Fraud and cybercrime are currently the most prevalent crimes encountered in the UK. To combat this problem, a partnership approach to managing economic crime has been developed that includes industry, Government, regulators, other law enforcement agencies and overseas organisations.

In 2016 these entities were brought together under the umbrella of the Joint Fraud Taskforce (JFT). Alongside our role in the JFT, we have a number of innovative partnerships in place to police particular economic crimes or assist an organisation in meeting specific goals in the counter-fraud sphere:

- The Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED) is an innovative policing unit entirely funded by the insurance industry to combat insurance fraud
- The Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) is the country’s only dedicated intellectual property crime unit, funded by direct grant from the Intellectual Property Office (IPO)
- The Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU) is a joint Metropolitan/City of London Police team, funded by the banking industry, with the sole purpose of combating crimes associated with banking and payments
- In 2018 we signed a three year sponsorship agreement with Lloyds Banking Group to deliver unique projects with the bank to counter economic crime.

These units and projects sit alongside and work closely with our specialist fraud teams. Also as part of our remit as the National Lead Force, we engage with police forces across the country to share best practice in fraud investigation and host the Economic Crime Academy which provides training in counter-fraud and other economic crime techniques to both private and public sector organisations.
Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre

Launched in 2005, Action Fraud is the only national crime reporting system in the UK. All frauds and a majority of cybercrime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are reported to Action Fraud. These reports are then analysed by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB), also hosted by City of London Police, and then either sent onto the police force where we believe the suspect resides, or retained within the NFIB to inform our disruption and warning activity.

Action Fraud and the NFIB do not investigate fraud. The system constructs an intelligence picture and uses state-of-the-art technology to identify patterns in fraud reports. This information is used to prevent further frauds by requesting removal of enablers such as websites, phone lines and bank accounts. It also provides police forces with the intelligence to investigate and enforce against criminals operating in their areas.

In 2018 significant investment by the Home Office and City of London Corporation in the service led to a comprehensive overhaul of the reporting facility, including the creation of a user-friendly reporting interface for businesses, enabling up to 1,000 crimes to be reported in a bulk upload and an end-to-end ‘track my crime’ facility.

Cybercrime protection

Alongside our fraud work, we also have responsibilities in the cybercrime environment, working with the National Crime Agency and the National Cyber Security Centre, to provide protection advice to businesses and individuals.

Our response was first tested during the ‘Wanna Cry’ attack of May 2017, when we played an integral role, advising businesses about how they could keep themselves safe.

We continue to work alongside key partners to ensure both business and individuals in the UK, and locally in the City, have the tools and skills necessary to protect themselves from cybercrime in all its forms.

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Volunteers and Special Constables

Within the City of London Police there exists a range of varied and diverse roles for people who wish to volunteer with us.

Alongside the Special Constabulary, there are three categories of volunteer; a Police Volunteer, a Police Community Support Volunteer and a Policing Support Volunteer. All applicants for these roles sit an interview and are fully vetted, and depending on the role may need a medical as well. We also have a lively Police Cadet section for younger members of our community.

A Police Volunteer has no designated policing powers. They are however a subject matter expert who can support investigations and assist with the training of police officers. Volunteers bring specific skill-sets to the force, such as expertise in financial markets, or forensic accountancy. These are skills we wouldn’t necessarily have in force but require for particular incidents. In 2012, UBS rogue trader Kwaku Adoboli was sentenced to six years imprisonment for committing the country’s largest fraud. City of London Police investigated this case, with the invaluable assistance of one of our police volunteers who had the specialist skills and knowledge to untangle the complex web of Adoboli’s criminal trading activity.

A Police Community Support Volunteer has the same powers as a Police Community Support Officer but in a voluntary capacity. Police Community Support Volunteers are responsible for community engagement and working with residents and businesses to solve problems.

A Policing Support Volunteer has specific police powers designated to them by the City of London Police Commissioner and can get involved with investigating crimes, interviewing suspects and supporting road safety.
City of London Special Constabulary

Special Constables or ‘Specials’ have the same powers as ‘regular’ police officers but in a voluntary capacity. Their responsibilities include responding to incidents, dealing with offenders, helping victims and supporting vulnerable people. They may also be involved in policing important events including the Lord Mayor’s Show, military ceremonies such as Remembrance Day and pan-London events such as the London Marathon.

Volunteer Police Cadets

Cadets are 13 to 18 year olds who are interested in the police and supporting their community. Cadet activities range from taking part in ceremonial occasions to assisting with crime prevention through ‘test purchase’ operations for items with an age limit for sale.
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