



Dundee City Council

Dundee City Council Neighbourhood, Housing and Communities Committee

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DUNDEE LOCAL POLICING AREA

QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT

1 July 2025 – 30 September 2025

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1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that members note and scrutinise this operational report.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The purpose of this report (Appendix A) is to provide information to the Committee regarding the performance of Police Scotland to facilitate local scrutiny.

2.2 The content in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

3. PERFORMANCE

3.1 Appendix A will provide updates on:

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- Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures
- Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims
- Make our roads safer
- Enable and support effective engagement and communication with the public

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no staffing issues as a result of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

6.1 This report does not have any impact on the environment.

7. SUMMARY

7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant operational matters and performance of the local policing area.

8. COMPLIANCE

Is the proposal;

- (a) Human Rights Act 1998 compliant? YES
- (b) Equality & Diversity compliant? YES

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Introduction and Overview of Local Policing Priorities

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Divisional Commanders to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The Dundee LPP 2023-2026 clearly sets out the policing objectives for Dundee and will report to the Dundee Neighbourhood, Housing and Communities Committee. Quarterly Performance Reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Dundee Neighbourhood, Housing and Communities Committee however from Q3 will move to 6 monthly reporting.

This report covers the period from 1st July 2025 – 30th September 2025.

In line with the Dundee LPP, this Quarterly Performance Report provides a more holistic overview of progress across the service to meet our strategic outcomes. This approach provides a wider and more detailed picture of traditional policing performance measures, supplemented with additional insight and narrative to the many different aspects of policing and corporate support functions.

The measures are longer term focussed rather than reflecting the ongoing performance of the day-to-day operational challenges we face and aim to provide evidence of the effectiveness and impact of our service as a whole.

We have introduced several key performance measures and insights questions in support of our local police plan to focus attention on impact and outcomes. For example:

- How effective are the diversionary activities provided?
- How effective are the processes in place to prevent acquisitive crime?
- How well are we engaging with the public?
- What progress has been made in terms of collaboration and what percentage of the divisional estate is co-located with partners?

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To enable a more detailed examination by the Committee of specific local priorities and strategic outcomes, a 'Spotlight' focus will be provided on one of the priority areas on a quarterly basis. The Spotlight focus will rotate each quarter in line with the expected updates outlined in the Dundee LPP.



Plan On a Page - Dundee Local Policing Plan 2023-2026

Our Vision Policing for a safe, protected and resilient **Scotland**
Our Purpose Improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in **Scotland**
Our Values Fairness Integrity Respect Human Rights

PUBLIC HEALTH

Local Policing Priorities

Drug harm and Drug supply

Violence

Anti social behaviour

Acquisitive Crime

Road Safety

Public Protection

Local Policing Objectives

Reduce the stigma and harm of drug use

Work collaboratively to improve the support and outcomes for those in crisis

Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims

Target those involved in drugs supply

Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures

Support victims of crime and prevent re-victimisation

Protect vulnerable people from harm

Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour

Make our roads safer through prevention, education and enforcement

Police Scotland Strategic Outcomes

Threats to public safety and wellbeing are resolved by a proactive and responsive police service

Our people are supported through a positive working environment, enabling them to serve the public

The needs of local communities are addressed through effective service delivery

Police Scotland is sustainable, adaptable and prepared for future challenges

PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

Quarter 2 – Performance on a Page

Recorded Crimes	%Change	Detection Rate	% point Change

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	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.	CYTD	LYTD	5 Yr Av.	From LYTD	From 5 Yr Av.
ASB and Disorder										
Overall group 4	904	891	881.6	1.46	2.5	29.65	32.8	35.8	-5.1	
ASB Incidents	6419	6268	5805	2.41	10.6					
Violence										
Robbery	66	69	76.80	-4.35	-14.1	53.03	78.03	70.06	-25.2	
Serious Assault	60	48	64.8	25	-7.4	73.33	75.0	76.5	-1.7	
Common Assault (excl EW)	1013	1002	1024	1.10	-1.1	65.94	67.5	63.7	-1.5	
Public Protection										
Overall Group 2	317	245	274.2	29.39	15.6	74.13	53.5	59.5	20.7	
Rape	66	47	51.8	40.43	27.4	84.85	61.7	64.1	23.1	
Domestic Abuse	59	72	57.2	-18.06	3.1	86.44	68.1	72.7	18.4	-
Road Safety										
Speeding offences	225	126	284	78.57	--20.8	100.00	98.4	99.9	1.6	
Drink / Drug Driving	141	131	136.6	7.63	3.2	97.16	96.3	95.2	0.9	
Acquisitive Crime										
HBs	125	206	211.4	-39.32	-40.9	32.00	41.7	32.6	-9.7	
Motor Vehicle Crime	359	333	373	7.81	-3.8	29.53	27.0	25.7	2.5	
Fraud	270	288	299.8	-6.25	-9.9	16.3	21.2	18.6	-4.9	
Shoplifting	1766	1108	808.2	59.39	118.5	40.32	44.4	42.3	-4.1	

- **Local Priority/Activity – Address violence through preventative and enforcement measures**

Tackling violent crime is part of Police Scotland's focus in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our communities and the Tayside Violence Strategic Plan supports the delivery of prevention, disruption and detection activities under the workstreams of:

- PREVENT – Proactively stop crime before it occurs
- PREPARE – Build and sustain effective partnerships and manage violence prevention initiatives
- PURSUE – Investigation and Enforcement
- PROTECT – Safeguard individuals and communities from harm
- WORKFORCE PROTECTION – Reduce officer / staff related violence

This report provides a detailed breakdown of the levels of violent crime recorded and investigated within the Dundee local authority area during the current performance year, whilst exploring the current trends and perpetuating factors which are central to the commission of these crimes. The report will demonstrate the strategic and tactical approach adopted by Police Scotland in respect of crime prevention, investigation, and enforcement activity, highlighting the broad range of resources which are deployed daily to protect our diverse communities and deliver a sense of public safety.

Crime Categorisation and Investigative Response

Crimes of violence are categorised into Murder, Attempted Murder, Serious Assault, Robbery and Common Assault.

In terms of the investigation of those more serious and complex investigations, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse we have several specialist teams, all of which are led by Senior Investigating Officers. These teams come under the management of Tayside Division Criminal Investigation Department and our Public Protection Units. They are the Reactive CID, Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit (DAIU) and Child Protection Investigation Unit (CPIU).

Tayside Division is also fully supported by national units, which are geographically based within the Tayside geographic footprint and have a vital part to play in tackling violence in our local communities. These teams are managed by our Specialist Crime Division (SCD).

Major Investigation Team (MIT) – The North MIT lead the investigation of murder inquiries and large scale and complex criminal investigations. A unit is based in Dundee.

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National Domestic Abuse Task Force (NDATF) – Investigate serious and complex instances of domestic abuse. A unit is based in Forfar.

National Child Abuse Investigation Unit (NCAIU) – Investigate serious and complex crimes committed against children. A unit is based in Dundee.

Every morning senior managers meet to discuss each incident of note and assign each case to the appropriate department to review and investigate.

Statistical Analysis and Crime Management

Tayside Division Community Analysts produce a monthly 'Violent Crime Report' which allows senior officers to analyse reported crimes of violence in Dundee and react to emerging trends, deploying both local and national resources on an 'intelligence led' basis to prevent crimes of violence from taking place. This detailed approach to Tasking is governed via monthly Tasking and Coordinating Group meetings which are chaired by the Divisional Commander and attended by the full Senior Leadership Team.

Our 'crime management' department ensures that each crime is properly recorded and that a robust professional investigation is delivered. Line managers across local policing, CID and PPU routinely assess crimes under investigation to ensure that these investigations are being progressed at pace and that vital safeguarding for victims is in place.

Through this combination of strong governance, statistical analysis, and careful tasking we can focus our resources effectively to maximise detection rates, limit repeat offending and prioritise crime prevention activity.

Murder

There has been one murder during the reporting period. This related to a death of a female who died whilst walking along the street in the South Road area of Dundee by a male unknown to her. The accused was arrested near to the scene and later charged with the offence. The family of the deceased were supported by specialist officers and accused was remanded in custody following an appearance at Dundee Sheriff Court.

Attempted Murder

There have been five attempted murders in Dundee which is a decrease from the nine reported during the previous reporting period.

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CID investigated four incidents and Public Protection Unit investigated one as the victim was a child. This latter incident related to a 14 year old female who was stabbed by a 48 year old adult female within a private dwelling. None of the offences are connected. Four of the incidents have been detected with perpetrators arrested and charged. One of the offences remains undetected.

Knives were used as weapons in three of these offences and were intentional, fortunately no severe injury was caused.

A vehicle was used in the commission of one of these offences and was intentionally driven at the complainant again fortunately no serious injuries were sustained.

The undetected attempt murder resulted from a wilful fire-raising at the scene causing two occupants to jump from their premises. Both survived, however one female victim sustained serious injuries and she is still undergoing medical treatment.

Serious Assault

There have been 23 Serious Assaults recorded during Q2 in Dundee although one of these crimes has been put for a no crime review. This is a decrease from the 37 reported during the previous quarter.

So far 15 of these crimes have been detected giving a current detection rate of over 69%. A number of these investigations are ongoing with positive lines of investigation being pursued such as identified suspects and forensic examinations pending.

Serious assault and violent crime are overseen by CID. A Detective Sergeant will review circumstances and have a footprint on the crime if CID do not have ownership. The Detective Inspector responsible for the CID in the Local Policing Area will ensure undetected crimes of this nature are subject to regular scrutiny / review to ensure all investigative opportunities are identified and progressed in a timely manner.

The definition of a serious assault ranges from any injury which requires medical closure technique i.e stitches or glue to broken bones and internal injuries. Therefore, severity of injuries within this category ranges from facial injuries requiring minimal closure techniques sustained from a single punch to broken bones or serious lacerations sustained during prolonged attacks where weapons are used.

From analysis of these recorded assaults 12 occurred within residential properties, 5 have occurred at licenced premises, 1 at a music event, and 5 within open space. Most of these incidents involved punching and kicking the victim to the head and body causing injury whilst 9 involved the use of weapons such as knives and blunt objects.

Robbery

Crimes of Robbery, Assault and Robbery, and assaults with intent to Rob are recorded within this section. These crimes include any threat of violence or inference of any kind sufficient for incidents to be recorded.

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These crimes are predominately investigated by Detective Officers supervised by a Detective Inspector. Crimes of this nature are a divisional priority, and a robbery toolkit has been developed to ensure consistency of investigative practice and provision of support to victims.

Within Q2, 34 robberies were reported which is a decrease from the 37 reported during previous quarter however higher than the 28 reported during the corresponding period the previous year.

Of these 34 offences 15 were detected with a detection rate of 45%. Several investigations are ongoing with identified suspects and outstanding forensic analysis meaning it is anticipated this figure will rise.

Analysis revealed 20 of these offences occurred in open space whilst 11 occurred within residential premises and 2 within commercial properties.

Weapons such as bladed items, bottles and bats were used in 6 crimes whilst physical violence such as punching and kicking was used to obtain property were commonly used in 23 offences. In 5 crimes the threat of violence was used to obtain property from the victim.

In many cases, a review of the crime reports shows that in most cases the victim and suspect/accused were known to each other prior to the robbery and several investigations are still ongoing.

In many cases both will have addiction issues, and the crime is committed to fund addiction. This creates barriers to witness engagement which can be challenging as Police are then reliant on independent witnesses / additional sources of evidence to establish circumstances.

Over the quarter, partnerships officers have remained committed to raising awareness of County Lines and Cuckooing, holding several positive engagements across the city with different services including local taxi companies, homeless units, hotels and various partner agencies. Supporting posters and leaflets were provided with further training opportunities also signposted.

Driving awareness around recognising the signs of exploitation remains a key area of focus with County Lines and Cuckooing training delivered to DVVA (Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action) and further training also scheduled for Q3.

Working in conjunction with DCC Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the SARC (Safety Alarm Response Centre) hotspot areas have been targeted with preventative messaging relating to County Lines, ASB and drugs, highlighting reporting mechanisms through the respective agencies, with over 1000 leaflets distributed.

Operation Begonia continues to offer support and safeguarding in conjunction with partner agencies. Focussed deployments are planned in Q3 to ensure we continue to build safer communities and support victims involved in commercial sexual exploitation.

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During quarter 2, our Community and Response Policing Teams across the city have been tackling violence through a variety of enforcement opportunities, intelligence led Policing and proactive preventative work with a key focus on targeting domestic offenders and outstanding apprehension warrants linked to violent offences.

Officers have completed pro-active additional contacts with high-risk victims and offenders of domestic abuse, maximising the safeguarding of victims by reinforcing safety plans and ensuring offenders are adhering to bail conditions.

Operation Argonite officers continue to target those offenders who pose a higher risk to victims through focussed investigation.

Tackling violence has been a priority for our CPTs, achieved through a focus on hot spot locations, domestic offenders, priority nominals and outstanding apprehension warrants linked to violent offences. Each locality across Dundee has also benefitted from the presence of Violence Prevention patrols, able to quickly respond to instances of public violence, to deter further offending and reassure the local community. These patrols can be easily flexed, depending on data driven demand or high-profile incidents.

St. Johns High School will be piloting the Fearless campaign in Dundee, actively supported by Downfield Community Policing Team within the school. This is aimed at raising awareness around knife crime and is not exclusive to schools given the reach being designed for young people across local communities, with proposed pilots being developed for local consideration.

Local Priority/Activity – Deal with disorder and antisocial behaviour

Partnerships Officers continue to support a collaborative approach to tackling anti-social behaviour, working with partner agencies across the city including Anti-Social Behaviour Team, DCC Housing, Housing Associations, DCC Building and Trading Standards, with an overarching aim of reducing the impact on local communities.

Currently there are 110 live ASBO's in place across Dundee with 12 breaches recorded across Q2 and ongoing multi-agency actions including:

- Weekly discussions with respective agencies where appropriate to ensure proportionate action is taken, with outcomes monitored and reviewed.
- Progression of joint visits where appropriate or required, ensuring a co-ordinated approach.
- Support to the monthly ASB MATA, focusing on emerging trends/ repeat locations and wider impacting ASB.
- Monitoring and reviewing incidents relating to ASB with relevant calls shared where appropriate in accordance with Data Protection Governance, to facilitate appropriate action such as tenancy & ASB warnings, ASBO progression and occasionally eviction proceedings.

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- Working with partners to raise awareness around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the delivery of safer communities, Partnership Officers have delivered awareness inputs on Misinformation, Third Party Reporting and Hate Crime Training, with further engagements planned in Q3 within College and University Establishments supporting Hate Crime Awareness week and Black History Month.
- Primary 7 pupils in all Dundee Schools were delivered inputs through Safe Taysiders. Driven by Dundee City Council ASB Team and supported by Partners, the inputs covered a range of topics relative to current priorities in the local area. The process involved a series of learning activities to promote safety messages, community responsibility and raise awareness around a range of topics including violence, online safety, Fire Safety and Anti-social behaviour.
- Partnership Officers have engaged with Scotdec and Education, to discuss opportunities to deliver Hate Crime Inputs in local Secondary Schools to raise awareness and increased understanding.
- Discussions have also commenced with Legal services, COPFS Police Scotland Corporate Comms regarding the proposal of a Knife Amnesty in Dundee. Discussions have taken place with Police Forces in England, where a Knife Amnesty has been previously held and shown success. A short life working group has been set up to explore this further in Q3/4.
- A review of the weapons in school policy has been considered with a partnership approach being utilised to support delivery of awareness of knife crime through appropriate materials including "No Knives Better Lives".

Licensing

Between 1ST of July 2025 and 30th September 2025, the licensing team have processed a total of 541 licence applications for the Dundee area;

- 369 Civic licences including taxi drivers, taxi vehicles, window cleaners, second hand dealers, dog breeders and tattoo / skin piercing artists.
- 90 Occasional licences permitting the sale of alcohol.
- 38 Personal licences.
- 5 Premises licences
- 39 Premise licence variations

42 recorded ASB incidents were at or in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises. These mostly related to persons refusing to leave or being intoxicated within premises and none of the incidents relate to the running of premises.

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- Inspections were carried out routinely every weekend by Centresafe Officers with no premises identified as problematic during this period or requiring action from the licensing team.
- Routine inspections and visits have been carried out at numerous premises by the Licensing Team along with Dundee City Council Officers to ensure compliance with their licence conditions and the licensing objectives.
- Enforcement has been carried out for HMO's and Short Term Let properties and nail bars within Dundee by the team in tandem with the Local Authority.

Police Scotland have been working with partners including CLD (Community Learning and Development) workers, DCC ASBT Youth Workers and SFRS to develop youth engagement and awareness raising opportunities, to divert young people from anti-social behaviour.

During this quarter, our Community Policing Teams have been focused on tackling the anti – social behaviour and disorder within hot spot areas which are having a substantial impact on the local community. Local plans have been developed centred on intelligence gathering, enforcement and prevention.

Activities to date have included –

- High visibility vertical patrols in Dundee Multi Storey developments including stairwell and landing checks, paying particular attention to persons of interest and properties where there are ongoing issues or emerging trends, helping disrupt anti-social behaviour.
- Engagement with residents to provide re-assurance, support and gather intelligence.
- Utilising stop and search powers where lawful and proportionate, taking this opportunity to sign post to support services.
- Enforcement of drugs search warrants at problematic addresses.
- Responding to reported incidents in line with expectations depending on type and severity.
- Supporting serious crime investigations in these locations.
- Supporting our partners who are operating in these locations.
- Leaflet distribution.
- Call reviews and contact with residents who have reported complaints.

Maryfield Community Policing Team have utilised cycle patrols at every opportunity to ensure visibility and efficiency in covering their ward area. Public feedback has been very well received with positive engagement.

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Going into Q3, the City Centre Policing Teams hope to be in receipt of pedal cycles and will commence cycle patrols around the centre, providing increased visibility.

CCPT recognised the increase in youth congregation within the town centre and have worked alongside Partners to drive focus on positive engagement.

During this quarter, CCPT worked with DCC City Centre Management, Street Soccer Scotland and local businesses to deliver 20 weeks of activities for young people. This took place each Friday night between 6-9pm until October 3rd 2025 and as well as street soccer, included make-up tutorials with products and expertise provided by Primark and McDonalds providing a suitable venue for partners to engage with youths and for activities to take place.

The CCPT also carried out several days of action including plain clothes patrols targeting shoplifting offenders and drug abuse, not only detecting criminality by targeting those known to be involved in drugs supply and use and signposting those most vulnerable to support services. Many of the drug users who source drugs in the City Centre also rely on committing retail crime in order to easily and readily fund their habits. Again by taking this approach, we are more able to detect and prevent retail crime from occurring and thus disrupt criminality and ASB as well as providing reassurance to retailers, the public and vulnerable people.

Fire-raising

Within Q2, 42 fireraising crimes were recorded which is a significant decrease from 58 crimes recorded within the previous quarter. 19% of these offences have been detected, however the majority of these offences are still under enquiry awaiting forensic analysis of materials/items found at the scene, so further detections are possible, however 19% is an increase from 5% from the previous quarter.

Within the 42 crimes recorded in Q2, 16 of these are in relation to vehicle fireraisings. This is a small increase of 2 from the 14 recorded vehicle fireraisings in Q1 and an increase of 4 from the corresponding period last year.

Of note, a 28 year old female, a 22 year old male and a 17 year old male have been reported to the COPFS in relation to 5 wilful fire-raisings and 1 attempt fire-raising to property along with 3 vehicle fire-raisings. The majority of these occurred within Q1 however have only recently been detected. Enquiry is ongoing in relation to linking this group with further fire-raisings in Q2.

During Q2 a fire-raising investigative strategy was developed due to the increased number of fire-raisings YTD. A tiered approach was adopted to ensure consistency regarding objectives, suggested investigative strategies, considerations and ownership of investigation.

This appears to have had a positive impact with the number of fire-raisings during the months of August and September significantly decreasing from previous months.

Local Priority/Activity – Tackle acquisitive crime and support victims

Housebreaking (Domestic Dwelling)

The figure for Housebreaking includes all attempted housebreaking and instances of housebreaking with intent to steal (i.e. where the security of the property has been overcome but no property stolen). This analysis considers break-ins and attempts to dwellings only – it therefore excludes sheds and other out-buildings.

There were 41 crimes recorded during the Q2 period which is an increase from the 30 reported during the previous quarter and almost identical to the 38 crimes recorded during the corresponding period the previous year.

Approximately 32% of these crimes have been detected to date. Several enquiries are ongoing with forensic results pending and positive lines of investigation being pursued meaning this figure will rise.

Police Scotland continue to collaborate with partners sharing preventative advice.

CID and the Serious and Organised Crime team review these crimes to ensure that any crime series is identified quicker maximising intelligence / evidential opportunities in relation to stolen vehicles/property and providing a joined up investigative approach.

Fraud

142 crimes of fraud were recorded this quarter which is an increase from the 134 crimes reported the previous quarter and almost identical to the 141 recorded during the corresponding period last year.

Analysis of the crimes recorded in quarter 2 shows 56 of these crimes occurred within the complainer's home address with 53 of these having the 'cybercrime' tag indicating an 'online' element.

The challenge when dealing with online fraud is many of the perpetrators of these crimes are located out with the UK providing an additional barrier to their identification and opportunities to bring to justice.

43 of the offences were committed in retail premises several of which involved the fraudulent use of stolen bank cards.

About 24% of these offences were detected however due to the complex nature of fraud enquiries are protracted and take a significant amount of time to complete which impacts upon these figures.

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Motor Vehicle Crime

Within Q2, 228 crimes were recorded which is an increase from 138 crimes recorded the previous quarter and from the 189 crimes recorded within the corresponding period last year.

About 29% of these offences were detected however there are several crimes still under enquiry, so further detections are possible. Although crimes have increased the detection rate has remained the same as the previous quarter.

Operation Nightwatch focusses on disrupting acquisitive crime during the hours of darkness. This is primarily an intelligence gathering operation as well as a deterrent to those intent on committing crime. A further update on the results will follow within the next period.

As well as the CID review into crime series, PIP officers carry out daily reviews of local acquisitive crime, highlighting trends or crime series and identifying opportunities to offer advice or signpost victims to support.

Partnerships officers continue to respond to ongoing and emerging trends relating to acquisitive crime including Theft HB's (domestic and commercial), frauds/scams, building site security and cybercrime releasing supporting messaging/ information and advice on all available platforms, further engaging with the community proactively as when required.

During Q2 a number of engagement opportunities with partners and the wider public relating to acquisitive crimes were actioned as detailed:

- Continued liaison with the Community Safety Wardens in Dundee around domestic housebreakings, with follow up leaflet drops arranged and several home safety visits undertaken. After Dark leaflet drop planned for Q3, supported by PSYV officers.
- Crime Prevention follow ups carried out for commercial housebreakings with advice given through a specifically trained officer where appropriate.
- Continued attendance at Vacant and Derelict building Mulit-Agency group meeting with collaborative site visits undertaken to inform risk assessments, application of preventative measures and resilience planning.
- Scams and Fraud session facilitated for sensory impaired group St Aidens Hall Broughty Ferry. Further event facilitated at TSB Meadowside.

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- Extensive research carried out re travelling group of Chinese deception/trust criminals. Shared nationally. Advice leaflet created in Simplified Chinese and Cantonese for local Chinese Community.
- Completed proactive and focussed interventions on the top 3 retail premises targeted by Shoplifting offenders. Design Out Crime Officer attended at Sainsbury's East, West and Co-op Premises where a Crime Prevention survey was completed, and security measures were recommended.
- Attendance at Freshers event at Dundee University where inputs on fraud and online safety were delivered.
- Public facing event at Overgate Centre with Neighbourhood Watch Scheme delivered to raise awareness of scam and fraud activity.
- During Q2, an increase in Operation Tambo (sextortion) crimes were recorded. Relevant messaging publicised via Social Media and engagement with local Universities carried out to raise awareness for students during fresher's week.
- Preparation work for Operation Moonbeam where a partnership approach will be utilised to support communities during this period. PSYV officers assisted with leaflet drops to raise awareness of the dangers of fireworks misuse.
- PSYV officers continue to attend and support various engagements across the city supporting members of the public and partners in a variety of capacities, portraying a positive image of the service and acting in a highly professional manner.

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Retail Crime

Dundee LPA was successful in a bid to secure funding to tackle retail crime across the city. As such a number of days of action were carried out during September 2025 and will continue into Q3 up until December. Working in partnership with the National Retail Crime Task Force, officers are providing security advice to retailers, increasing high visibility patrols and dedicating time to tracing and dealing with high tariff offenders, ensuring that detailed reports are submitted to COPFS with a view to securing remands and robust bail requests to reduce reoffending. Whilst this has recently commenced, early indications show positive results with 20-30 shoplifting crimes being detected weekly.

All Community Policing Teams across the city are taking part in these days of action to tackle their respective problem areas.

Local Priority/Activity – Make our roads safer

During Q2, there were no fatal collisions in Dundee LPA.

14 persons were seriously injured due to road traffic collisions over the quarter.

Road safety enforcement continues to be carried out as part of routine business by the Road Policing unit (RPU). Focused patrol work is complemented using available technology and databases, intelligence target packages and specific tasking resulting from local Tasking and Coordinating processes to tackle criminality.

Local policing and RPU officers have been able to target driver behaviour which we believe will have the greatest impact on casualty reduction and address community concerns. Enforcement activity has concentrated on the Fatal 5 which are.

- Dangerous/Careless driving,
- drink/drug driving,
- speeding,
- seatbelts
- mobile phones.

all in line with National and Local objectives and initiatives. This has resulted in an increase in speeding detections in particular which is attributed to focused activity by both Roads Policing Officers and Community Officers.

Based on strategic assessment, several priority locations have been identified in Dundee which have been subject to focused operational activity, including the A90, A92 as well as main routes through the City.

Road Policing Officers assisted by Divisional Staff have carried out several Days of Action with DVSA on the A92 where both cars and commercial vehicles have been stopped and checked with various offences enforced and educated.

The New Driver Scheme continues to be rolled out across Dundee with schools and businesses being visited by RP staff and SFRS.

Rider Refinement North has now concluded with good uptake from motorcyclists from the local area. RRN looks to educate motorcyclists in enhanced road safety. This will be continued again next year working alongside the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM Roadsmart).

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Across the city, CPT's have continued to work with the Response Teams, Roads Policing and Operational Support Division on Operation Challenge, to detect and disrupt those involved in the anti-social, reckless, and criminal use of off-road and e-motorbikes.

This issue presents a complex challenge that requires a multi-faceted response, and work has been ongoing to deliver positive results, including

- Liaising with C3 and Response Supervisors to ensure these calls are reviewed and there is intrusive supervision around the response to improve recording, evidence and intelligence gathering.
- SPOCs have been appointed for each Locality to bring consistency of approach across Dundee LPA.
- Liaising with partners in Education, CSW and ASBT, ensuring intelligence is shared through the appropriate information sharing protocol.
- Officers patrol known hotspots and make full use of their powers to prevent and detect offenders, and problem profiles have been requested to inform patrol strategies and enable a more effective response.
- There have been several pro-active days of actions undertaken over the course of the year with positive results and there are a further two operations planned with specialist resources from Road Policing Unit and Drone Unit during the next quarter, which will involve a co-ordinated approach by CPTs, CCPTs and specialist resources.
- Ongoing engagement with those who report these matters to police to ensure intelligence is captured.

Over the course of Q2, 12 offenders have been reported to YJA, SCRA or COPFS for road traffic offences related to off-road motorbikes and e-motorbikes, and 6 of these vehicles have been seized.

As part of our commitment to improving performance in this area, we are liaising with other divisions to explore best practices and successful operational strategies, and to strengthen these efforts. We are investing in new equipment which will be used to support proactive operations.

Community Policing Teams across Dundee have worked in partnership with Dundee City Council Parking Wardens to patrol and enforce School Exclusion Zones at prohibited times. This joint approach enforces Primary Scheme in relation to AM and PM prohibition Zones. Compliance within certain areas has improved however planned days of action will continue into Q3 to reinforce the importance of the zones and road safety. CPTs continue to monitor and respond to concerns at schools without exclusion zones in place.

Local Priority/Activity – Enable and support effective engagement and communication with the public.

Our officers continue to carry out various engagement events, including Police Surgeries within local community space, attending multi-agency support sessions, affording members of the community the opportunity to attend and speak to a police officer to seek advice, re-assurance or ask questions. Whilst preventative advice is always offered, we also signpost to other relevant support agencies.

These include the popular “Coffee with a Cop” sessions, PIP stalls regularly located within the Overgate Centre offering advice in relation to crime prevention and educational activity in relation to hate crime to name just a few.

We make use of our social media platform to showcase our good work, partnership collaboration and updates on live incidents, road closures and missing persons amongst other information.

Operation Leste

We continue to monitor and facilitate protests which have predominantly taken place at Alloway Halls over this quarter. We work closely with Mears, DCC and other partners to ensure the safety of those taking part and affected communities as well as sharing intelligence and learning from other areas across the country to inform our local and national response under Operation Leste.

Police Scotland is a rights-based organisation, and our role is to ensure public safety while balancing the rights of protesters who wish to peacefully demonstrate.

We understand that certain demonstrations can cause concern for communities, and we continue to provide reassurance through close monitoring of the situation and engagement, as well as providing a high-visibility police presence at protests.

We remain committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all communities.

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