

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

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CRIME SITUATION

Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

The report informs Members of notable crimes, incidents, initiatives and convictions since the last report.

BACKGROUND:

The following is a brief summary of a few of the incidents attended, illustrating the diverse and sometimes serious nature of crime and incidents throughout the Force.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is invited to note the current position.

Ian J Latimer
Chief Constable

**SHETLAND COMMAND AREA
NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

1 July – 30 September 2006

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| STOLEN VEHICLES REPORTED | 3 |
| SUDDEN DEATHS ATTENDED | 7 |
| MISSING PERSONS REPORTED | 29 |
| FIRES ATTENDED | 11 |

NOTABLE CRIMES

A man was apprehended for indecent assault against two young girls. He appeared at Lerwick Sheriff Court and was bailed with the specific condition not to approach the girls or their mother.

A man received serious head injuries after being attacked outside the Baroc Nightclub in Lerwick. Full enquiry resulted in the apprehension of three members of the same family from Coatbridge. Following Court appearance they were released on bail with an additional condition that they do not return to Shetland, other than for court appearances.

Following enquiry into the death of a local drug user, a man was apprehended and charged with being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs.

Enquiries were carried out into a series of fires in the Sandveien area. Two youths have been reported to the Children's Reporter.

Enquiries were carried out into a Wilful Fireraising at a Lerwick garage. The fire resulted in the total destruction of a vehicle and risk to the nearby fuel pumps. A local youth was charged and has been reported to the Children's Reporter.

A serious assault took place on Commercial Street, Lerwick, whereby a man sustained serious facial injuries. Following enquiries a man was apprehended and appeared in Lerwick Sheriff Court.

A Housebreaking was reported at the premises occupied by the Charity 'Oxfam', Commercial Street, Lerwick. A positive line of enquiry is currently being progressed.

A local high risk sex offender was the subject of enquiry into alleged breaches of his Sex Offender Prevention Order after he was reported to be making unsupervised visits to a vulnerable elderly man. He was apprehended and appeared from custody in Lerwick Sheriff Court. He was subsequently released on bail subject to restrictions prohibiting his movement outwith his home address. He is currently awaiting a move to secure accommodation on the mainland.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

Whilst fishing approximately 50 miles south east of Sumburgh Head the Fraserburgh registered fishing vessel, MFV Fairmorn, recovered what appeared to be human remains. Following consultation with the Procurator Fiscal and Grampian Police the vessel later returned to Peterhead. Grampian Police are now dealing with this enquiry.

A Full Emergency was declared at Scatsta Airport after a Bristows Helicopter reported problems with its undercarriage. Seventeen persons were on board at the time. The helicopter subsequently landed safely and emergency services were stood down.

A Full Emergency was declared at Sumburgh Airport after a Helibus A332 helicopter reported an electrical fault and smoke in the cockpit. Seventeen persons were on board. A full mobilisation of emergency services commenced in line with the emergency response plans. The aircraft landed safely after 30 minutes and emergency services stood down.

A Road Traffic Accident occurred in Toab resulting in the tragic death of a child.

A man was detained at Sumburgh Airport as a result of confidential information being received to the effect he was carrying controlled drugs. Internal concealment procedures were adopted and an ounce of suspected Heroin was recovered. Result of analysis is awaited.

A man was detained at Holmsgarth Ferry Terminal as a result of confidential information being received to the effect he was carrying controlled drugs. Internal concealment procedures were adopted and an ounce of suspected Heroin was recovered. Result of analysis is awaited.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

The CCTV system for Lerwick moved another step closer to fruition. During the period under review a revised Operational Requirement was drawn up by the Force CCTV Community Safety Officer in Headquarters. This has been passed to the working group advancing the project. Discussions have taken place with Shetland Islands Council Officials as regards Planning applications, legal process and Contract/Tender production. Funding has been secured for the project and camera sites identified. Negotiations are set to commence with property owners as regards the siting of cameras and equipment on various premises.

The proposed byelaw for Lerwick, prohibiting drinking of alcohol in public, remains with the legal departments of the Scottish Executive with little progress apparent during the period under review.

A number of incidents have come to light where persons suffering from a variety of Mental Health issues have necessitated police involvement. This has resulted in ever-closer ties being established between the local Community Mental Health Team and police.

Community Safety principles, through the Secured By Design Scheme, are being advanced locally. Hjaltland Housing Association now insists on the principle being used in all their new developments. This has led to one of the larger local building contractors expressing an interest in affiliating to the scheme for all their local developments, large and small. It is hoped this will bear fruit in due course.

Following a number of 'organised' disturbances within Lerwick Town Centre on Saturday afternoons involving local youths, a programme of dedicated, high visibility, public reassurance foot patrols has been put in place. This includes input from regular officers, Special Constables and Neighbourhood Support Workers.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

A Dunrossness man appeared at Aberdeen High Court where he admitted serious historical sexual assault charges against a 14 year old girl. He was put on probation for a year and ordered to undertake 100 hours community service.

MISSING PERSONS PROFILE

During the period under review, reports of missing persons were made to the Police in Shetland. The following indicates the types of incidents reported:

1. 19 incidents of teenagers/youths failing to return home by deadlines set by parents/guardians. The majority of these are a small group of problematic teenage girls who habitually fail to return home. Following enquiries they have always been located, usually at friends addresses or Lerwick town centre. A considerable amount of police time is spent on these enquiries and it should be noted that 15 of the 19 incidents of this nature quoted relate to 2 youths currently under local authority care.
2. 9 incidents were 'false alarms with good intent' consisting of well meaning reports from friends/ relatives who had concerns regarding the well-being of individuals.
3. 1 incident related to a youngster being reported missing by parents in circumstances, which, initially, caused some concern. Happily, the youngster was found safe and well after simply having become unaware of the time.

**ORKNEY AREA COMMAND
NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

1 July 2006 – 30 September 2006

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| STOLEN VEHICLE REPORTS | 5 |
| SUDDEN DEATHS ATTENDED | 4 |
| MISSING PERSONS REPORTED | 12 (all traced safe and well) |
| FIRES ATTENDED | 15 |

NOTABLE CRIMES

On 1 July 2006, following the introduction of new legislation, a man was arrested for possession of a knife in Kirkwall, which resulted in him being fined £750.

During September 2006, a Kirkwall man was charged with a sexual offence in relation to an underage female.

Following the report of an alleged serious sexual offence in the West Mainland during September 2006, detailed enquiries were instigated and a man reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During September 2006, a number of cars were stolen from various locations in Orkney. Enquiries were instigated into these incidents, and possible culprits identified.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

On 9 July 2006, a fatal road collision occurred on the Kirkwall to St Mary's road at Cannigal involving a motorcyclist. No other vehicles were involved.

On 16 July 2006, a diver died whilst diving on the wreck F2 in Scapa Flow.

During the review period, a number of drivers were arrested in Orkney for drink driving, some with counts exceeding four times the legal limit. Of particular note were the number of drivers arrested in the North and South Isles following a proactive enforcement campaign.

Following DNA analysis, a number of cases including vandalism and theft by housebreaking committed during 2005, have now been successfully detected.

During August 2006, a drugs operation was carried out at the Flotta Oil Terminal by local officers and a Headquarters based dog handler under the terms of the International Port and Shipping Security Regulations 2004. No drugs were found as a result of the search.

On 3 September 2006, a serious road traffic collision took place in Westray. Police attended and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 23 September 2006, a fatal road traffic collision occurred in the West Mainland of Orkney, in which one man was killed.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

A man was jailed for three months at Kirkwall Sheriff Court during July 2006 after threatening a witness who had been involved in a serious sexual assault enquiry.

A man was fined £200 at Kirkwall Sheriff Court during July 2006, after he admitted riding a cycle whilst unfit through drink or drugs.

During July 2006, a man was sentenced at Kirkwall Sheriff Court to 18 months imprisonment following a serious assault involving a knife and meat cleaver on a man at a house in Kirkwall.

A Stromness man was disqualified from driving for five years and fined £900 at Kirkwall Sheriff Court during July 2006 for driving over the drink drive limit.

During August 2006, a South Ronaldsay man was found guilty of stealing cattle. Of particular note in this case was the use of bovine DNA evidence, the first time such evidence had been used in criminal proceedings in Scotland.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

During the review period the Area Command has continued to take part in the Scottish Executive led implementation of the multi-agency Orkney Data Sharing Partnership, which aims to improve data sharing across a wide range of public and voluntary agencies.

On 17 September 2006, the Area Command took part in a 'Uniformed Services' event in Kirkwall, which included displays and demonstrations by the emergency services. The event was a great success with a good attendance that raised over £1000 for local charities.

Operation Kaliber continued throughout the review period as part of the wider Safer Scotland campaign in combating youth crime and alcohol misuse.

Stromness Shopping Week and the annual shows and events throughout the summer period passed without significant incident.

During August 2006, Orkney Area Command was awarded Scotland's Health at Work Bronze award.

**WESTERN ISLES AREA COMMAND
NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

1 July – 30 September 2006

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| STOLEN VEHICLE REPORTS | 8 |
| SUDDEN DEATH REPORTS | 8 |
| MISSING PERSONS REPORTS | 17 |
| FIRES ATTENDED | 12 |

NOTABLE CRIMES (In chronological order)

On 4 July, a woman in Barra reported to Police concerns over a 39 year old male's behaviour towards her 11 year old daughter, whereby he had allegedly slept in the same bed as this girl and touched her inappropriately. Following Police enquiry, this male - no longer resident on Barra - has now been charged with Lewd & Libidinous Practices and Culpable & Reckless Conduct.

On 12 July, three motor vehicles were stolen by a father and son. The first vehicle was stolen from Stornoway and crashed in Ardvourlie, Harris where it subsequently went on fire. The pair thereafter made their way to Tarbert, where they stole another vehicle and drove back to Stornoway. They subsequently abandoned this vehicle within Stornoway and stole another one, at which time they were detained by Police. They were kept in custody for Court.

A 37 year old male was arrested at Stornoway Airport on 22 July after he stated to staff he was a terrorist. He was duly arrested by Police, charged with Breach of the Peace, and kept in custody for appearance at Court on 24 July.

During the evening of 27 July, Police were informed by the A&E Department at Western Isles Hospital that a 37 year old male was currently undergoing treatment for a serious laceration to his scalp. He had earlier been assaulted by a 16 year old youth who struck him on the neck and head with a rock, causing an arterial bleed to the temporal artery. This injury would have proved fatal had medical treatment not been carried out that evening. The youth was thereafter traced by Police and arrested. He was charged with Assault, Breach of the Peace, Attempted Murder and Shoplifting. He was thereafter placed on remand by Court pending trial.

Whilst on foot-patrol in Stornoway on 30 July, a Police officer was approached by an 18 year old female who reported an allegation that she had been raped several days earlier whilst intoxicated. A 27 year old suspect, named by the complainer, was detained and interviewed but denied the allegation. Enquiries are continuing into the circumstances of this allegation.

Shortly after midnight on 20 August, a serious altercation took place between three males on North Beach Street, Stornoway. One male sustained a slash injury to his left cheek and scalp whilst the other two males were punching and kicking each other. Two males – aged 23 and 27 – were charged with Breach of the Peace and Assault whilst a third male, 42 years old, was charged with Assault to Injury & Disfigurement. All three appeared at Court the following day and were remanded pending trial.

In the late afternoon of 28 August, Police received a report from a female resident of Tong, Isle of Lewis that her 12 year old daughter had failed to return home from school. She was

subsequently taken to Pakistan later that day. A crime report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 4 September, Police were informed that a 56 year old male had been admitted to Western Isles Hospital, having sustained a serious head injury from which he was not expected to survive. The male died from his injuries two days later. Extensive enquiries were carried out by Police into the circumstances surrounding this incident and on 19 September two males aged 16 and 32 were arrested. A further male, aged 19, was arrested the following day. All three were charged with Murder. On 22 September, a fourth male – aged 28 and currently a convicted prisoner in Barlinnie Prison – was also charged with Murder. A trial date has yet to be set.

On 16 September, Police carried out a search at a house on Torquil Terrace, Stornoway. A quantity of drugs - most significant of which was over 100 Ecstasy tablets, but also including amounts of Cannabis resin, herbal substances and ‘magic’ mushrooms – were found and seized. Five males – three brothers aged 19, 21 & 22 and two other males both 24 years of age – were arrested. A Custody Report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal with regard to various offences relating to the Misuse of Drugs Act, including involvement in the supply of controlled drugs. All five appeared at Court and were thereafter released on bail.

On 28 September, following an incident at a house in Tong, Isle of Lewis, earlier that morning, a 34 year old male was arrested for Robbery and Serious Assault. The male had tried to throttle a 36 year old man he had been drinking and playing cards with, and thereafter stole money from him.

On 30 September, a 52 year old female living in Torlum, Benbecula, was arrested and charged with Serious Assault and Assault. She had stabbed her brother, a 46 year old male, around the body whilst they were within her home address and thereafter punched him twice to the face as he was being conveyed to the Uist & Barra Hospital in an ambulance. The male was also charged with Breach of the Peace and Assault.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

During the evening of 10 July a 999 call was received reporting a dinghy overturning off Mealasta, Uig, Isle of Lewis. Police, Coastguard and Ambulance responded. The sole occupant was washed ashore as he clung onto the boat. It transpired that the boat was hit by a freak gust of wind, causing same to capsize. The occupant was otherwise safe and well and did not require medical treatment. He is also an experienced sailor and there is no question of alcohol or reckless conduct being a factor in this incident.

On the morning of 29 July a serious road traffic collision occurred on the B895 at Coll, Isle of Lewis, between a bus and a motor car. The driver of the car, a 52 year old female, sustained serious head, chest and arm injuries and spent several weeks in hospital undergoing treatment. A full investigation was carried out by the Road Policing Unit, with examinations of both vehicles carried out by the Vehicle Inspectorate.

In the early hours of 5 August, a 22 year old male was killed in a one-vehicle traffic accident at the Point end of the A866 Braighe road. The deceased was the only occupant of the vehicle, a Vauxhall Cavalier motor car. Investigations into the circumstances have been carried out by both local Police and the Road Policing unit based in Dingwall. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

BULLYING PROTOCOL – Police and the largest school in the Western Isles, The Nicolson Institute, have drafted a ‘Bullying Protocol’ to provide guidelines on dealing with such matters. Named ‘Points of Contact’ in each organisation have been identified and will be responsible for ensuring that the eventual agreed protocols are adhered to. Presentations were delivered to all S1 – S6 pupils at the Nicolson Institute in August.

OPERATION HOVER – Operation to target transport links in relation to transportation and distribution of drugs. The protocol has been revised and approved by the Area Commander and Area Detective Inspector. Protocol is currently with Supt. Hepburn, Ops Support, for his consideration and further dissemination.

ROAD SAFETY – A two-stage road safety event took place in Stornoway on Friday 8 September, funded by the Outer Hebrides Community Safety Partnership and delivered by Northern Constabulary. The first stage, an educationally interactive presentation took place at the Town Hall, Stornoway from 9am to 4pm. This was attended by 280 secondary 5 and 6 year pupils from the Nicolson Institute and Sir E Scott School. A large number of organisations were present, including Momentum Programme, LHYCA Driver Training Programme, Donald Geddes (road accident victim and now a leading road safety campaigner), Scottish Ambulance Service, Northern Constabulary Crash Investigation Unit, Northern Constabulary’s Road Safety Officer and the CnES Road Safety Officer. Road Safety Scotland were also in attendance, delivering a road safety presentation entitled ‘Crash Magnets’. The Highlands & Islands Fire Rescue Service displayed crash cutting equipment. Robert Doig’s opticians were present, carrying out eye-sight tests. The undertaker’s ‘shell’, used to transport the deceased from the scene of accidents, was on display as a more sombre exhibit. The second stage in the day’s event was the mock road accident, staged on South Beach Street from 4.30pm to 5pm and intended to simulate a road accident, for the general public. This part of the event involved Northern Constabulary, Scottish Ambulance Service, Highlands & Islands Fire Rescue and the Coastguard helicopter. A full commentary was provided to the general public on what happens at the scene of a road traffic accident, indicating what each agency does. The event was covered by the local media and featured on ‘North Today’s’ evening news programme.

WORK EXPERIENCE - Between the 18 September and 22 September one work experience programme was carried out within the police station at Stornoway Police Station. This consisted of a total of 8 pupils from various schools throughout the Western Isles attending work at the police station between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday for one week. During their week they were given inputs on numerous aspects of police work and administration. They had unlimited access to officers of all ages and experiences to obtain the maximum information regarding a career in the police. Instruction was given to the groups on the following subjects: Health and Safety, Observation Skills, Report Writing, Custody Procedure, Intoximeter (drink driving procedures), CID awareness, Officer Safety Training and First Aid, Firearms in the Police and Court/Giving Evidence. During the week the group were required to research and prepare a presentation/debate on a topical subject. This culminated in the students presenting their subject to invited dignitaries at the end of their period of work experience. This scheme has received very positive feedback from all the students and schools involved.

CAREERS CONVENTION EVENTS – Northern Constabulary attended two days of events held in the Western Isles over the period. On 20 September, Sergeant Roddy MacKay from the Community Safety Department attended at the event held in Tarbert, Harris. The following day he also attended the events held in Stornoway, along with Irene Fox from

Northern Constabulary's Human Resources Department. Both were promoting the new cadet scheme as well as general recruitment to the Force.

SPECIAL EVENTS

HEBRIDEAN CELTIC FESTIVAL – The annual festival was, as usual, held on the Castle Green for three days in mid-July. All went well, with once again large crowds visiting the island, with numerous spin-off events being held at various venues throughout Stornoway. There were a few arrests for minor offences but otherwise the event passed without incident.

ROYAL VISIT - At lunchtime on 29 July, the luxury cruise vessel, the *Hebridean Princess*, berthed at Stornoway harbour as The Queen completed her 80 Birthday cruise. All senior members of the Royal Family were also on board. In preparation, a large security operation had been put in place involving Northern Constabulary, Strathclyde Police, Metropolitan Police and the local Port Authority. A crowd of some 500 people had gathered at the pier prior to the Royal Family disembarking and being taken to Stornoway Airport. Letters of appreciation regarding the assistance provided by the Area Command have been received.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

Monday 17 July was a busy day for Stornoway Sheriff Court, whereby the following disposals were made:

A 52 year old male was sentenced to 1 year Probation in conjunction with 100 hours unpaid work. He had been convicted of Lewd & Libidinous Practices whereby he sent sexually explicit text messages to a female under the age of 16. He was also placed on the Sex Offenders Register for 5 years.

A 47 year old male was sentenced to total of 4 months imprisonment for Breach of the Peace & 2 counts of Police Assault.

A 16 year old male was sentenced to total of 4 months detention for 2 counts of Breach of Probation.

A 30 year old male was sentenced to 2 years probation and 200 hours unpaid work. He was further issued with a Restriction of Liberty Order for 9 months for the hours between 7pm & 7am. He was convicted of Theft by Housebreaking, Theft by Opening Lockfast Place and Breach of the Peace. All these offences were committed whilst the male was on Bail.

A 30 year old female was sentenced to a 2 year probation order and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work. She was further ordered to pay £500 compensation to a Police officer and disqualified from driving for 3 years. She had been convicted of 2 counts of Police Assault and a failure to provide a specimen of breath.

A 43 year old male was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment and disqualified from driving for 5 years. He was found guilty of drink driving and driving a motor vehicle without insurance.

On 18 July, a 21 year old male was sentenced to a 2 year probation order with a condition to attend intensive probation. He was further ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work and pay £250 compensation to 3 Police officers. The male will also be under a Restriction of Liberty Order for 9 months for the hours between 8pm and 6am. The male had been found

guilty of 4 Police Assaults and Attempting to Pervert the Course of Justice. All these offences were committed whilst the male had been on Bail.

On 24 July, a 31 year old male was fined a total of £500 for Assault and refusing to leave licensed premises when requested to do so. A £200 compensation order was also imposed.

On Monday 14 August at Stornoway Sheriff Court:

A 39 year old female was sentenced to a 150 hour Community Service Order for Breach of the Peace, Racially aggravated Breach of the Peace and being in Possession of an Offensive Weapon.

A 19 year old male was fined a total of £800 for Breach of the Peace and Vandalism. He was also found guilty of an earlier offence, under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, sentence being deferred for 6 months. He was released on Bail with a condition not to enter Stornoway other than 1 hour prior to commencing work or attending Court.

A 27 year old male sentenced to a 180 hour Community Service Order and disqualified from driving for 4 years, having being found guilty of drink driving.

A 30 year old male was fined a total of £1650 and disqualified from driving for 4 years having been found guilty of various Road Traffic offences including drink driving.

A 34 year old male was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for committing a racially aggravated Assault.

On Tuesday 15 August at Stornoway Sheriff Court:

A 28 year old female sentenced to a total of 6 months imprisonment for Breach of the Peace and Police Assault; both offences being committed whilst she was on Bail.

On 16 August, a 22 year old male was fined a total of £1000 and had a total of £200 in compensation orders imposed for 2 counts of Assault.

On Monday 4 September at Stornoway Sheriff Court:

A 35 year old male sentenced to total of 5 months imprisonment for Police Assault and 2 counts of Breach of the Peace.

A 20 year old male was sentenced to a 1 year Probation Order and issued with a 150 hour Community Service Order. He was also ordered to pay £500 compensation to the RNLI. He had being found guilty of Culpable & Reckless Conduct with regard to the releasing of a fishing boat from Stornoway Pier.

A 35 year old male was sentenced to total of 4 months imprisonment and disqualified from driving for 2 years. He was found guilty of various offences under the Road Traffic Act, all relating to the theft of three motor vehicles.

A 25 year old male was fined a total of £1100 and disqualified from driving for 18 months. He was found guilty of driving without insurance, taking a motor vehicle without consent of owner and drink driving.

A 16 year old male was sentenced to a total of 5 months detention for Breach of Probation and Breach of Community Service Order.

A 16 year old male was sentenced to a 3 months detention for breaching a Bail order, taking away a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner, dangerous driving and drink driving.

On 11 September, a 40 year old male was sentenced to total of 3 months imprisonment for 2 counts of Breach of the Peace and being in Possession of an Offensive Weapon.

On Monday 18 September at Stornoway Sheriff Court:

A 21 year old male was sentenced to a total of 4 months imprisonment for Assault, 2 Police Assaults and a Breach of the Peace.

A 24 year old male was sentenced to a total of 4 months imprisonment for being in possession of, and offering to supply, a Class A controlled drug.

A 16 year old male was sentenced to a 2 year Probation Order, 180 hour Community Service Order, 9 months Restriction of Liberty Order (7pm – 7am) and disqualified from driving for 1 year. He was found guilty of 5 offences under the Road Traffic Act, all relating to the theft of three motor vehicles, 8 counts of Vandalism and one charge of being in Possession of an Offensive Weapon. All these offences were committed by the male whilst he was on Bail.

An 18 year old male was fined a total of £1350 and disqualified from driving for 2 years for taking away a motor vehicle without the owners consent, driving without a licence, driving without insurance, failure to stop and dangerous driving.

A 28 year old male was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for offences relating to being involved in the supply of controlled drugs.

On 19 September, an 18 year old male was sentenced to a 2 year Probation Order, 200 hours unpaid work, £700 compensation order, 9 months Restriction of Liberty Order and disqualified from driving for 2 years. He was found guilty of driving without insurance, driving without a licence and 2 counts of taking away a motor vehicle without the owners consent.

On 19 September, a 16 year old male was sentenced to 2 year Probation Order, 200 hours unpaid work, 9 months Restriction of Liberty Order and £500 compensation order for 2 counts of taking away a motor vehicle without the owners consent.

On 19 September, a 23 year old male was sentenced to total of 8 months imprisonment for Assault, Possession of an Offensive Weapon and Breach of the Peace.

On 19 September A 26 year old male was sentenced to total of 6 months imprisonment for Assault and Breach of the Peace.

On 19 September, a 19 year old male was fined £400 for breaching his Bail conditions by being within Stornoway outwith times permitted by aforementioned conditions of Bail.

MISSING PERSONS PROFILE

During the period a total of 17 reports of missing persons were made to the Police. The following indicates the types of incidents reported:

One incident of a female youth failing to return at night to the NCH Childrens Home, Hillcrest, Stornoway. She was traced, safe and well, in the town centre and conveyed home by Police. *

Eight incidents of youths failing to return home when expected. All were traced or returned home of their own accord, safe and well.

One incident regarding the two-man crew of a fishing vessel in Barra failing to return home when expected. However, both men and their vessel turned up safe and well, their lateness in returning having merely been a misunderstanding as to how long they were intending to be out fishing.

One incident of a 46 year old male from Paisley, holidaying at a campsite in Shawbost, Isle of Lewis, being reported missing by the staff there. He was traced nearby at the roadside and conveyed to hospital due to concerns regarding his mental health.

One incident of 92 year old female living in Lochs, suffering from dementia, reported missing by her daughter. She was traced safe and well in Harris, having hitched a lift from a passing motorist, and was thereafter conveyed back home by her grandson.

Two incidents relating to a 54 year old male patient absconding from the Western Isles Hospital. On both occasions he was quickly traced and found to be safe and well.

One incident of a 39 year old male living in the Lochs area of Lewis being reported missing by his wife. He was traced later that day, safe and well, within a friend's home address.

One incident of a 27 year old male residing in Stornoway, and known to self harm, failing to return home when expected. He returned home shortly thereafter of his own accord having merely attended a class at the Lews Castle College.

* For the second successive reporting period, there have been significantly fewer reports received from the NCH childrens home, Hillcrest, Goathill Road, regarding youths absconding or unauthorised absences.

**CAITHNESS & SUTHERLAND AREA COMMAND
NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

1 July 2006 – 30 September 2006

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| STOLEN VEHICLE REPORTS | 4 |
| SUDDEN DEATH REPORTS | 7 |
| MISSING PERSONS REPORTED | 30 |
| FIRES ATTENDED | 38 |

NOTABLE CRIMES (In chronological order)

A 71-year-old male resident of North Sutherland complained that he had been verbally abused in a racial manner by a 28 year old male. The suspect was subsequently charged and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

The male resident of a single occupancy house in Thurso awoke one morning to find his main door scorched in the area of the letter box. A Police Scenes of Crime examination revealed a deliberate attempt to set fire to the property from outwith. A number of positive leads have been found to the identity of the perpetrators of this crime and Police enquiries into the matter continue.

A Hotel Manager in Sutherland reported to Police the theft of around £15,000 in cash from an unsecured vehicle. An extensive and protracted Police investigation continues into this matter.

A 28 year-old Thurso male was apprehended and appeared from custody on charges of Plagium (Child Abduction), Vandalism and Assault following an incident involving an estranged partner and her 19 month old child.

An outbreak of Vandalism occurred in the usually problem free village of Latheronwheel. A Police investigation identified three suspects responsible for these crimes. This matter has now been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Within 24 hours of a break-in having occurred at a local Golf Club, Police in Wick apprehended and interviewed 2 of 3 male suspects. Both males admitted their involvement and stolen property was thereafter recovered. Enquiries continue to trace the third suspect.

An assault on a 14 year old boy which took place in East Sutherland, has been investigated as a racially aggravated assault, following information from a witness that the boy had been victimised. Police enquiries continue into this matter.

Following a report of Attempted Rape in Golspie, extensive police enquiries led to the apprehension of the suspect. Related enquiries revealed a series of similar unreported sexual offences committed against different victims over a substantial period of time. The suspect is currently on remand and faces multiple charges of Assault With Intent to Ravish, Lewd and Libidinous Practises, and Indecent Assault.

A male in Wick was attacked by another local male by being struck with a bottle. The suspect was traced, arrested and subsequently charged with assault to injury and disfigurement and the matter has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

An allegation of assault was made by a 27 year old male in Wick to Police a week after the alleged incident. The victim in this case sustained a broken cheekbone. The suspect was identified, traced and a report was thereafter submitted to Procurator Fiscal.

An incident of Vandalism within a Thurso Hotel Room amounting to £427 of damage reported to Police in May 2005. This report led to a protracted and lengthy Police enquiry and forensic tests. DNA analysis of blood found at the scene of the vandalism has identified an individual who was one of a group of three who had originally denied the offence. The matter is now to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Following a series of uncharacteristic dishonesties in the Scourie area, enquiries led Police to an individual with local connections. This person has subsequently been charged with a number of offences pertaining to dishonesty, and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal

A housebreaking into a Post Office in the Dornoch sub-area resulted in a quantity of property being stolen, including cash. A Police general purpose dog was deployed, resulting in a trail being identified. Two youths visiting from the Strathclyde area were found to be in possession of the stolen property and the matter has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Following a series of housebreakings in Wick between March and September 2006 a suspect was approached on the street by officers, in relation to another matter. His conduct was such that he was arrested for Breach of the Peace, and was subsequently found to be in possession of the recently stolen property from some of the housebreakings. The male is now in custody facing charges of dishonesty relating to at least 20 separate incidents.

A longstanding and ongoing problem whereby various members of religious communities in the north had been defrauded by a male who spun them hard luck stories, has finally come to an end. Following a diligent enquiry by Thurso officers it was discovered that the same individual had been responsible for similar crimes throughout Scotland. This information subsequently led to the suspect being arrested in the Dumfries & Galloway area.

A pro-active and intelligence led Police enquiry has resulted in the apprehension of two suspects shown to have been involved in the sale of £300,000 - £400,000 worth of class A,B and C drugs within the Caithness and Sutherland Command Area, over the past 4 years. Both suspects are now remanded in custody awaiting trial.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

A report of a house fire at the Sallacky Estate, Lairg, was received from the HIFRS. 3 units were in attendance and the blaze was brought under control. Following investigation into this fire by HIFRS and Police it was determined that there were no suspicious circumstances.

The body of a 92 year old, elderly gentleman was recovered from the sea by the HM Coastguard at Papigoe, Wick following a report of a missing person to Police by relatives. An extensive Police investigation was conducted, however, no suspicious circumstances were found surrounding this death.

A report of a burnt out fire at an Outdoor Facility, at Rumster Forest, Caithness, which completely destroyed the property, was received from a member of the public. Following a full investigation into this matter by HIFRS and Police, it was determined that there were no suspicious circumstances.

A report of 82 year old male who had become lost whilst out hillwalking and fishing at Loch Meadie, Bettyhill, when he failed to return to a designated rendezvous point. An extensive co-ordinated search was mobilised involving Police, Mountain Rescue, HM Coastguard and RAF Lossiemouth Rescue Helicopter. The male was subsequently located by the Rescue Helicopter approximately half a mile to the east of his intended rendezvous point. Although disorientated and cold, he was found to be in reasonably good health, and had managed to hang onto the six trout that he had successfully caught. He was re-united with his family.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

C.C.T.V. The Caithness CCTV Partnership Group has continued to secure funding and finalise locations for the 4 cameras which are to be installed later this year within the Pulteneytown area of Wick. Discussions have also taken place for the proposed locations of further cameras within the plan once funding has been identified.

Caithness Safe Highlander – was again held on 5 and 6 September at the UKAEA Site at Dounreay. This event was attended by all P7 pupils from Caithness schools and was well received.

Safer Scotland – Anti-Violence Campaign was run between 1 July and 6 August with officers within the Command Area undertaking proactive patrols in order to reduce violent crimes on our streets. This initiative, driven by the Scottish Executive, was undertaken in conjunction with the Crown Office to deliver a multi-agency approach to the problem and to ensure a robust approach to tackle these crimes.

ACPOS Summer Safety Drink Driving campaign was underway between 31 July and 14 August, in order to educate the public as to the obvious dangers and consequences of drink driving. The campaign also saw the enforcement of the message with a number of drivers reported to the Procurator Fiscals office.

ACPOS Speeding/Seat Belts campaign was enforced on the 14 September, whereby officers issued Conditional Offer Tickets to motorists who were found speeding and/or driving without wearing a seat belt.

Safer Scotland campaign - Youth & Alcohol Use - During the period of 4 September to 1 October saw the introduction of this campaign. Officers have worked proactively to target youths using alcohol in any place and individuals drinking or in possession of alcohol in public places. A number of seizures took place across the Command Area.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

Following an appearance in Wick Sheriff Court on 13 July a man was disqualified from driving for a period of 5 years, for drink driving and other road traffic offences.

A man was sentenced on 28 July at Wick Sheriff Court, to 50 days imprisonment, following a Breach of the Peace, which was committed whilst he was on Bail.

On 10 August a young male prolific offender was sentenced to 4 months in a Young Offenders Institution following a conviction of a Breach of the Peace, committed whilst he was on Bail.

A man was sentenced at Wick Sheriff Court to 23 months imprisonment on 10 August for Wilful Fireraising and a Breach of the Peace.

A Caithness woman was sentenced at Wick Sheriff Court on the 10 August to 1 year imprisonment for the offence of Embezzlement of a substantial amount of money.

On 11 August a man was sentenced to 4 months imprisonment by Wick Sheriff Court, for committing an Assault whilst on Bail.

A man was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment with a 1 year extended sentence by Wick Sheriff Court on 24 August following a conviction of Assault with Intent to Rape.

On 31 August at Wick Sheriff Court, a man was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment and was also disqualified from driving for a period of 4 years, following a drink drive conviction.

A man was sentenced at Wick Sheriff Court on 15 September for 3 months and 9 months, to run consecutively for committing an Assault and Vandalism.

MISSING PERSONS

There were 30 instances of reported missing persons during the period under review which can be broken down into the following categories which give an indication of the type of enquiries undertaken and the difficulties encountered.

There were 11 reports from concerned parents of children either absenting themselves or failing to return at the appointed hour to the family home.

There were 2 reports from concerned relatives when elderly males were out hillwalking and were believed lost/late and 1 report as a result of an elderly male suffering from alzheimers going 'walkabout'.

There were 6 reports of persons missing from concerned relatives/friends and a further 4 reports from the Childrens Centre in Wick, and from High Schools where pupils/children in care had failed to return or had absconded from care.

There were 3 reports of persons missing with mental health issues.

There were 3 reports from other Forces which required investigation by officers within the command area.

All missing person enquiries were successfully concluded with all persons subsequently traced or accounted for.

**ROSS, CROMARTY & SKYE AREA COMMAND
NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

1 July – 30 September 2006

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| STOLEN VEHICLE REPORTS | 18 |
| SUDDEN DEATH REPORTS | 27 |
| MISSING PERSONS REPORTED | 7 HIGH RISK 24 MEDIUM RISK 48 LOW RISK 36 CARE ABSCONDEES |
| FIRES ATTENDED | 18 REPORTABLE 89 NON – REPORTABLE |

NOTABLE CRIMES

Two youths have been reported for fireraising and vandalism in respect of a series of fires in the Dingwall area going back to May this year. These individuals have been identified as being potentially responsible for approximately 10 fires.

On 5 July 2006, two people travelled up to Skye with the apparent intention of committing suicide. A female suffered a life threatening injury and as a consequence a male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 7 July, half an ounce of heroin was recovered (approx. street value of £2000) after two males were stopped and searched on the A9 at Tore.

Thefts of copper wire from industrial premises have affected the Area Command during the reporting period. Offenders have been identified and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Early in the morning of the 12 August 2006, ambulance control reported to Police that they had been called to a 23-year-old male with multiple stab wounds at a house in Portree. The offender was traced and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Overnight on 24/25 August, a series of housebreakings were reported in Blairlaith Industrial Estate in Tain. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 14 September a warrant was granted to search agricultural premises near Dingwall due to suspected poisoning of a Red Kite, which is a bird specially protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act. Suspected poisons were recovered and also firearms offences detected. A report is being prepared for the Procurator Fiscal.

Several youths from the Wick and Alness area charged with vandalism to several vehicles in the Alness area. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

On 5 July on the A9 at Tomich, a 24 year old woman suffered fatal injuries when a digger machine broke free from its mountings on a low loader vehicle and rolled onto the A9, striking the vehicle in which she was a passenger.

The Black Isle Show took place on 2-4 August. The event was relatively trouble free with one positive drug search, and two individuals apprehended for assault and breach of the peace.

On Thursday 24 August, a 35 year old male was found dead in a house in Alness after taking a heroin overdose. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the suspected source of the heroin.

In the early hours of the 17 September, a 22 year old male was fatally injured when he was struck by a vehicle whilst walking on the A9 at the Evanton bypass.

On 23 and 24 September, the Loopallu Music Festival took place in Ullapool, Wester Ross attended by 1800 people. The event was well run and passed without any significant incident which was partly due to a robust proactive policing response with over 30 positive drug searches in the Ullapool area including several involving class A drugs.

On 24 September a man received fatal injuries after being hit by a train on the main Inverness to Thurso line near Alness. The matter is being investigated by British Transport Police.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

Operation EVOLUTION

This five-week operation involved a dedicated proactive team of 12 officers, concentrating on crime, drugs and road traffic offences. During the period of the Operation, the officers dealt with 237 incidents. They carried out searches on 258 individuals for drugs and 11 houses were searched under warrant. Three vehicles were seized as the drivers were found to have no insurance and a total of £2847.18 was seized from suspected drug dealers under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. The team also provided assistance at the Loopallu Music Festival in Ullapool. The initiative disrupted drug supply in the area and also contributed to a notable decrease in violent crime.

Officers across the Area Command have also been proactive in the seizure of motor vehicles from drivers/owners who have been found to have no insurance cover or other documentation.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

A 40-year old male was jailed for 19 months and disqualified from driving for 4 years after being convicted of Breach of the Peace, drink driving, driving without a licence, dangerous driving and failing to stop in respect of an accident whereby a police officer was knocked over and seriously injured by his vehicle.

MISSING PERSONS

The number of Missing Persons reported remains significant. Individual cases are evaluated and examined as part of our Daily Tactical assessment. Within the figures there remain a significant number of short term absconders from care, primarily from Local Authority care within the Area Command. A missing crewman from the MV Brothers off the Isle of Skye remains outstanding from the 2 June 2006 and two protracted low risk missing person enquiries are ongoing.

INVERNESS AREA COMMAND NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD REPORT

1 July – 30 September 2006

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| STOLEN VEHICLE REPORTS | - 29 |
| SUDDEN DEATH REPORTS | - 49 |
| MISSING PERSONS REPORTED | - 246 |
| REPORTABLE FIRES ATTENDED | - 32 |

NOTABLE CRIMES (in chronological order)

Indecent Assault - On 25/06/2006 a report was received of a female having been sexually assaulted within Army Barracks, Ardersier. Female was asleep in her room when the accused, an 18 year old male, entered her room and committed a sexual assault on her person. The male was charged and reported to Procurator Fiscal.

Sexual Assault - On 24/06/2006 police attended a call regarding a disturbance within a room at hotel premises within Inverness. When police arrived the persons had left the premises by vehicle. Police officers checked the room where the disturbance occurred and found that there was evidence of violence. Occupants of the said vehicle were stopped in Nairn where the female passenger disclosed to officers that she had been sexually assaulted by her boyfriend. A male aged 29 was interviewed and was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Murder - On 12/07/06 a 39-year-old female was reported to police as a missing person. The enquiry changed course on 19/07/06 and on 23/07/06 the remains of the female in question were found buried within a communal garden in the Hilton area of Inverness. A 49-year-old male was arrested for the Murder of the said female and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Serious Assault - On 22/07/06 a report was taken of an 18-year-old male having sustained facial injuries at Bught Park, Inverness. Officers attended where it was established that a 24 year old male and a 20 year old female had been attacked by a group of youths. The male sustained scratches to arms, cuts to head, bruising to abdomen and a swollen forehead. The female sustained bite marks to upper arms, swollen nose and eye, scratches to chest and stomach and injury to left side of head. Various youths were charged in respect of this incident and a report was passed to the Procurator Fiscal.

Drugs - On 10/08/2006 in Ardersier six persons were evidenced engaged in a drug transaction in relation to the supply and distribution of Amphetamine and Cocaine. All persons were detained and charged under the terms of Section 23 Mod Act 1971. Total value of drugs recovered was approximately £50,000. Report has been forwarded to Procurator Fiscal.

Sexual Assault - On 16/08/2006 a female reported that she had been sexually assaulted by a 50 year old male in the Town Centre, Inverness. The male assaulted the victim by slapping her to the face and head and then proceeded to commit a sexual assault on her person. The male was detained and interviewed. He was subsequently arrested and appeared at Inverness Sheriff Court.

High Value Housebreaking - On 18/08/2006 a housebreaking was reported at Drummond Special Needs School, Inverness. Entry had been gained by smashing a window and items such as Laptops stolen. Various rooms throughout the school had also been entered by force. Police enquiries were carried out and a 44 year old male was reported to the Procurator

Fiscal. He was also reported for 5 other housebreakings committed since 01/01/2006 at the said premises. Majority of property remains outstanding.

Serious Assault - On 18/08/2006 police officers were called to attend Raigmore Hospital regarding a male with a suspected broken arm and facial injuries. Victim stated that whilst walking home in Dalneigh area of Inverness he was assaulted by two males, one of whom he recognised. Assault consisted of a punch to the head and repeatedly kicked and stamped on by both males. One male was later traced and made admissions to the assault. It transpired that the victim had initially struck the accused to the face with the use of a Motorbike lock. Both males have now been reported to the Procurator Fiscal, Inverness in respect of this assault.

Serious Assault - On 21/08/2006 a female reported that her male friend had been assaulted by her ex partner and his brother at her home in Ardersier. The two males had forced open the back door of the locus and proceeded to kick and punch the victim. The victim sustained injuries to face and a broken arm. Police enquiries were carried out and two males were arrested in relation to this serious assault. They were reported to the Procurator Fiscal, Inverness.

High Value Damage - On 26/08/2006 a report was received from a garage premises in Culloden to the effect that 40 cars had been vandalised. The damage consisted mainly of tyres been slashed, valued approximately £3000. A 'scenes of crime' was carried out. On 19/10/2006 a local male was identified by fingerprint evidence. He is yet to be traced and enquiries are still ongoing.

Robbery - On 26/08/2006 a report was received to the effect that a 16 year old male had been assaulted and robbed within Whin Park, Inverness by five males. The victim was kicked to the head a number of times and members of the group stole property from his person. The victim sustained injuries to face and cuts requiring stitches. Police enquiries were carried out and two males aged 17 and 19 years were subsequently charged with assault and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Drugs - On 29/08/2006 following receipt of information a house in the Dalneigh area of Inverness was searched under warrant. A substantial amount of drugs were recovered with an estimated street value of £5500 along with cash in various denominations. One female and one male were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Rape - On 30/08/2006 report was received regarding an allegation of Rape from a 20 year old female via police in Northern Ireland. She alleged that whilst attending a party and on holiday in Inverness she was sexually assaulted and raped within a house in the Culcabock Area of Inverness by a 54 year old male relative. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Robbery - On 03/09/2006 a female reported that whilst walking along Millburn Road, Inverness with another female they were approached by two male youths. On passing each other one of the youths snatched the victims handbag and contents from her hand. The two youths ran off towards woodland. Police traced the youths and detained them. Following interview one of the males was charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Sexual Assault - On 03/09/2006 a report was received of a female being sexually assaulted whilst attending a party at a farmhouse in the Foyers area. The female had consumed a large quantity of alcohol and had fallen asleep in a downstairs communal area within the house. She awoke to find a male committing a sexual assault on her person. He was subsequently interviewed and arrested. A report has been forwarded to the Procurator Fiscal.

Robbery - On the 13/09/06 a report was taken of a handbag theft in Church Street, Inverness. An 81 year old female had her handbag snatched from her by a male person who ran off. Handbag contained 2 bank books and a small quantity of coinage. After viewing CCTV footage and enquiry a 28 year old male was charged with this crime and report passed to the Procurator Fiscal.

Firearms Offence - On 17/09/06 a report was taken from a 43 year old female that her ex-partner a 46 year old male was withholding property belonging to her within an address in Inverness. Both parties were heavily under the influence of alcohol. The female alleged that on 15/09/06 the male had operated a firearm within the property. The male was charged with reckless discharge of a firearm and was found to be on bail for similar offences.

Robbery - On 21/09/06 a report was received from a female to the effect that her 36 year old son had been assaulted and robbed on 13/09/06. He underwent surgery to remove 3 blood clots on the brain at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on 14/09/06 thought to be caused by blunt force trauma to the head. Enquiries are continuing.

False Allegation (Serious) - On 27/09/06 a report was received from a female reporting her daughter having been assaulted. The 22 year old female victim stated that she was approached by two males in the Culloden area. The first male allegedly knelt down and rolled a cigarette while the second male manhandled her tearing her top. She resisted and kicked one of the males and fled to her father's house nearby. On 12/10/09 victim was re-interviewed and admitted she had not been attacked as alleged. She was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for wasting police time.

Attempted Murder – On 26/10/06 a report was received regarding a 36 year old male having been attacked within a block of flats in the Hilton area of Inverness. He was subsequently taken to Hospital suffering from a skull fracture, puncture wounds to his torso and a severe laceration to his face. The injuries are not life threatening. However the incident is being treated as attempted murder and enquiries are ongoing.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

Missing Person – long term - On 14/07/06 a 74 year old female was reported missing from New Craigs Hospital, Inverness. After prolonged and protracted enquiry the missing person was traced at Stirling Youth Hostel on 03/11/06. The said person was not required to return to the Hospital.

Explosives - On 28/07/06 a report was received stating two young males had found a live grenade by the Ness Bridge near to the Riverside Tavern in Inverness. E.O.D. were contacted and attended. The grenade was detonated by controlled explosion. The origins of the said grenade were not established.

Fatal Road Accident - On 29/07/06 a report was received of a 17 year old male being struck by a taxi vehicle in the Blackpark area of Inverness. It was established that the male had been drinking with friends and had been standing on the road in front of the said oncoming taxi. He was struck by the said vehicle and fell onto the road. The male sustained head injuries and was transferred to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Tragically he later died on 01/08/06. A report was submitted to Procurator Fiscal.

Fatal Road Accident - On 31/07/06 a report was received of a 2 vehicle collision on the A9 northbound near the Kessock Bridge, Inverness. A Tesco Mercedes Articulated Lorry had

been parked in layby number 185 due to the driver having a break. A Honda CRV car was being driven northbound and was seen to cross lanes repeatedly before it collided with the offside corner of the parked lorry and coming to rest across the carriageway. The three occupants of the Honda CRV car, a 14 year old male, a 15 year old male and an 82 year old male were all pronounced dead at the scene. Report passed to Procurator Fiscal.

Fatal Road Accident – On 03/09/2006 a three vehicle occurred on the B9039 Castle Stewart to Ardersier road, 1 mile past the Dalcross road end. A 23 year old male driver of one of the vehicles had commenced an overtaking manoeuvre however a collision occurred. The said male's vehicle left the road and collided into trees. As a result of this he sustained serious head injuries and was air lifted to Hospital. He was sadly pronounced dead on arrival. A report was forwarded to the Procurator Fiscal.

Fire - On 13/09/06 report received of a lorry on fire blocking southbound carriageway. The fire was found to be to a DAF CF 85 oil tanker and caused by wheel catching fire. The cost of damage caused was in the region of £90,000. Fortunately no injuries or any other damage was sustained.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

OPERATION NATION - The focus of this operation is to achieve sustainable crime reduction.

(This operation is linked to Force and Local priority 1)

OPERATION NEEDLE - The focus of this operation is the effective engagement of criminality in respect of serious and organised Crime.

(This is linked to Force and Local priority 2)

OPERATION NAVIGATE - The focus of this operation is to create safer roads with reduced deaths, injury and crime.

(This is linked to Force and Local Priority 3)

OPERATION NOTEBOOK - The focus of this operation is to increase public reassurance and confidence in the safety of our communities.

(This is linked to Force and Local priority 4.)

At each Tactical Tasking meeting the focus is set on intelligence led policing, creating taskings and directing resources, based on that intelligence, updating the progress of those Operations on a fortnightly basis.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

The following notable convictions were passed within Inverness courts during the review period as stipulated in this report.

1. Male was convicted of Assault to injury and permanent disfigurement in respect of an incident which occurred within an address in the South Kessock area of Inverness. He received two and a half years imprisonment.

2. Male was convicted of Sexual Offences with regard to an incident which occurred at an address in the Scorguie area of Inverness. He received a sentence of 2 years probation and was entered onto the Sex Offenders Register for a period of two years.
3. Male was convicted of various crimes mainly Theft by opening Lockfast Places at various locii in Inverness. He received a sentence of two years imprisonment.
4. Male was convicted of offences contrary to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 – concerned in the supply at an address in the South Kessock area of Inverness. He was sentenced to two years and three months imprisonment.
5. Male again convicted of offences Contrary to the Drugs Act – concerned in the supply at an address in the Merkinch area of Inverness. He was sentence to four years and four months imprisonment.
6. Male convicted of offences contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1988 – Disqualified Driving. Due to other previous convictions for the same offence he was sentence to eight months imprisonment and disqualified from driving for life.

MISSING PERSONS

During the review period there have been **246** missing person reports within Inverness Area Command.

A large percentage of these reports are from Newcraigs Hospital. It is anticipated that this trend will continue for the foreseeable future.

BADENOCH, STRATHSPEY & NAIRN AREA COMMAND NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD REPORT

1 July 2006 - 30 September 2006

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| STOLEN VEHICLE REPORTS | 5 |
| SUDDEN DEATH REPORTS | 15 |
| MISSING PERSONS REPORTED | 28 |
| FIRES ATTENDED | 7 |

NOTABLE CRIMES

On 16 September 2006 a male was arrested for indecently exposing himself to visitors within the Landmark Centre, Carrbridge.

On 23 September 2006 a male was charged with wilful and reckless fireraising after a fire was started in the communal living area of Jordan House in Nairn.

On 10 August 2006 a male was arrested for Attempted Murder after driving his car at a female. He was subsequently charged with further related offences of domestic assault.

Following observations on the Nairn CCTV system, on which a drug 'deal' appeared to take place, a male was detained in licensed premises in Nairn. He was subsequently charged with dealing amphetamine, over a protracted period, within Nairn licensed premises. Another male was charged with the unlawful supplying to this individual.

On 29 August 2006 a female was arrested for reckless conduct after being discovered by nursing staff interfering with medical equipment being used to administer treatment to an elderly patient. This happened on more than one occasion and the female has now been placed on Petition.

On 27 August 2006 a male was traced after several reports of lights being "shot out" by a youth in the harbour area of Nairn. Following enquiries a quantity of drugs were recovered, along with the recovery of a firearm. A Report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 10 September 2006 an officer on patrol in a remote part of Nairnshire came across two males acting suspiciously. They were found to be in possession of firearms, whilst being prohibited persons under the Firearms Act 1968. One was also discovered to be wanted on warrant in England. Both males were arrested and appeared at Inverness Sheriff Court.

On 13 July 2006 following extensive enquiries, a computer was seized from a male in the Nairnshire area. Images seized indicated both racist and paedophile images. Enquiries are continuing.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

On 5 September 2006, a report was received at Aviemore Police Station that a male had been shot in a shooting accident on a local estate a couple of days previously. As a result a male had been removed to hospital and was requiring reconstruction surgery to his arm. Following extensive, retrospective enquiry, a male was charged with reckless discharge and his weapons seized.

During July 2006 a spate of “Break-Ins” occurred within the Nethybridge area. Following enquiry, some local children were reported for these offences.

Following a spate of vandalisms and disturbances in Kingussie, three persons were detected and reported for the offences. One is currently remanded for breaching his ASBO whilst committing these offences and one other was bailed and subsequently arrested for breaching his curfew. A court appearance is currently awaited.

NOTABLE INITIATIVES

The Area Command has participated in various ACPOS Initiatives during this period including Safer Scotland (alcohol), Summer Safety Drink Drive Campaign, One Day Speeding and advice given regarding new child seat legislation.

The Pubwatch Scheme is finally getting off the ground in the Badenoch and Strathspey area whilst the mobile CCTV equipment was used in Grantown, Kingussie and Aviemore. It proved particularly useful at the Grantown Show, both during the day and for supervision at the Dance that night.

An operation was run in Grantown in an attempt to curb the anti-social activities of the ‘Boy Racers.’ This was using the same legislation that proved so effective in Nairn. It has proved successful so far but the position continues to be monitored.

A series of competitions were run in the local paper in Badenoch highlighting various issues surrounding drug abuse. It was hoped that this would provide ‘factual’ information whilst encouraging debate amongst those people concerned. It appears to have achieved its objective and some excellent prizes were donated by local businesses.

Police in the area now have a ‘page’ on the visit.aviemore.co.uk website which enables them to reach a wider audience, both local and for those from outwith the area. This is used for both general information as well as specific messages which we wish to circulate.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

A local Badenoch man was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment for a variety of public order offences, having been arrested following a disturbance. Two persons are currently remanded awaiting trial for drugs and anti-social offences. There have been a substantial number of disqualifications handed down for drink driving offences. It is noted that alcohol counts are consistently high and the offences are being committed predominantly by older citizens, both male and female.

**LOCHABER COMMAND AREA
NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

1 July 2006 – 30 September 2006

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| STOLEN VEHICLE REPORTS | 3 |
| SUDDEN DEATHS ATTENDED | 13 |
| MISSING PERSONS REPORTED | 10 |
| FIRES ATTENDED | 19 |
| DRINK DRIVERS | 17 |

NOTABLE CRIMES

On the 17 July 2006, the Community Clinic and a primary school in Caol were broken into and property stolen. A man was arrested.

On 20 August 2006, 6 young people were charged with the theft of cigarettes, alcohol and £200 cash from a house in the Plantation area of Fort William.

On 30 July 2006 a male was arrested and charged with Attempted murder following a report that a male had had petrol poured over him.

On 28 July 2006 a man appeared at Fort William Sheriff Court for a sexual offence and was ordered to be put on the Sex Offenders Register. He failed to register by the given date and was detained. The court sentenced him to 3 years Probation and 200 hours Community Service.

On 7 August 2006, a local man on an ASBO because of his drunkenness was arrested drunk and incapable within Fort William Police Station.

On 8 August 2006 2 males were warned following a report that they had brandished a pistol in a car on the West mainland. The pistol turned out to be a BB gun.

On 12 August 2006 a man was arrested and charged following a serious assault in a pub in Fort William High Street.

On 16 August 2006 a 15 year old schoolboy was charged with an assault on a teacher.

On 20 August 2006 a male was interviewed and arrested following an allegation that he had 'groomed' a 14 year old female on the Internet and then began a physical relationship.

On 23 August 2006, a male was arrested and charged with Attempted Rape and Attempted Murder following an attack on a female on the outskirts of Fort William.

On 25 August 2006, a male was arrested and charged with Attempted Rape of his female partner.

On 25 August 2006 following a search under warrant resulting in the recovery of cannabis, a 43 year old female has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal at Fort William.

On 25 August 2006 a male was arrested and reported for a serious assault in Mallaig.

On 28 August 2006 a man was arrested and charged with Rape and Domestic Assault committed in Kyle and Fort William.

On 27 August 2006 a male person was seriously assaulted. A man was arrested and charged.

On 29 August 2006 a report was received of Fresh Water Mussel interference on the West mainland. The local wildlife liaison officer is currently enquiring into this case, has identified possible suspects and is in dialogue with colleagues throughout Scotland.

On 12 September 2006, 2 males were arrested and charged with 7 thefts by Housebreaking in Fort William Town Centre.

On 14 and 15 September 2006, three incidents were reported in the Mallaig area regarding attempted thefts of marine equipment. These crimes remain undetected.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

On 13 July 2006 a cable car disengaged from its cable at the Nevis Range Ski Centre, Aonach Mhor. Five persons sustained injuries. The Health & Safety Executive are investigating.

On 25 July 2006 a male died as a result of a motorcycle accident in Kinlochleven.

On 28 August 2006 a male driver died as a result of a road accident near to Roy Bridge.

On 7 September 2006 a male motor cyclist was killed following a collision with a bus near to Glencoe.

On 15 September 2006, a male motorcyclist died as a result of a collision with a lorry on the Fort William/Mallaig road.

On 20 September 2006 a male died after being swept away by a river he was trying to cross on the Isle of Rhum.

A Sergeant from the Proactive Team and a DC from the Crime Management Unit undertook to walk the West Highland Way to raise funds for Marie Curie. This earned the charity in excess of £1,400.

During the summer holidays, the beat officer in Caol orchestrated a thrice-weekly football street league. This was followed by a 'one-off' football tournament which was well attended.

NOTABLE CONVICTIONS

The most notable conviction recorded during the period was that of a female who was found guilty, after trial at the High Court in Glasgow, of the Culpable Homicide of a young man in Fort William in August 2005. She was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment.

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

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22 NOVEMBER 2006

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICE UNIT

1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

Report by the Chief Constable

UNIT OVERVIEW

The Operational Support Service Unit comprises the following Sections, which are based at Police Headquarters and Burnett Road Police Station, Inverness, Dingwall Police Office and the NSCP Office, Tain.

- Community Safety.
- Dogs Section
- Drugs & Alcohol Co-ordinator
- Emergency Planning
- Firearms
- Northern Safety Camera Partnership (NSCP)
- Road Policing Section, inc. Road Safety.

Since the last reporting period, we have been joined by an additional member of staff who has responsibility for co-ordinating the development of the Special Constabulary within the Force. In addition, our Emergency Planning Office is hosting the postholder for the Civil Contingencies Co-ordinator.

Our work during the period was focused on the strategic aims of the Chief Constable. The following is a breakdown of our work.

SUSTAINABLE CRIME REDUCTION

The Force continues to participate in the Scottish Executive and ACPOS sponsored Safer Scotland Campaign, focussing on the themes of violence, alcohol, gangs and weapons. Whilst most of these issues affect Northern Constabulary to a lesser degree than other areas of the country, we have adapted these to fit our community issues.

Over this review period an operational phase focussing on alcohol abuse by youths and drinking in public places was carried out. Consequently, over a 4-week period across the Force, 89 people were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for offences relating to this phase of the campaign.

Further work is underway for a Fireworks initiative which will be run in partnership with the Highland Council and Highlands and Islands Fire and Rescue Service.

Work was also carried out by the Community Safety staff on a joint project with Safer City – Inverness and Safer Town – Invergordon. This Scottish Executive sponsored project will deliver an additional mobile CCTV vehicle capable of rapid deployment for use in areas where there is no public space CCTV at present.

EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT OF CRIMINALITY IN RESPECT OF SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

During the period in question, the Dog Section responded to 93 requests for dogs and handlers. These requests were for assistance with drug searches throughout most area commands. These searches have resulted in various detections including 3 during one operation in Lochaber. The dogs were also used during the Celtic Festival in Stornoway and Loopallu Festival in Ullapool.

The officers in the Firearms Section continued to ensure we had tactical firearms and search response ready to assist at serious incidents. Training of officers continued during the period. A number of incidents were supported by POLSA led searches. The main operation they were involved in was HM The Queens 80th Birthday cruise around the Hebrides, Lochaber and Wester Ross.

SAFER ROADS WITH REDUCED DEATHS, INJURY AND CRIME

Unfortunately the following fatal road traffic collisions occurred during the period under review:

1. About 1820 hours, Wednesday 5 July, 2006, a two-vehicle fatal road collision occurred on the A9 Inverness – Thurso road at the Tomich junction, Invergordon. A Foden articulated LGV towing a low loader, collided with a Nissan Almera motor car. The 24 year old female passenger in the car sustained fatal injuries. The 45 year old female driver sustained minor injuries.
2. About 1953 hours, Sunday 9 July, 2006, a one-vehicle fatal road collision occurred on the A961 Kirkwall to Holm road, Orkney at the Cannigall junction involving an Aprilia 1000 cc motorcycle. The 32 year old male rider sustained fatal injuries.
3. About 1915 hours, 25 July 2006 on the B863 Glencoe to Kinlochleven road a one-vehicle fatal road collision occurred involving a Yamaha TZR 250cc. The 62 year old male rider sustained fatal injuries.
4. Shortly after 0200 hours, Saturday 29 July 2006 on Blackpark Terrace, Inverness a one vehicle road collision occurred involving a Nissan Primera and a pedestrian. The 17 year old male pedestrian sustained a head injury that proved fatal.
5. Shortly before 0800 hours, Monday 31 July 2006 on the A9 – Perth to Inverness road at layby 185, Longman, Inverness a two vehicle fatal road collision occurred involving a Honda CR-V motorcar and Mercedes articulated lorry. The 82 year old male driver of the Honda was driving along with two passengers aged 14 and 15 when his vehicle collided with the articulated lorry, which was parked up. As a result the driver and passengers sustained fatal injuries.
6. About 1705 hours, Tuesday 1 August 2006 on the A9 – Perth to Inverness public road at its junction with the A938 road which leads to the village of Carrbridge, a two vehicle collision occurred involving a Peugeot 406 motorcar and Volvo FH12 articulated lorry. The rear offside passenger of the Peugeot who was a Spanish tourist was killed as a result.

7. Shortly after 0300 hours on Saturday 5 August 2006 on the Braighe Road, Isle of Lewis, a one-vehicle fatal road collision occurred involving a Vauxhall Cavalier motorcar. The 22 year old male driver and sole occupant sustained fatal injuries.
8. About 0650 hrs, Wednesday 23 August 2006, on the A9 Inverness – Perth road at Cuaich, near Dalwhinnie a two-vehicle road collision occurred involving a Vauxhall Tigra motor car and a Mercedes Sprinter van. The 36 year old male driver of the motor car sustained fatal injuries. The 67 year old male driver of the van sustained serious but not life threatening injuries. The 50 year old passenger in the van sustained minor injuries.
9. About 1435 hrs, 25 August 2006, on the A9 Inverness – Wick road at Loth, near Helmsdale a two-vehicle road collision occurred involving a Peugeot 106 motor car and a Ford Transit van. The 21 year old male driver of the Peugeot sustained serious injury and subsequently died in Raigmore Hospital.
10. About 0759 hrs, 28 August 2006, on the A86 Laggan – Spean Bridge road about 4 miles from Roy Bridge, a one-vehicle road collision was reported. This involved a Citroen Saxo motor car. The 46 year old male driver of the vehicle sustained serious head injuries. He was conveyed to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary but died of his injuries on 31 August 2006. A passenger in the vehicle sustained minor injuries.
11. About 1300 hrs, 3 September 2006, on the B9039 Dalcross to Ardersier road, a three-vehicle road collision occurred involving a Fiat Punto, Vauxhall Vectra and Fiat Brava motor cars. The 22 year old male driver of the Brava sustained fatal injuries.
12. About 1140 hrs, 7 September 2006, on the A82 Fort William – Glasgow road at White Corries, Glencoe a two-vehicle road collision occurred between a German Ducati motor cycle and a Mercedes Unvi 31 seat coach. The rider of the motor cycle sustained fatal injuries.
13. About 1700 hrs, 12 September 2006 on the A99 Latheron to Wick road near Ulbster, a one-vehicle road collision occurred involving a Kawasaki ZX6R. The 28 year old male rider sustained serious injuries. He was conveyed to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. However as a result of his injuries he died on 14 September 2006.
14. About 1420 hrs, 15 September 2006 on the A830 Fort William to Mallaig road near Lochailort, a two-vehicle road collision occurred involving a Suzuki SV1000 motorcycle and a Scania articulated tanker. The 42 year old male rider of the motorcycle sustained fatal injuries.
15. About 0025 hrs, 17 September 2006 on the A9 bypass at Evanton, a one-vehicle collision occurred when a Volvo motor car collided with a 22 year old pedestrian. The pedestrian sustained fatal injuries.

Full collision investigations were carried out into each accident. Reports were submitted to the Procurator Fiscal in each case.

Our operational response to improving road safety and enforcing the law was as follows;

During the period under review a total of 151.25 hours were spent on site deployment by Northern Safety Camera Partnership personnel. This led to a total of 1629 Notices of Intended Prosecution being issued together with a total of 1533 Conditional Offers of Fixed penalty for alleged speeding offences.

A site survey was carried out at the request of an Area Command and a report regarding the results submitted. Two further locations were analysed with a view to deployment of cameras. Neither of these two locations evidenced sufficient speed criteria to fulfil the deployment criteria as per the Scottish Safety Camera Programme Handbook.

Educational Radio adverts began running on Moray Firth Radio from 1 September 2006. These will continue until the end of February 2007.

Operation 'Block 2006' a road safety initiative designed at improving motor cyclists skills, concluded in September with 8 sessions and 70 assessed rides over the summer.

Road Policing officers attended the annual BASICS Conference in Aviemore on 2 September to display our collision investigation capability.

Roads Policing staff also supported the Western Isles Road Safety day on 8 September.

The ACPOS Summer Safety campaign ran from 31 July – 13 August. This was aimed at speeding, seatbelts and drink driving offences. We fully participated in this event with increased officers on patrol at peak times.

Safety Audits in conjunction with the Scottish Executive were carried out at all 10 trunk road fatal collision sites that had occurred in the period April to June 2006.

During the reporting period staff from the Community Safety Section assisted Caithness & Sutherland and Ross, Cromarty & Skye Area Commands with their Safe Highlander event. Road Safety was one element delivered to the P7 schoolchildren who attended.

PUBLIC RE-ASSURANCE IN THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITIES

During the reporting period staff from the Community Safety Section assisted Caithness & Sutherland and Ross, Cromarty & Skye Area Commands with their Safe Highlander event. Vandalism and its effects was one element delivered to the P7 schoolchildren who attended.

As well as the vandalism input delivered to those who attended the Safe Highlander event we have ensured that all Area Commands have access to the Grampian Police Box. This is a resource for young people which includes teaching material entitled "Let's think about vandalism". Further work on a DVD and teaching pack which we had been developing has been taken on by Highland Council Education Department.

During the period under review the mobile CCTV vehicle has been utilised for a total of 59 days at events, initiatives and operations across all Area Commands with the exception of Shetland. This vehicle assists our officers to address anti social behaviour in areas where public space CCTV is not installed.

The officer seconded to the Anti Social Behaviour team within Highland Council has responded to 93 requests for information sharing in respect of anti social issues. This positive result has improved the information exchange process in relation to orders available under the Anti Social Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

In respect of a remote reporting process for the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender community, this has now encountered challenges due to funding withdrawal for Reachout Highland and transfer of functions to the Terrence Higgins Trust (THT). Once THT have established a permanent management structure in the Highlands & Islands, our Community

Safety staff will develop a suitable process. This has not yet been extended to other minority or diverse groups but it is intended to be when resources permit.

Our officers also responded to requests from Area Commands by carrying out high visibility patrols at events which included football duty at Inverness and Dingwall, Belladrum Music Festival, Tain Gala Loopallu Music Festival, Grantown Fair and involvement with the Anti Crime Initiative in Inverness.

The Dog section has delivered 8 presentations/Displays to interested groups over the period in question. These included displays at Dingwall Gala, Fortrose Open Day, Emergency Services Open Day, Orkney and talks to the Forestry Commission, Dalneigh Church, Merkinch Centre and Air Training Corp, Ullapool (with display).

The Emergency Planning Section staff has facilitated Northern Constabulary participation in the following multi-agency exercises:

Scrabster Harbour Exercise – 25 August 2006

Exercise Tystie (Sumburgh Airport) – 10 September 2006

Stornoway Airport Exercise – 12 September 2006

BP Fuels Inverness Exercise – 12 September 2006

PSD Exercise Inverness – 19 September 2006

Exercise Big Mac (Inverness Area Command, transport) – 21 September 2006

Preparation by Emergency Planning staff is also ongoing with multi-agency partners regarding participation in exercises and events in the latter part of 2006 and into 2007

There have been three key areas of development being progressed by the Civil Contingency Officer, namely:

Co-ordination of the Highlands and Islands Strategic Coordination Group Community risk register

During this period the co-ordinator has been working with Cat 1 and Cat 2 members in the compilation of the Highlands and Islands Community Risk Register, one of the key duties under the Civil Contingencies Act of 2004. Lead responders in the development of the risk assessments have been identified and tasked. The HISC Sub Group has met and this key process is now underway.

Co-ordination and attendance at multi agency meetings

The co-ordinator has been active in the delivery of a Highlands and Islands Emergency Planning Group meeting on 30 August and has acted upon many of the subsequent action items arising from the meeting. The development of a number of the HISC agenda items, for the next meeting on 7 November, has also been a key work stream.

The development of a HISC progress review and the development of several multi-agency business cases will be delivered at this meeting. In addition the co-ordinator has represented the region at the SCG forum liaising with the Scottish Executive as well as attending a number of multi agency exercises and Island emergency planning forums.

Familiarisation with all partner agencies and members

The co-ordinator continues to meet with the interested parties linked to HIEPG and HISC in order to gain a broad overview of the key issues facing HISC and HISC members. This will continue to be an important area of work as key relationships are built.

The activities of the Special Constable Co-ordinator during the period July through to September 06 can be summarised as follows:

Preparation of the winter training package for Special Constables. This included a two-day visit to the Strathclyde Police training school at Jackton assessing a diversity course for new Support Staff. The first module of this course has now been delivered to 33 Special Constables at Headquarters, Portree, Wick and Fort William and Dornoch.

The co-ordinator also prepared and delivered a Force induction course for 7 new Special Constables as well as assisting in a joint weekend training course at the Scottish Police College. 13 Special Constables attended from this Force, alongside similar numbers from Tayside and Fife Constabulary's.

The co-ordinator has continued to support the recruitment of new Special Constables, including attending a one-day recruiting fair in Inverness.

Chief Constable

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARDAgenda
Item**22 NOVEMBER 2006****MOUNTAIN RESCUES
For period 1 July to 30 September 2006****Report by the Chief Constable**

| | No of Incidents | Injury | Fatal | False Alarm | Police Hours | Volunteer Hours |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| ASSYNT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CAIRNGORM | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3.35 | 4.05 |
| CREAG MEAGAIDH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DUNDONNELL | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 19 |
| GLENCOE | 9 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 59.5 | 322 |
| GLENELG | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KINTAIL | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 10.25 | 54.75 |
| LOCHABER | 15 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 66.75 | 207.25 |
| RHUM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SKYE | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 255.25 |
| TORRIDON | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11.5 | 97 |
| NONE | 23 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 64 | 23 | 5 | 23 | 202.35 | 959.3 |

Not included in the above statistics is incident No. NP/8199/06 which refers to a mountain death on the island of Rhum. The deceased in this case (a member of Arrocher Mountain Rescue Team based in the Strathclyde Police District) was discovered by members of Arrocher Team visiting the island to lay a wreath for the deceased who at this time was suspected to have been swept out to sea.

The resulting discovery was investigated by Northern Constabulary Police and consisted of One police hour, 19.5 volunteer hours and one fatality.