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1. PERFORMANCE AGAINST 2008-09 POLICING PLAN

1.1 11 of the 14 national operational targets were achieved during the period 1 April to 31 August 2008. Key areas to note are:

- Notifiable detection rate – All Areas, except for North Eastern Area who are only 1% short, are achieving this target. The current Force detection rate is 32% against a target of 28%.
- BTP is sustaining its strong performance on clearance times for fatalities, with an average time of 75 minutes in the year to date, against a target of 90 minutes. London North Area has recently secured funding from Virgin Trains and Network Rail for a dedicated team to reduce and respond to fatalities on the West Coast Mainline. Similar arrangements are in place for the East Coast Mainline. Preparations are being made for the development of a HYDRA training course. HYDRA is an experiential learning, high fidelity, immersive simulation training system, which enables the monitoring of real-time leadership and decision making during critical incidents. These will be joint exercises with BTP and industry designed to improve fatality management and reduce disruption on the railways.
- Asset and cash seizure for cable theft offences – Since 1 April a total of £1,298,695 has already been seized. This is an excellent achievement, and we have already reached over 250% of the full year target of £500,000.
- Football banning orders – 36 banning orders have been obtained so far this year against a target of 14.



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- Reductions in cable related offences – There have been 720 “live” cable related offences year to date. This is against a target of 577 offences. A more detailed report on how we are tackling this major challenge is provided at Appendix C.
- 1.2 62 of the 88 local targets are being achieved. Key areas to note are:
- Current performance on staff assaults is varied, with London South detecting 126 offences against a target of 120, and London North who, at 46%, are falling short of their 59% detection rate target. London Underground is achieving a 76% detection rate against a target of 58%.
 - There is strong performance in relation to the theft of passenger property target. London South has recorded 1397 offences against a target of 1600, and London Underground has recorded 2,338 offences against a target of 3,117.
 - The detection rate for hate crime is challenging for Areas. London Underground, North West and Wales and Western are all achieving their respective targets. All other Areas are currently not achieving their targets although North Eastern Area is only slightly falling short achieving 59% against a target of 60%.
 - Recorded robbery crime has reduced by a further 24% on top of last year’s reduction of 46%. The three London Areas have recorded 315 crimes against a year to date target of 373 and are achieving a 59% detection rate.
- 1.3 Total offences have fallen by 3.2% this year, reducing from 49,335 to 47,741. There were 30,223 notifiable offences compared to 31,482 notifiable offences for the same period last year, a reduction of 4%. There were 17,518 non-notifiable offences, compared to 17,853 non-notifiable offences for the same period last year, a reduction of 1.9%. The detection rate for notifiable offences increased from 26% to 32%, with 9,649 notifiable offences detected so far this year, against 8,054 last year. The detection rate for non notifiable offences has risen from 42% to 47%, this equates to an additional 797 detections.



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- 1.4 Notifiable offences in most categories continue to fall, but overall notifiable offences look set to rise this year, mainly through increases in drug offences and attempted theft from ticket machines. The drug offence increases are entirely the product of increased search as a by-product of the attack on knife crime and anti social behaviour. The ticket machine offences have been a new priority this year for rail companies, and reporting trends are undoubtedly influenced by this key area. Most of those reported crimes are “attempts” which historically have not been notified to us.
- 1.6 The management of absence is showing some significant success. The targets for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and police staff are both being met with an average number of days sickness per person at 3.22 and 3.07 days respectively against a target of 3.33. The absence rate for police officers is only just short of the target at 3.36 days. This compares with an average of 4.3 days for the same period last year, and represents a major reduction.
- 1.7 Recruitment and progression targets continue to represent a challenge, and will be very difficult to meet.
- Recruitment of BME officers is 11% against a target of 14%, and 15% against a target of 25% for female officers
 - Progression of BME officers is 4.5% of all officers promoted against a target of 5.9% and the proportion of female officers promoted is 4.5% against a target of 18%.
- HR has an action plan to address this, a key element of which is encouraging internal applications from within BTP civil staff, where the Ethnic minority and female mix reveals a much more favourable pool.
- 1.8 Attached at Appendix A is a table detailing current performance against all targets.

2. FRONTLINEFIRST (BTP EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME)



2.1 The current efficiency savings are £2,433,222 against a full year target of £3,471,432. This represents 70% of the target already achieved.

2.2 The *Frontlinefirst* Programme Delivery Plan 2008 and the supporting Area and Departmental Action Plans continue to act as the mechanism for the achievement of sustainable efficiencies. The Delivery Plan is a live document which is updated with planned efficiency savings that are identified in accordance with the agreed efficiency counting rules. The annual planned savings to date are as follows:

- 2008-09 = £6,001,654
- 2009-10 = £3,228,994
- 2010-11 = £1,136,792

Currently the total planned savings detailed in the *Frontlinefirst* Programme Delivery Plan are £10,367,440 (99% of the £10.4m target) although work continues to raise the level of savings significantly higher. Alexander Consultancy has been engaged to provide the *Frontlinefirst* Programme Team with training in the LEAN systems methodology, in order that they can apply it as part of the next phase of the Programme. This will help BTP to look at processes across a number of functions, and to make efficiencies from re-engineering the way we do business.

2.3 All planned Challenge Panels (with Police Authority representation) have now taken place and the Police Authority has endorsed all department plans. Areas covered so far are:

- IT
- Strategic Development
- Media and Marketing
- HR
- Finance and Corporate Services



3 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

- 3.1 ACC Stephen Thomas has been appointed as the Olympic Security Transport Coordinator of all modes of transport for the 2012 Games. He is supported in this national role by a dedicated Work Stream Manager and other specialist staff from within the Olympic Security Directorate. This fits well with his BTP London and Olympic planning roles, but does not rely on resources from within BTP to undertake this work.
- 3.2 Odette Butson has been appointed as the BTP Olympic Project Manager and Superintendent Dave Farrelly has assumed the role of Project Director. Two other Project staff are currently being recruited. All posts are funded by the Department for Transport (DfT). Work is underway to review and update all project documentation, so that BTP is fully prepared for the Olympic Games HMIC inspection visit that is expected in October or November 2008, as a part of their national Olympic inspection.
- 3.3 BTP is preparing a Costed Policing Plan as a part of the National Transport Costed Security Plan which must be submitted in a final draft form by the end September 2008. Only minor changes will be permitted thereafter before it is presented as a part of the draft Olympic Games Costed Security Plan to Ministers in October 2008. The final version will be presented to Ministers in December 2008 for agreement on the allocations from the £600 million funding package. The £9.4 million awarded to BTP by DfT for the CSR period 2008-11 is a part of this overall funding package and will be ratified during this process. DfT has committed to funding all the planned BTP additional expenditure for the Olympics.

4. MEETINGS OF INTEREST



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- 4.1 On 8 July, the Chief Constable met with the new Chief Executive of ATOC, Michael Roberts. Mr Roberts was given an introduction to the role of BTP. Regular meetings between him and BTP have been arranged. He recently visited LN Area, and was impressed with the positive relationships at all levels between BTP and the industry.
- 4.2 On 1 August, the Chief Constable joined London Mayor Boris Johnson and senior officials from Transport for London (TfL) at the launch of the new BTP London Underground Neighbourhood Policing Teams. Led by a Sergeant, the teams will comprise police constables and PCSOs and will be supported by a 24 hour response team across the entire London Underground (LU) and Dockland Light Railway (DLR) network. The teams have been created to tackle anti-social behaviour and provide a highly visible presence at Tube stations they will work in partnership with other BTP teams, LU and DLR staff and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to address crime and disorder issues affecting the Tube. There are 30 Neighbourhood Policing Teams operating across the London network and they will link closely with their communities to address local priorities.
- 4.3 On 13 August the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable joined Sir David O'Dowd, Lew Adams, Wendy Towers, Peter Haddock and senior executives from the rail industry in attending a Commendation Ceremony in Reading. The event, jointly organised by BTP and Thames Valley Police, was held to recognise the bravery and professionalism of those involved in the Ufton Nervet Rail Crash of November 2004. The Force was delighted that Sir Moir Lockhead, and other senior colleagues from the First Group supported the ceremony.
- 4.4 On 2 September the Chief Constable met with Norman Baker MP, the Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Transport. During their meeting they discussed possible changes in the law in relation to scrap metal dealers to assist in tackling cable theft. They also discussed a common approach to CCTV across the rail industry and the Chief Constable sought political support for changes to the existing pension arrangements, which currently effectively prevent movement at senior level in and out of BTP.



- 4.5 On 21 August the Chief Constable met with representatives of the RMT, ASLEF and TSSA Unions. This is a six-monthly meeting which provide an opportunity for the Chief Constable and Unions to communicate about issues that may arise. On the agenda at the meeting were staff assaults, the alcohol ban on the Underground and an update on the Grayrigg Investigation. The Unions were very complementary about the progress made in tackling staff assaults (14% reduction last year).
- 4.6 On 21 August the Deputy Chief Constable gave a presentation to senior law enforcement officers from across South East Asia in Indonesia. Mr. Trotter had been invited by the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) to address delegates at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation on the management of media during the 7 July London bombings and other major disasters.
- 4.7 On 4 September, BTP hosted a visit from the Minister of State for Security, Counter Terrorism, Crime and Policing. The Rt Hon Tony McNulty MP attended a knife arch operation at Stratford and then travelled to Camden on the Overground accompanied by officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team. The Minister was given an overview of Mobile Data (for which the Home Office provided over £1million of funding to BTP) and the impact it is having on policing the railway, Counter Terrorist capability, before meeting with Chief Officers. During this meeting the Chief Constable sought Home Office support on issues, including Home Office funding for BTP involvement in the Police National Database, changes to the law in relation to scrap metal dealers and assistance on changing existing pension policy to assist officers transferring between Home Office forces and BTP.

5. OTHER NEWS

- 5.1 Very useful discussions have been held with Anthony Smith and other colleagues from Passenger Focus, to try to enhance BTP engagement with passengers.



- 5.2 The Government Green Paper on policing was published on 17 July. This sets out general proposals to consolidate Neighbourhood Policing, and to introduce a Policing Pledge. The Pledge is focussed on public confidence and accountability, visibility and response policing, rather than a crime reduction/detection agenda. BTP is looking, through its consultation process to examine its fit with policing needs in the specialised railway environment. First looks indicate a good fit with our ambitions, but we will be consulting further on this issue.
- 5.3 BTP was delighted to support South West Trains in their launch of a £1.8 million project to enhance levels of safety on the railway for passengers. The project involves the formation of Rail Community teams which will see specialist rail staff, accredited by BTP, working side-by-side with police officers at dedicated stations on the South West Trains network. 40 accredited Rail Community Officers (RCOs), divided into seven teams, will be based across the South West Trains' network. Each team will work alongside a BTP police constable, overseen by an area Sergeant and an Inspector. Each RCO has passed a rigorous 'accreditation' course, endorsed by ACPO, which means they are given a range of additional powers, including issuing BTP penalty notices for offences, such as trespass and graffiti, the power to seize alcohol from underage drinkers and to deal with anti-social behaviour. The RCOs are the successors to South West Trains' award-winning TravelSafe Officers, who were the first of their kind in the country.
- 5.4 On Tuesday 29 July, ITV screened a documentary on the work of BTP dogs. The programme, entitled, 'Send in the Dogs' followed officers from the Underground as they engaged in all aspects of their work. Copies of the programme are available on DVD from the BTP press office.
- 5.5 Over 750 officers each day were deployed at the Notting Hill Carnival this year. The policing operation focused not only the carnival, but sought to deter and disrupt potential gangs and trouble makers travelling to carnival. Six Operation Shield teams and three mobile Intervention



teams were deployed outside the carnival area supported by MPS Firearms teams. A Section 60 Search Authority was in force for both days, and over 3,000 searches were carried out. 49 arrests were made over the two days for offences ranging from drugs supply, public order and possession of knives. A firearm was also recovered. Other arrests included possession of CS spray, robbery and money laundering. In addition to these arrests, over 100 cannabis warnings were issued this year. This compares to a total of 32 arrests in 2007. Mobile Data was used to excellent effect this year allowing officers to process offenders and utilise street bail where appropriate avoiding long delays processing prisoners for minor offences in custody centres. Figure 1 details the use of section 60 powers used by officers.

Figure 1

2008		2007	
Sunday 24 th August	559	Sunday 26 th August	94
Monday 25 th August	629	Monday 27 th August	597

5.6 The refurbished Force Control Room (London) formally known as MICC was opened on 12 August. The refurbishment was part funded by TFL, and has given BTP a modern fit for purpose control room with improved facilities for its staff. However, on 16 August, a power surge caused an electrical fault resulting in light bulbs exploding, computers smoking and communications failing. It was decided to use the fall back position at FHQ. Subsequent investigations by TfL, revealed that part of the electrical wiring had not been fitted correctly and had consequently failed causing a massive power surge in the room. This caused several thousand pounds worth of damage to BTP equipment (£35,000). Having identified the cause of the power problem, the first attempted fix resulted in a further power outage, TFL gave a commitment to rectify the matter which they did. A full return to operational capability was achieved on 31 August. Further discussions with TFL have secured funding for the equipment destroyed during the power surge. The fire tested our business continuity arrangements and the fallback arrangements we had in place ensured we were able to maintain a normal level of service throughout.



5.7 BTP was one of 83 organisations interviewed by Stephen Boys Smith for the Independent Review of Personnel Security in the Transport Industry. The report has now been presented to Ministers at Restricted level. The report highlights that the understanding between police and industry as to their respective roles is the best across the transport sector, and the excellent relationship between industry and police is a model for others to follow. The force will now work with the industry and partners in DfT (Transec) to help take forward the recommendations made in the report.

6. OPERATIONAL POLICING OVERVIEW

6.1 Attached for information at Appendix B is an overview of some of the more significant policing operations, incidents and convictions that have taken place since the last report.



APPENDIX A

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

National Targets 2008-2009

		Crime Reduction- reduce notifiable crime	Notifiable Detection Rate- detect at least 28% of notifiable offences	Cable Theft- reduce live cable related offences	Cable Theft- seize assets and cash offences to the value of at least £500,000	Cable Related Offences - offenders detected	Offences Brought to Justice - performance	Fatalities - average time cleared (min)	Football Banning Orders - number obtained	Serious Football Related Offences - reduce number recorded	Quality of Service - overall satisfaction rate	PYOs - average arrest to sentence (days)
	Actual				£1,234,013							
FHQ	PYTD Target				£83,333							
London	Actual	6455	30%	79	£3,000	21	28%	69	2		77%	62
North	PYTD Target	5798	27%	62	£13,375	11	25%	90	1		80%	65
London	Actual	7492	33%	84	£0	18	26%	82	6		74%	48
South	PYTD Target	7100	27%	54	£12,167	15	26%	90	3		80%	65
London	Actual	6426	31%	14	£41,500	9	29%	104	2		85%	72
Underground	PYTD Target	6715	23%	10	£213	4	22%	90	1		80%	65
North	Actual	2585	30%	320	£0	75	29%	71	7		83%	37
Eastern	PYTD Target	2361	31%	212	£46,292	49	30%	90	1		80%	65
North	Actual	2442	39%	46	£900	29	43%	72	7		83%	39
Western	PYTD Target	2351	38%	64	£14,583	21	42%	90	4		80%	65
Wales and Western	Actual	3767	31%	165	£18,282	57	30%	68	12		80%	98
	PYTD Target	3402	31%	160	£35,042	28	31%	90	4		80%	65
Scottish	Actual	1056	36%	12	£1,000	4	N/A	77	0		79%	N/A
	PYTD Target	1009	34%	15	£3,329	8	N/A	90	0		80%	N/A
Force	Actual	30223	32%	720	£1,298,695	213	29%	75	36	13	80%	59
	PYTD Target	28733	28%	577	£208,333	133	27%	90	14	23	80%	65

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		Absence Management- average of less than eight day sickness per police officer (Days)	Absence Management- average of less than eight day sickness per PCSO (Days)	Absence Management- average of less than eight day sickness per police staff (Days)	Recruitment and Progression- 14% of all police officers recruited from BME background	Recruitment and Progression- 25% of all police officers recruited to be female	Recruitment and Progression- 5.9% of all police officers promoted from BME background (Measured Quarterly)	Recruitment and Progression- 18% of all police officers promoted to be female (Measured Quarterly)	Efficiency- achieve at least 2% efficiency saving (Measured Quarterly)	Contact Management- emergency calls to be answered	Contact Management- non-emergency call to be answered	CBR Profiling - number conducted
	Actual	2.43	N/A	2.25								
FHQ	PYTD Target	3.33	N/A	3.33								
London	Actual	4.04	1.59	2.89								
North	PYTD Target	3.33	3.33	3.33								
London	Actual	2.54	7.45	4.45								
South	PYTD Target	3.33	3.33	3.33								
London	Actual	2.80	5.57	5.54								
Underground	PYTD Target	3.33	3.33	3.33								
North	Actual	3.56	3.30	2.35								
Eastern	PYTD Target	3.33	3.33	3.33								
North	Actual	3.18	1.50	3.75								
Western	PYTD Target	3.33	3.33	3.33								
Wales and	Actual	4.41	1.41	1.90								
Western	PYTD Target	3.33	3.33	3.33								
Scottish	Actual	5.25	N/A	4.69								
	PYTD Target	3.33	N/A	3.33								
Force	Actual	3.36	3.22	3.07	11%	15%	4.5%	4.5%	£2,433,222	83%	90%	100%
	PYTD Target	3.33	3.33	3.33	14%	25%	5.9%	18%	£3,471,432	90%	90%	95%

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Local Targets 2008-2009

		Violent & Sexual Offences-Recorded Offences	Violent & Sexual Offences-Detections	Violent & Sexual Offences - Detection Rate	Robbery-Recorded Offences	Robbery-Detections	Robbery-Detection Rate	Offensive Weapons-Detections	Hate Crime-Detection Rate	Staff Assaults-Recorded Offences	Staff Assaults-Detections	Staff Assaults-Detection Rate	Staff Related Crime-Recorded Offences
London North	Actual			41%	116		53%	141	45%			46%	
	PYTD Target			38%	134		35%	72	55%			59%	
London South	Actual	388	148		148	80		79	41%	237	126		
	PYTD Target	398	148		159	67		59	46%	249	120		
London Underground	Actual	360			51		69%	78	41%			76%	739
	PYTD Target	329			80		34%	61	36%			58%	736
North Eastern	Actual			52%					59%	50			
	PYTD Target			58%					60%	51			
North Western	Actual	164							62%	85		48%	
	PYTD Target	184							58%	69		63%	
Wales and Western	Actual			56%					58%			55%	
	PYTD Target			57%					53%			57%	
Scottish	Actual			67%					65%			71%	
	PYTD Target			68%					70%			64%	

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		Route Crime-Recorded	Route Crime-Detections	Notifiable Route Crime-Recorded Offences	Level Crossing Offences-Detections	Theft of Passenger Property-Recorded Offences	Theft of Passenger Property-Detection Rate	Anti- Social Behaviour-Detection	Anti- Social Behaviour-Offenders	Pedal Cycle Offences-Detections	Notifiable Detections per Officer	Total Detections per Officer	Number of Joint Policing Operations with Home Office Forces	Number of Joint Revenue Operations with Railway Industry
London North	Actual		327			1503		1372		50	4.3		41	65
	PYTD Target		278			1577		1116		43	3.5		29	29
London South	Actual	213				1397		915			6.7			
	PYTD Target	197				1600		980			5.0			
London Underground	Actual		89	7		2338	5%	1098				6.2		
	PYTD Target		72	14		3117	5%	1029				6.0		
North Eastern	Actual		13			432			818					
	PYTD Target		22			518			730					
North Western	Actual		11						1084					
	PYTD Target		20						1075					
Wales and Western	Actual		446			671			1258					
	PYTD Target		446			678			1069					
Scottish	Actual	118			48	191		813						
	PYTD Target	112			36	165		787						



Local Targets

		Neighbourhood Policing-Detections
London North	Actual	671
	PYTD Target	555

		Neighbourhood Policing (Lewisham and Victoria Teams)-Detections	Neighbourhood Policing (South West Trains Team)-Detections	Graffiti (South West Trains Area)-Detections	Graffiti (excl. South West Trains Area)-Detections	Graffiti (£1000+)-Recorded Offences	Ticket Vending Machine related offences-Recorded	Ticket Vending Machine related offences-Detections	Trespass-Detections
London South	Actual	258	153	67	77	45	348	70	230
	PYTD Target	160	103	23	55	72	120	25	162

		Graffiti-Detection Rate	To run at least 70 Joint Partnership Revenue Operations
London Underground	Actual	17%	51
	PYTD Target	7%	29

		Passenger Assaults-Recorded	Route Crime-Detection Rate	Neighbourhood Policing-Notifiable Offences except drugs	Vehicle and Cycle Crime-Recorded
North Eastern	Actual	176	22%	453	308
	PYTD Target	159	17%	473	282



		Neighbourhood Policing (Manchester and Liverpool)- Recorded	Neighbourhood Policing, ASB- Offenders Detected	Secure Station Status	Section 30 Dispersal Order
North Western	Actual	537	272	6	0
	PYTD Target	570	283	4	0
		Neighbourhood Policing (Pontypridd)- Notifiable Offences	Neighbourhood Policing (Cross City North and South)- Notifiable Offences	Solve 4 policing problems identified with London Midland	Solve 4 policing problems identified with Arriva Train Wales
Wales & Western	Actual	97	135	1	1
	PYTD Target	106	156	1	1
		Neighbourhood Policing- Recorded Offences	Graffiti- Detections		
Scottish	Actual	626	25		
	PYTD Target	597	27		



APPENDIX B

OPERATIONAL POLICING OVERVIEW

1. TERRORISM

- 1.1 The threat from international terrorism remains at Severe. The sector threat level for railways and London's Transport system is also Severe. This threat level was recently reviewed by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) and has been confirmed as severe, which means that an attack is highly likely.
- 1.2 BTP has continued to exercise its response to terrorism, including a large scale covert operation with other agencies based on the threat from radiological sources.
- 1.3 Since the launch of the trials on Police Screening Capability (PSC) in July, frequent deployments to mainline stations in London have shown that the use of mobile x-ray equipment for passengers' luggage is viable on a small scale. Plans are now in hand to trial this equipment outside London, after discussions with the industry. Early reporting on the trial of passive explosive dogs is also very positive. Both the experiments are joint projects with DfT who have provided the funding for development and running costs.

2. LONDON UNDERGROUND

- 2.1 Three men who tried to steal passengers' bank card details at Victoria Tube station were handed a combined sentence of 18½ months' prison, after plain clothes BTP officers caught them removing their skimming device from a ticket machine.

The 3 men, all of no fixed abode, were sentenced to 4½ months', 6½ months' and 7½ months' prison respectively. They were arrested at Victoria London Underground station after plain clothes BTP officers had spotted one of the men acting suspiciously while using a ticket machine. The officers examined the machine and saw that a skimming device – designed to



swipe passengers' bank card details – had been fitted, as well as a separate device fitted above the pin pad, later found to contain a small camera. The officers kept watch near the machine and waited for the suspect to re-appear. Shortly after this the three men returned and were arrested.

2.2 A 17-year-old youth was jailed for six months after racially abusing a station manager and assaulting two LU Area officers at London Bridge Tube station in July. The female launched into a racist verbal tirade against the station manager after he refused to let her travel.

2.3 A man caught carrying a gas-powered gun was jailed for 5 years. The man was searched as officers from the BTP and the MPS conducted an operation to combat antisocial behaviour and violence in the Dagenham area. He was stopped when he was seen to hesitate as he saw uniformed police officers as he exited the station. Officers found a 7" kitchen knife and a gas-powered gun wrapped in a black cloth. Officers also found a black mask and a small quantity of cannabis.

3. LONDON SOUTH

3.1 A member of revenue staff has been arrested on suspicion of fraud following a complaint from a passenger that his credit card details were used to order items from Argos. The member of public had been issued a penalty fare by a revenue officer which he paid by credit card. At the time he noticed that his name had been misspelled by the revenue officer. Some days later he was contacted by his bank informing him that goods had been ordered directly from Argos to a different address. He was also notified that his name had been misspelled in a similar manner. BTP were contacted and subsequent enquires with Argos established that five orders had been placed with them direct, using credit card details of five separate members of the public which had been obtained by this revenue staff member. He was arrested and a search of his house and other addresses connected to him led to the recovery of a large amount of electrical goods



believed to have been purchased on the various compromised credit cards. The member of staff is currently on police bail.

- 3.2 BTP supported officers from Kent in policing the Climate Camp at Kingsnorth power station on the Isle of Grain. 1,800 protesters set up camp for eight days to oppose development of a new coal plant. BTP provided around 20 officers to help in protecting an 11 mile single-track rail line from Hoo Junction to Grain. The track, used for freight only, passes close to the power station, which protesters had attempted and failed to shut down.

BTP officers made five arrests during the operation. This included a protester dressed in a Network Rail uniform who was arrested on suspicion of theft. There was no major disruption to the railway.

- 3.3 BTP officers reminded youngsters in Surrey of the dangers of trespassing and placing obstructions on the tracks after a group of youths at a railway station almost electrocuted themselves on the 750 volt live rail. To reinforce the message, CCTV images of the incident were released to the media to warn young people of the dangers of using the railways as a playground.

The footage from Addlestone railway station in Surrey shows three young people enter the station at around 1am. One of the youths throws a bin on the tracks and then tampers with and removes a metal ramp, used to assist wheelchair-bound passengers onto trains, and throws it on the line. The group left the station but then re-emerged just before 2am when one of the youths decided to climb onto the tracks and placed the metal ramp onto the 750 volt live rail. The footage shows the youth engulfed in a shower of sparks, and it was surprising that he was not killed or injured. There were numerous reports of young persons involved in line of route offences throughout the school holiday and the footage served as a stark reminder to parents of the dangerous activities that children become involved in.



3.4 A man has been charged in relation to an incident at Farningham Road railway station when a woman was pushed onto the railway line. The incident occurred at on 6 August when a 58-year-old woman asked two men to stop smoking. The woman was pushed onto the railway line and suffered a fractured wrist and bruising to her legs. A 30-year-old Dartford man was arrested and charged with Grievous Bodily Harm. A second man was arrested but, following CPS advice, he was released without charge.

4. LONDON NORTH

4.1 At approximately 0430 hrs on 6 September, officers from Cambridgeshire Constabulary were patrolling near Peterborough Railway Station they discovered that the BTP police station was on fire. The local Fire Service was called to the scene and BTP officers attended the location. It appears that the premises were set alight by means of several seats of fire within the building. No persons were injured; however the building and vehicles parked nearby were extensively damaged. A 27-year-old man from Peterborough has been arrested and charged with burglary and arson.

4.2 Four London North officers have been commended by the North West Area Commander for their work in relation to the successful arrest and prosecution of a paedophile. A 25 year old man from Peterborough had been in contact with a 14 year old girl from Manchester via the internet and persuaded the girl to meet him at Peterborough station. Fortunately the girl was intercepted by BTP officers at Manchester, who informed officers in Peterborough who managed to identify the offender waiting at the station, and to make the arrest. When the offender's car was searched, a samurai sword, masking tape and a blanket were found. The offender was subsequently sentenced to two years imprisonment; he was placed on the Sexual Offences Register for a period of 10 years, and was banned from working with children for life.



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- 4.3 London North has teamed up with National Express East Anglia to launch a 'Making Travel Safer Team' in Colchester. The team has been formed to patrol the stretch of line from Colchester to Clacton on Sea and Walton-on-the-Naze. It comprises a full-time Police Sergeant, security officers and revenue protection inspectors who will work together to reassure passengers and to help curb antisocial behaviour, fare evasion and vandalism.

5. WALES & WESTERN

- 5.1 A former Royal Marine and a bouncer were found guilty of murder by a jury at Cardiff Crown Court. The victim had been assaulted in the car park at Bridgend railway station in July last year. His injuries were so severe that he died two days later. The offenders will serve a combined minimum sentence of 30 years. A co-defendant was found guilty of manslaughter and will be sentenced later this month.
- 5.2 A Newport man has been sentenced to serve over two years in prison after admitting the theft of 171 tonnes of railway track from the mainline between South Wales and London. The man stole the track, worth £83,000, from Acton Turnville, in South Gloucestershire, on the main line running between South Wales and London Paddington. Engineers had already removed the track for a renovation project and placed it at the side of the railway line. A crane was used by the man to load five lorries with the rail track, which he then sold on to a scrap merchant in Newport. The offender was traced following an investigation by BTP officers from Bristol Temple Meads.

6. NORTH WESTERN

- 6.1 A man was seriously injured as he tried to steal cable from a Sub-Station in Newton le Willows. Two men had cut through boundary fence then broken into the Sub-Station. As they were cutting into the earth bond wire to get at the copper cabling, there was a large bang and one of the men was electrocuted. The man suffered serious 50 degree burns as a result. A witness reported



seeing a badly burned and half naked male making his way down the tracks from scene. BTP Officers conducted a search of the area and the suspect was eventually traced to a Merseyside Hospital. The second man handed himself in the same morning. Both men have now been charged.

- 6.2 On 22 July, an intelligence-led operation took place to execute a warrant at the railway arches in Love Lane, Liverpool. Officers uncovered what has been described as one of the most sophisticated and advanced cannabis factories seen in the Merseyside Area. Initial Scientific analysis has shown that the cultivation has been ongoing for at least 12 months, with high yields of cannabis produced. The lighting and heating mechanism being used involved an elaborate pulley system which crossed the site ensuring faster heating and production process. The organisers had also directly accessed the electricity supply. Investigations are ongoing. We are uncovering more of such factories as the railway arches with reinforced roofs are seen as ideal by criminals because the activity is not picked up by heat seeking devices from overhead.
- 6.3 On 21 August, a number of youths were throwing various missiles at a Tamping train in Miles Platting in Greater Manchester. One youth threw a brick reinforced with cement; this penetrated the driver cab window and struck the driver causing injuries to his face and head. The BTP worked with Community Groups and Greater Manchester Police to identify the youths. Two youths were arrested. One of the youths was given a final warning for throwing stones. The main offender was charged with stone throwing with intent, and a Section 18 Assault on the driver. He appeared at Manchester Crown Court and received a 2 year Supervision Order, a curfew, and a mandatory attendance on a behavioural course. There was significant media and industry interest in the case.

7. NORTH EASTERN

- 7.1 BBC National News, Sky News, ITV and regional media attended at Teesside Crown Court on 8 August. Four men were given suspended jail sentences after pleading guilty to affray for their part in a violent attack on a group of Chelsea supporters on a train following the Middlesbrough



v Chelsea game in October last year. They were also handed five year football banning orders, and Middlesbrough FC has banned them from all home games and the Riverside Stadium for life. Following sentencing Chief Inspector Jane Townsley gave a number of interviews with media outside the court. This was an excellent opportunity for BTP to disseminate our key messages regarding football related offences on the railway network.

7.2 Network Rail is offering a reward of up to £5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals who placed plastic piping, troughing lids and part of a tree on the train tracks. On 8 September BTP received a report from Network Rail that the Kings Cross to Newcastle train had had to be stopped due to the debris on the tracks at West End Lane Level Crossing in Rossington. The train hit the debris causing minor damage. Fortunately no-one was hurt. This caused considerable disruption to the line while the incident was dealt with.

7.3 An array of media covered the protest on a coal train near to Drax Power Station on 13 June. A total of 29 people have been charged with obstruction of the railway. On 18 August the press were at Selby Magistrates' Court for the defendants' first court appearance. They are next due to appear before York Magistrates' Court on 7 October when the case is expected to be committed to Crown Court.

8. SCOTLAND

8.1 BTP Officers are investigating a report that a 29 year old man had been assaulted by a group of four male youths on the platform at Singer station. The victim had tried to escape by getting on the train, but was followed by the group where the assault continued, before they made off. When the train arrived in Dalmuir station, it was met by an ambulance and the 29 year old man was taken to the Western Infirmary in Glasgow suffering from a fractured jaw and other facial and head injuries. The incident is believed to be football related and BTP detectives are studying CCTV from both the station and the train in an attempt to identify the group involved.



- 8.2 For the first time British Transport Police (BTP) officers will wear head-mounted cameras as they patrol the Glasgow Subway to monitor crowds travelling to large scale events – particularly football matches. The two-month trial period will see the Subway’s Neighbourhood Police team wear the lightweight cameras, which can be attached to a headband, hat or uniform. The camera is then connected to recording equipment strapped to the officers, which leaves their hands free to record any incident or assist crowd movement. The cameras are positioned in such a way that they can record whatever the officer is looking at and the footage can then be downloaded easily on to computer or DVD. The equipment can also be used to build up intelligence and gather evidence. The use of the cameras is supported by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) operators of the Subway.
- 8.3 On 8 September a 23 year old woman was viciously attacked at St George’s Cross Subway station in Glasgow. The woman was assaulted and robbed, in an apparently unprovoked attack, shortly after she entered the foyer of the Subway station. She was knocked to the ground by two girls and a male youth, who all struck her several times around her face as she attempted to hold onto her property. BTP was alerted and the victim was taken by officers to Glasgow Royal Infirmary where she was treated for facial injuries and released. The suspects stole the victim’s purse containing a small amount of cash and personal items.



APPENDIX C

CABLE THEFT

- 1.1 There have continued to be significant increases in the number of Cable Offences. The primary reason for the increase remains the continued international demand for conductive metals. The recording of cable theft is divided into 'live' and 'non-live' offences. To ensure our efforts are focused on the area that impacts most significantly on the industry, National and Local targets this year concentrate on 'live' offences which relate to the theft of installed cable. Any other metal, including thefts from depots is included are 'non-live' offences.
- 1.2 Overall the number of offences of live cable theft has increased by 13% over the same period last year, against a target of a reduction of 5%.
 - London North have seen a 98% increase in offences whilst London Underground have suffered a 180% increase.
 - Scotland and North Western Area have seen a 44%and 43% reduction respectively
- 1.3 The number of offenders detected for live cable theft has shown a significant increase to 213 so far this year from 118 over the same period last year. This is ahead of the Year to date target of 133.
 - London North and London Underground have increased the number of offenders detected by 320% and 350% respectively compared to the same period last year. Wales and Western have detected 57 offenders this year compared to 13 for the same period last year, an increase of 338%.
- 1.4 The increases in the number of offences committed and the number of offenders arrested has been followed by a significant increase in the assets and cash seized from cable offences.



Between 1 April and 31 August a total of £1,298,695 in cash and assets have been seized, significantly ahead of our target of £208,333.

- 1.5 The tables at Annex A provides details of the number of offences and number of offenders detected, broken down on an Area basis, with comparative details over the same period last year.
- 1.6 The BTP response to cable theft is coordinated by Op Drum. A dedicated Intelligence cell produces a fortnightly intelligence briefing on cable theft, which includes crime data, trends and current and emerging hotspots. This document informs a fortnightly cable theft Tasking and Coordination Group at which all Areas are represented. The meeting reviews past activity and planned activity on Areas and across border. The Organised Crime Team is tasked to support Areas where possible and where they will have most effect. The Intel Cell also supports Areas by providing Hotspot packages.
- 1.7 Through the fortnightly cable theft Tasking and Coordination Group, days of action are coordinated across the force, involving Home Office forces and other enforcement agencies. The last days of action were held on 7 and 8 July. The results were:
 - 319 scrap metal dealer's visited
 - 112 vehicles seized
 - 155 arrests
 - 145 cautions
 - 158 fixed penalty notices issuedFurther Days of Action are planned for December.
- 1.8 A number of operations have been organised to tackle cable theft,
 - Operation Jade – Covert Operation on London North scrap metal dealers, 7 persons charged with 12 offences of money laundering, currently awaiting committal. £350,000 was restrained.



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- Operation Rustic – The Organised Crime Group together with Wales and Western Area were responsible for investigating the theft of £500,000 worth of equipment. 3 people have been charged with over 12 offences of theft and handling. £764,000 was restrained. This will be followed by Operation Rustic 2 which investigates possible fraud associated with the initial investigation.
 - Operation Oracle – West Coast Mainline, joint activity with Wales and Western Area and Organised Crime Group has resulted in zero Crime in May and June. This action has effectively suppressed the criminality and ensured that there is minimum impact on the project.
 - Operation Sermon – During the upgrading of West Coast Mainline in the Milton Keynes area, there was a reported theft of an electric lighting tower generator and other plant. Subsequent enquiries established similar plant was being offered for sale on e-Bay. A covert operation was mounted which result in 2 people being arrested in Northampton and approximately £75,000 worth of plant being seized.
 - Operation Temple – A scrap dealer in Cheadle was targeted and the investigation has led to the recovery of a significant amount of railway infrastructure. The total value recovered could be around £700,000.
 - Operation Tarantula - A joint investigation between London South and London North into the theft of rail track at East Ham is continuing and arrests are expected to be made soon.
 - Operation Taster – A joint operation with South Yorkshire Police in Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster has been organised for 29 and 30 September. Officers from South Yorkshire will be teamed with officers from BTP to bring the resources of both organisations together to help address the problem. A similar operation is planned for next month in South Wales

1.9 These operations are supported by crime reduction strategies



- A pilot on West Coast Mainland between Network Rail and BTP assesses every piece of track for its vulnerability. Those parts of the track identified as vulnerable will be risk assessed and an agreed level of security will be arranged.
- BTP is linked in well to Crimestoppers. A public awareness campaign is being arranged in the North East Area and intelligence is to be forwarded to FHQ where it can be managed centrally with rigorous follow up procedures.
- BTP has issued instructions that Scene of Crime Officers (SOCOs) attend all cable thefts, and best practice is being shared throughout the force, through monthly review meetings.
- Wherever possible BTP officers are becoming involved at the early stages of engineering projects, assisting with crime prevention strategy, however details of planned engineering are sometimes still proving difficult to obtain from Network Rail, and data is patchy.
- Joint crime reduction strategies with Network Rail have been effective to reduce crime from depots. Line-side crime is much more of a challenge, but all hotspot areas are having a crime reduction survey done to make recommendations for target hardening. Part of the difficulty is the attacks are random over large areas.
- Considerable effort is being made to raise the profile of the issue within the police service nationally. A short generic briefing is being prepared that can be circulated to all forces.

1.10 The issue of cable theft is also being placed on the political agenda. At recent meetings with MP's the Chief Constable has lobbied for a change in the law relating to scrap metal dealers to tighten the regulations that currently exist to assist in tackling cable theft, through, for example, the use of CCTV for record keeping purposes rather than manual records, which often prove fictitious.

1.11 On a National Level, ACC Crowther is the ACPO lead for Conductive Metal Theft. Current focus is on establishing a multi agency National Metal Theft Crime Unit and the funding requirement is currently being examined. On a political level discussions are taking place with DEFRA to



tighten the regulations around scrap metal dealers, particularly in relation to regulations around transactions with a view to making transactions traceable.

- 1.12 Extrapolation of the data over the remainder of the year, and taking into account seasonal trends, suggests the policing plan target will be a challenge, but can still be achieved. Over the next three months a concerted effort across the Force will be driven through the Operation Drum tasking process which is FHQ Crime led and has representation from all Areas. The BTP Organised Crime Team will assist in the main hotspot areas. Current analysis shows that most offences are still being committed by local offenders, stealing small amounts of cable, who are not travelling long distances to commit the crimes. The overall strategy is based upon the economic driver for this crime, and the focus of BTP's efforts is on its attack on scrap metal dealers.



ANNEX A

Number of Offences

Force

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	112	139	120	129	135		635	
2008-2009	148	126	167	137	142		720	577
% +/-	32%	-9%	39%	6%	5%		13%	Failing

London North

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	7	5	8	4	16		40	
2008-2009	11	14	21	17	16		79	62
% +/-	57%	180%	163%	325%	0%		98%	Failing

London South

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	4	12	13	15	16		60	
2008-2009	20	7	17	28	12		84	54
% +/-	400%	-42%	31%	87%	-25%		40%	Failing

London Underground

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	1	1	0	1	2		5	
2008-2009	1	5	4	1	3		14	10
% +/-	0%	400%	N/A	0%	50%		180%	Failing

North Eastern

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	54	49	51	56	57		267	
2008-2009	68	56	72	54	70		320	212
% +/-	26%	14%	41%	-4%	23%		20%	Failing



North Western

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	17	18	18	18	11		82	
2008-2009	15	6	11	9	5		46	64
% +/-	-12%	-67%	39%	50%	55%		-44%	Achieving

Wales and Western

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	22	51	27	31	29		160	
2008-2009	32	36	39	26	32		165	160
% +/-	45%	-29%	44%	16%	10%		3%	Failing

Scottish

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	7	3	3	4	4		21	
2008-2009	1	2	3	2	4		12	15
% +/-	-86%	-33%	0%	50%	0%		-43%	Achieving



Number of Offenders Detected

Force

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	13	16	36	24	29		118	
2008-2009	27	49	44	52	41		213	133
% +/-	108%	206%	22%	117%	41%		81%	Achieving

London North

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	0	2	0	1	2		5	
2008-2009	1	17	3	0	0		21	11
% +/-	N/A	750%	N/A	-100%	-100%		320%	Achieving

London South

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	0	0	9	0	5		14	
2008-2009	0	0	6	7	5		18	15
% +/-	N/A	N/A	-33%	N/A	0%		29%	Achieving

London Underground

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	0	0	2	0	0		2	
2008-2009	0	2	7	0	0		9	4
% +/-	N/A	N/A	250%	N/A	N/A		350%	Achieving

North Eastern

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	7	7	11	12	11		48	
2008-2009	14	20	11	20	10		75	49
% +/-	100%	186%	0%	67%	-9%		56%	Achieving



North Western

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	6	3	4	5	8		26	
2008-2009	2	6	2	11	8		29	21
% +/-	- 67%	100%	-50%	120%	0%		12%	Achieving

Wales and Western

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	0	2	6	4	1		13	
2008-2009	9	4	14	12	18		57	28
% +/-	N/A	100%	133%	200%	1,700%		338%	Achieving

Scottish

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	PYTD	Target
2007-2008	0	2	4	2	2		10	
2008-2009	1	0	1	2	0		4	8
% +/-	N/A	- 100%	-75%	0%	-100%		-60%	Failing



ANNEX B

The following table shows the 4 month strategic hotspots of 9 or more crimes from 1 April to 31 July 2008. The majority of incidents are small amounts of cable being stolen by local offenders.

AREA	LOCATION	No of CRIMES
NE	HULL (Now Resolved)	34
NE	ROTHERHAM CENTRAL	21
NE	DONCASTER	20
NE	CHESTERFIELD	19
WW	STOCKINGFORD	14
NE	SHILDON	14
NE	KNOTTINGLEY	14
LN	STANFORD LE HOPE	11
NE	SHEFFIELD	11
WW	LLANSAMLET	11
NE	HARTLEPOOL	11
WW	ATHERSTONE	11
WW	YSTRAD RHONDDA	10
LN	EBBSFLEET INTERNATIONAL B22 CT	10
NW	CREWE	10
NE	WORKSOP	9
NE	WAKEFIELD KIRKGATE	9
WW	NEATH	9