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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 May 2008.

Key areas to note are:-

- Persistent Young Offenders – All Areas are achieving this target and the average number of days from arrest to sentence is 52 days, against a target of 65.
- Cable Theft offenders detected – 77 offenders have been detected so far this year, against a target of 53, and against 29 last year. There were 181 cable related offences against a target of 231, and against 251 offences against the same period last year.
- Fatality management – There have been 35 fatalities so far this year on the overground and underground rail network, with an average clearance time of 68 minutes, against a target of 90 minutes.

1.2 47 of the 88 local targets are being achieved, which is broadly the same position at this time last year. Key areas to note are:-

- Current performance on staff assaults is varied, with London South detecting 56 offences against a target of 48, and Wales & Western who, at 37%, are falling short of their 57% detection rate target.
- All Areas are achieving their theft of passenger property target. London South has recorded 544 offences against a target of 640, and London Underground has recorded 1,007 offences against a target of 1,247.



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- 1.3 Following on from the 11% reduction in the total number of recorded offences last year, offences fell by a further 8.7% against last year, reducing from 20,301 to 18,529. There were 11,475 notifiable offences (7,054 non-notifiable offences), compared to 12,683 notifiable offences (7,618 non-notifiable offences) for the same period last year. The detection rate for notifiable offences increased from 25% to 29%, with 3,374 notifiable offences detected so far this year.
 - 1.4 Of the 8 organisational targets, none are yet being achieved (data for 3 that are measured quarterly is not yet available). Recruitment of BME officers is 3% against a target of 14%, and 7% against a target of 25% for female officers.
 - 1.5 Attached at Appendix A is a table detailing current performance against all targets.

2. OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

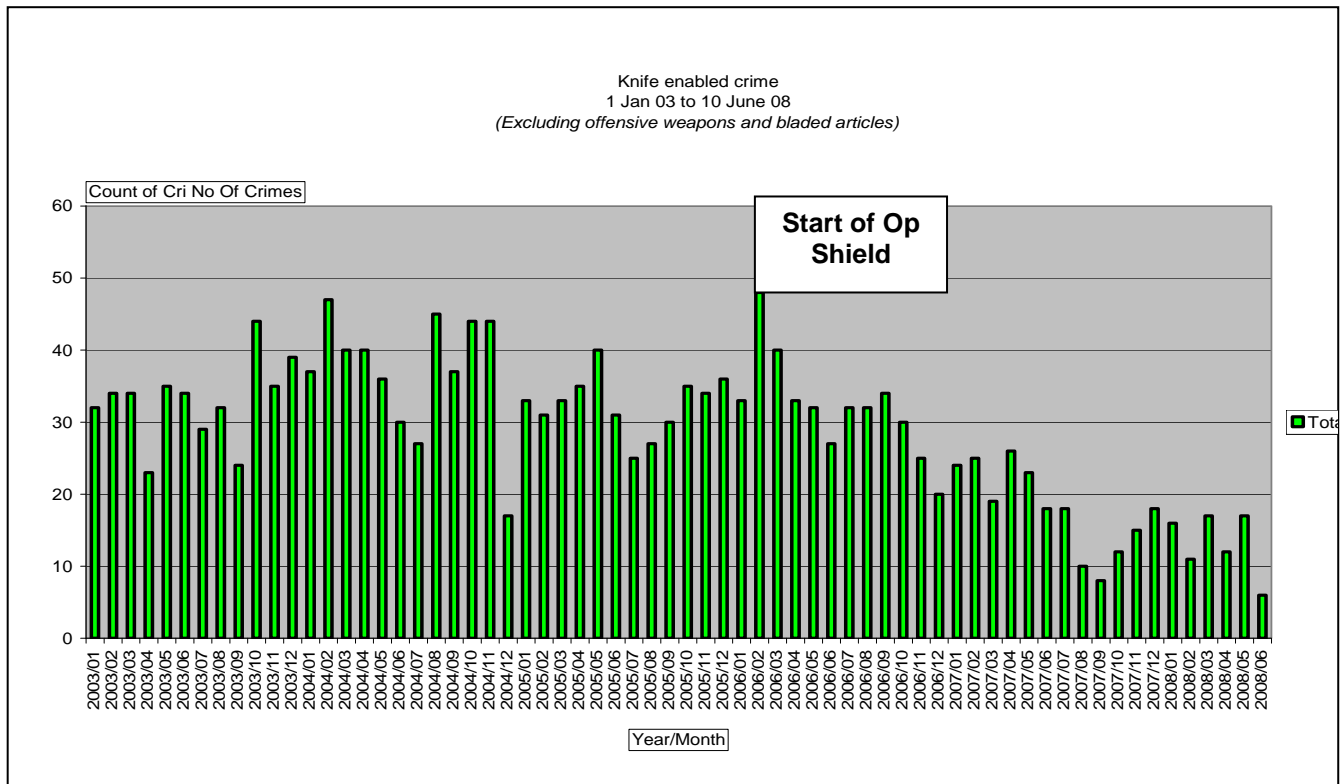
- 2.1 Following confirmation that DfT will be fund BTP's Olympic planning and preparation costs for 2008-2011, ACC Stephen Thomas has been appointed by the Home Office as the Olympic Security Transport Coordinator of all modes of transport for the 2012 Games. This was agreed at an agency Olympic security meeting on 5 June 2008, and supported by the Home Office, DfT and DCMS. ACC Thomas will be supported in this national coordination role by a dedicated Work Stream Manager and other specialist staff from within the Olympic Security Directorate, for which external funding will be provided.
- 2.2 BTP's own shadow Olympic policing plan for the 2012 Games was presented (along with others) for peer review by other Olympic Police Forces at a bank holiday weekend seminar at the end of May. This was well received and positive feedback was given.

3. KNIFE CRIME

- 3.1 There has been significant media interest in knife crime in recent weeks, with a perception that knife crime is on the increase. BTP have been using knife arches as part of its strategy for



tackling this issue for over two years (since the start of Operation Shield in February 2006). Analysis of knife crime on our London Areas (where most offences occur) has been undertaken, and the graph below shows that incidents of knife enabled crime has steadily decreased, almost exactly from the point that Operation Shield began.



4. FRONTLINEFIRST (BTP EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME)

4.1 The total savings identified from the Areas outside London, and the early outcome from the HR review to date amount to £2,100,000 (57% of the first year target of £3.7 million).

4.2 Through internal efficiencies, three additional Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been allocated to the following Areas;

- North East – 1 Sergeant, 2 Police Constables, 6 PCSO’s and 1 Crime Analyst based in York.



- Wales and Western – 1 Sergeant, 2 Police Constables, 6 PCSO's and 1 Crime Analyst
- London South – 1 Sergeant and 7 Police Constables based in Clapham.

4.3 A Challenge Panel was organised to review the HR Transformation Programme and Information Technology on 27 June. Results are not available at the time of writing this report and an update will be provided for the next report. However, early indications are that the new HR structure will release an additional £1,800,000 during 2009-10.

4.4 A separate review within London Underground is expected to find cashable and non cashable savings in excess of £500,000. This will be achieved by rebalancing the Area establishment and redeployment of back room officers onto the front line. These savings will be used to finance approximately 20 PCSO's and are in addition to the figures quoted above.

5. MEETINGS OF INTEREST

5.1 On 11 June the Strategic Plan 2008-11 was launched. The event was hosted at BTP FHQ and the event was attended by senior industry figures. Sir Alistair Graham and the Chief Constable opened the event and a variety of displays were set up to demonstrate the work of BTP. Officers from the Counter Terrorism Unit provided an insight into the work of the explosive search dogs and Specialist Response Vehicles. Guests were able to witness an Operation Shield initiative that had been set up at Camden Road Station, which resulted in six arrests. Officers from Neighbourhood Policing, Olympics and Cable Theft teams were present to provide details of their work, and the mobile custody bus was on location (although busy dealing with the six prisoners!). The launch received very favourable feedback from those who attended.

5.2 On 14 July members of the Police Authority and representatives from the BTP Federation will host a Parliamentary reception at Portcullis House. Chaired by Eric Martlew MP, the event is intended to raise awareness of the BTP's new Strategic Plan.



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- 5.3 On 21 May the Chief Constable met with the new Deputy Mayor for Policing, Kit Malthouse to discuss BTP's role in policing London. On 26 June Mr Malthouse will attend the London Underground Area Compstat process. The Chief Constable will pursue further meetings with the Deputy Mayor to help the new regime understand BTP's contribution to safety on transport in London, and to secure confirmation on the provision of 50 additional police officers as promised in the Mayor's election manifesto. The Authority may wish to consider how to impress upon the new Mayor the importance of his manifesto ambition in this respect.
- 5.4 On 27 May the Chief Constable met with Mike Alexander, the new Chairman of ATOC. During the meeting, Mr. Alexander was given an introduction to the role of BTP. He congratulated BTP on its results, but invited BTP to reconsider the already agreed RPI funding increases.
- 5.5 On 21 May the Chief Constable attended a roundtable discussion looking at ways of reducing the fear of crime. The meeting was chaired by Louise Casey, the Prime Minister's adviser on tackling Anti Social Behaviour. Note was taken of our response to the 'local' policing agenda, and our approach to the encouragement of TOC's in problem solving/ resource allocation.
- 5.6 On 16 June the Chief Constable met with the Commissioners of the Metropolitan and City of London Police to discuss policing in London. On the agenda for this meeting were the Olympics, event policing, and the strategy for policing transport in London.
- 5.7 On 10 June the Chief Constable and ACC Crowther gave evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee inquiry into 21st Century Policing. The Committee was looking at the use of technology, including mobile data, and how this can be most effectively deployed. Also discussed was the alcohol ban on the tube, the Mayor's manifesto commitment for an additional 50 police officers, and lack of government funding for BTP for the Police National Database.



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- 5.8 On 16 June the Deputy Commissioner of the New York Police Department visited the Counter Terrorism Unit. He was given a briefing on policing the underground and counter terrorism intelligence.
- 5.9 On 8 June ACC Alan Pacey visited Dubai to advise on the new metro currently under construction. Dubai Police have made a conscious decision to adopt the BTP model when it comes to developing their own Transport Police Department, and ACC Pacey provided briefings on a range of areas including Counter Terrorism and information sharing with TOC's. This trip was funded by the Dubai Police.

6. OTHER NEWS

- 6.1 BTP has received confirmation that its bid to the Home Office's Mobile Information Programme Board for £1.9 million to expand our Mobile Data Project has been approved. This funding will provide an additional 800 mobile data terminals. Independent research has established that officers can save, on average, 51 minutes a day by being able to complete paperwork at the point of collection. As well as gaining the opportunity for additional visibility, it also provides improved effectiveness through better access to intelligence and improved timeliness of material.
- 6.2 Following the publication of BTP's crime statistics on 29 May there was significant press interest throughout the UK. One article featured in over 100 print and online publications. In the London papers, news of BTP's London figures made both editions of the Evening Standard, thelondonpaper, the Metro and London Lite. There was also nationwide radio and television coverage, with many featuring interviews with the Chief Constable or local Area Commanders. All of the coverage was very positive.
- 6.3 Feedback has been received following the recent HMIC inspection on how BTP manages the process connected with the Police National Computer data base. Overall, HMIC commented that



BTP had a very positive attitude, with committed staff who take real pride in what they do. They were very impressed with staff at the Crime Recording Centre and in the control rooms. The Force was given an 'excellent' grading (only one other Force has received this grade from this inspection). This is a real achievement for BTP, given the position it was in 2 years ago, as one of the worst performing forces.

- 6.4 Detective Chief Superintendent Carroll, Head of Professional Standards Department, met with IPCC Commissioner, Tom Davies, who was very complementary about the standard and timeliness of investigating officer's reports and stated they are the best that they receive. All BTP dispensations and discontinuances so far this year have been approved. In relation to appeals received by the IPCC this year, none have been upheld. The IPCC believes that this is due in part to the quality of the investigations and to the detail within the submissions. They also commented that the Police Authority report is 'first class' and not bettered elsewhere.
- 6.5 The ACPO Conductive Metal Theft Group has already received pledges of £600,000 for the formation of a National Task Force. A recruitment process to attract Home Office officers and staff is being rolled out. The leadership stance taken by BTP in tackling metal theft, and the impact of BTP's strategy on this problem was recognised by the ACPO Acquisitive Crime Programme Board at a meeting held at the Home Office in May.
- 6.6 The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NTP), based at Clapham Junction station, was officially launched on 14 May. Sir Alistair Graham joined senior management from BTP and South West Trains to welcome the new team. The new NPT has been operational since the beginning of April and has already made a positive impact. Housed in the newly refurbished office on platform nine, the NPT will cover the Kingston loop line and extend out as far as Staines.



7. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

- 7.1 Two BTP officers were recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Chief Superintendent Steve Morgan, London South Area Commander, has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal for outstanding service to policing. This is a tremendous and well deserved honour for Steve and continues the record of BTP receiving Queen's honours every year since 2001. Ex Inspector Ken Avis, who retired from BTP last year after 40 years service, was awarded an MBE. Ken was an extremely loyal and committed officer, who worked tirelessly to ensure the Special Movements team was an effective arm of the world of VIP protection. He also frequently promoted BTP to a wide range of senior officials he accompanied whilst they travelled on the rail network.

8. OPERATIONAL POLICING OVERVIEW

- 8.1 Attached for information at Appendix B is an overview of some 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 Theft - 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 satisfactio n rate	PYO's - average arrest to sentence (days)
FHQ	Actual				£58,013							
	PYTD				£33,333							
London North	Actual	2284	26%	10	£3,000	18	26%	69	1		85%	59
	PYTD	2319	27%	25	£5,350	5	25%	90	2		80%	65
London South	Actual	2901	32%	6	£0	0	25%	62	2		79%	42
	PYTD	2840	27%	22	£4,867	6	26%	90	0		80%	65
London Underground	Actual	2509	23%	2	£0	2	23%	N/A	0		85%	63
	PYTD	2686	23%	4	£85	2	22%	90	2		80%	65
North Eastern	Actual	1006	32%	83	£0	35	32%	88	0		89%	59
	PYTD	945	31%	85	£18,517	20	30%	90	4		80%	65
North Western	Actual	1008	40%	18	£0	8	46%	73	5		85%	41
	PYTD	941	38%	26	£5,833	9	42%	90	0		80%	65
Wales and Western	Actual	1360	27%	60	£6,300	13	28%	65	1		81%	60
	PYTD	1361	31%	64	£14,017	11	31%	90	6		80%	65
Scottish	Actual	407	37%	2	£0	1	N/A	78	0		72%	N/A
	PYTD	404	34%	6	£1,332	3	N/A	90	0		80%	N/A
Force	Actual	11475	29%	181	£67,313	77	28%	68	9	10	83%	52
	PYTD	11493	28%	231	£83,333	53	27%	90	12	12	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- 6% 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
FHQ	Actual	1.1		1.0							
	PYTD Target	1.3		1.3							
London North	Actual	1.5	1.4	1.6							
	PYTD Target	1.3	1.3	1.3							
London South	Actual	1.1	3.3	2.2							
	PYTD Target	1.3	1.3								
London Underground	Actual	1.2	1.8	2.2							
	PYTD Target	1.3	1.3	1.3							
North Eastern	Actual	1.7	0.7	1.3							
	PYTD Target	1.3	1.3	1.3							
North Western	Actual	1.6	0.9	1.0							
	PYTD Target	1.3	1.3	1.3							
Wales and Western	Actual	2.7	0.3	2.6							
	PYTD Target	1.3	1.3	1.3							
Scottish	Actual	1.7	N/A	0.9							
	PYTD Target	1.3	N/A	1.3							
Force	Actual	1.5	1.6	1.4	3%	7%	Data available in June document 06/08	Data available in June document 06/08	Data available in June document 06/08	81%	90%
	PYTD Target	1.3	1.3	1.3	14%	25%				90%	90%

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		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	Related Crime-Recorded Offences
London North	Actual			38%	69		42%	50	36%			39%	
	PYTD Target			38%	54		35%	28	55%			59%	
London South	Actual	161	68		60	26		42	50%	107	56		
	PYTD Target	160	59		64	26		23	46%	100	48		
London Underground	Actual	153			26		65%	31	32%			44%	313
	PYTD Target	132			32		34%	24	36%			58%	295
North Eastern	Actual			47%					70%	28			
	PYTD Target			58%					60%	21			
North Western	Actual	69							77%			66%	
	PYTD Target	74							58%			63%	
Wales and Western	Actual			54%					40%			37%	
	PYTD Target			57%					53%			57%	
Scottish	Actual			63%					62%			70%	
	PYTD Target			68%					70%			64%	

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		Route Crime-Recorded	Route Crime-Detections	Notifiable Route Crime-Recorded Offences	Level Crossing Offences - Detected	Theft of Passenger Property-Recorded Offences	Theft of Passenger Property-Detection Rate	Anti-Social Behaviour-Detection	Anti-Social Behaviour-Offenders		Notifiable Detections per Officer	Total Detections per Officer	Number of Joint Policing Operations with Home Office Forces	Number of Joint Policing Operations with Home Office Forces
London North	Actual		146			561		400		25	1.34		15	18
	PYTD Target		111			631		446		17	1.4		12	12
London South	Actual	79				544		392			2.56			
	PYTD Target	79				640		392			2.0			
London Underground	Actual		33	4		1007	5%	340				2.02		
	PYTD Target		28	6		1247	5%	411				2.4		
North Eastern	Actual		5			163			281					
	PYTD Target		9			208			292					
North Western	Actual		0						472					
	PYTD Target		8						430					
Wales and Western	Actual		162			244			401					
	PYTD Target		178			271			427					
Scottish	Actual	57			20	59		251						
	PYTD Target	45			14	66		314						

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Local Targets

		NPT Detections							
London North	Actual	221							
	PYTD Target	222							
		NPT(Lewisham and Victoria Teams)- Detections	NPT (South West Trains Team)- Detections	Graffiti (South West Trains Area)- Detections	Graffiti (excl. South West Trains Area)- Detections	Graffiti (£1000+)- Recorded Offences	Ticket Machine offences-Recorded	Ticket Machine offences-Detections	Trespass-Detections
London South	Actual	98	60	7	22	16	161	26	62
	PYTD Target	64	41	9	22	29	48	10	65
		Graffiti-Detection Rate							
London Underground	Actual	16%							
	PYTD Target	7%							
		Passenger Assaults-Recorded	Route Crime-Detection Rate	NPT Notifiable Offences except drugs	Vehicle and Cycle Crime-Recorded				
North Eastern	Actual	75	9%	191	121				
	PYTD Target	64	17%	189	113				
		NPT (Manchester and Liverpool)- Recorded	NPT ASB- Offenders Detected	Secure Station Status	Section 30 Dispersal Order				
North Western	Actual	194	110	6	N/A				
	PYTD Target	228	113	4	0				



		NPT (Pontypridd)- Notifiable Offences	NPT(Cross City North and South)- Notifiable Offences
Wales & Western	Actual	33	44
	PYTD Target	43	63
		NPT Recorded Offences	Graffiti- Detections
Scottish	Actual	231	17
	PYTD Target	239	10



APPENDIX B

OPERATIONAL POLICING OVERVIEW

1. TERRORISM

- 1.1 The national threat level for railways remains at Severe. Threat levels have recently been re-assessed and no immediate change is likely. Security Service briefings to BTP confirm the rationale for this continued high level of threat.
- 1.2 BTP has recently signed a memorandum of understanding with DfT regarding two government funded trials around passenger screening. One part of this work will include the development of a passive explosive detection dog capability. If successful, this capability will complement the proactive explosive dogs that have proved so successful over the last four years. The second strand of work will consist of the deployment of a small number of mobile x-ray machines for use by officers when conducting counter terrorism searches of passenger's bags. Both parts of this project were initiated by BTP and are being progressed with Transec and industry support.

2. CABLE THEFT

- 2.1 The following tables detail number of cable theft offences recorded so far this calendar year, against previous years, and arrests made from 1 January to 11 June 2008.

AREA	2006	2007	2008 (to 4th June)	Jun-06	Jun-07	Jun-08 (to 4th June)	Arrests Jan – 11 June 2008
LN	109	167	121	5	9	4	20
NE	492	738	349	44	65	7	77
SCOT	22	55	17	2	2	0	7
NW	152	277	82	5	16	6	28
LS	177	241	109	23	29	5	26
LU	46	36	35	6	2	0	11
WW	155	442	314	13	30	7	66
TOTAL	1153	1956	1027	98	153	29	235



2.2 A number of ongoing operations have led to some successful arrests for cable related offences.

These include:-

- On 11 June BTP launched a multi agency operation in conjunction with Essex Police, Environment Agency Officers and representatives from the power industry resulting in the execution of 2 search warrants at two Essex scrap yards. This led to the arrest of 9 people for various offences including Theft and Handling Stolen Goods, Possession of Class A and Class B drugs and attempting to ram a police vehicle. Three men who are suspected of being involved in large amount of thefts from EDF depots were arrested in premises at Chelmsford.
- London South, in partnership with Network Rail, successfully prosecuted 2 men who were responsible for the theft of over 400 metres of cable from the railway in and around Hampshire during June 2007, and for thefts from Power Stations and elsewhere in Hampshire's jurisdiction. The men often used remote sites to burn the stolen cable before taking it to scrap yards to ensure any possible identification opportunities were destroyed. Through the use of covert surveillance and Automatic Number Plate Recognition their sufficient evidence was collected to place them close to where crimes took place. Further investigation led to their arrest and on the 16 May 2008 the 2 men each received 2 year prison sentences.
- A joint operation with Network Rail led to the successful commissioning of Rugby and the TV4 project of the West Coast Mainline. Network Rail provided additional funding to enable BTP to utilise a helicopter, and BTP officers carried out high profile visits to suspect's home addresses. No crime was committed on the project during the deployment, and Network Rail opened the network on schedule.

2.3 On April 22 RAILPOL (the network of European Railway Police Forces and Organisations) held an international day of action to tackle thefts of iron and nonferrous metal from railway



infrastructures. Ten national railway police organizations from European Member States took part. As part of the day of action, police across Europe visited 2470 metal dealers and 555 people were reported for prosecution; 39,631KG of stolen copper from railway infrastructures was recovered and 110 people were arrested. Metal dealers were also reminded of the need to check the sources of metal offered to them in order to avoid charges of handling stolen goods.

3. OPERATION COBALT – RAYLEIGH SHOOTING

- 3.1 On 15 May BTP coordinated a joint operation with Essex Police and the Metropolitan Police in connection with a series of armed robberies across the South East including the armed robbery at Rayleigh Station last year, where a member of the public was shot. A number of arrests were made and four dangerous criminals were charged with attempted murder and 11 robberies.

4. FOOTBALL POLICING

- 4.1 The disturbances following the UEFA Cup Final on 14 May caused major disruption to rail services in Manchester. The Rangers v Zenit St Petersburg game attracted over 100,000 fans. Many traveled the day before to Manchester and other NW locations (mainly Blackpool). Too many fans for the available train services from Blackpool caused large queues at the station on the morning of the match. The technical failure of the TV screen at Piccadilly Gardens led to thousands of frustrated fans in the area. After the match over 30,000 fans descended on the city centre stations which resulted in public disorder and arrests.
- 4.2 BTP's Football Intelligence Unit has published their annual football report for the 2007-08 season. This report gives a review of the season, data on offences, analysis of 'top 5 teams, and an assessment for the 2008-09 season. Copies of this report will be available at the Police Authority meeting.

5. LONDON UNDERGROUND

- 5.1 On 31 May, to mark the last day of drinking on the London Underground, thousands of people descended on the Central Line and six Tube stations were closed as a number of drunken party



goers started fighting. Seven members of rail staff and two police officers were assaulted. One officer was injured and a police vehicle was damaged. 17 arrests were made. Resource levels were increased over subsequent weekends to provide the capacity to deal with the possibility of further incidents.

- 5.2 A man who assaulted 3 London Underground staff at Angel LU station before ordering his dog to attack another staff member was jailed for two months at City of Westminster Magistrates' Court on 2 May, after pleading guilty to three counts of common assault and one count of having a dog dangerously out of control in a public place. The man had tried to enter the station illegally by pushing through a ticket barrier directly behind another passenger. When a member of staff asked if she could see his ticket, he became threatening and abusive before grabbing her face and hair. Two other members of staff managed to restrain him, but were injured as he struggled to evade them. He then ordered his dog to attack a station supervisor, resulting in him being bitten on the arm
- 5.3 Wembley Park officers mounted an operation at Pinner LU station on 28 May for the Pinner Fair. This operation saw officers combine a high visibility presence at the station, with plain clothes officers operating on the Metropolitan Line. Historically there has been a problem with robberies being committed at the fair. As such, the operation was aimed at reassuring the public, tackling anti-social behaviour and deterring anyone committing robbery at the underground station. Officers were positioned at Pinner station from 3pm to midnight, along with a knife arch and two drugs dogs. During the event, a 35-year-old man was arrested for possession of Class A drugs and for being wanted on warrant by Interpol, and two women were warned for possession of Class C drugs. There were no reports of robbery throughout, from passengers going to and from the fair.

6. LONDON SOUTH



- 6.1 In January a man entered a newsagent on Sevenoaks Station and threatened to spray a liquid, which he stated was acid, in the face of the shop assistant before stealing cash from the safe. Investigations by officers linked the suspect to a man seen on CCTV using a cash point machine at the station two days earlier. The card belonged to a woman who was on bail for smuggling drugs into Wandsworth Prison to her boyfriend. An image of the boyfriend was obtained and matched the image of the suspect captured on CCTV. A covert camera was put in position outside her address, as a result of which her boyfriend was found and arrested. Although having just been released from prison, he was wanted for a series of offences, including armed robbery in Kent, Sussex and Thames Valley Areas. He is currently in custody awaiting trial.
- 6.2 In October 2007 a man walked onto Woolwich Arsenal Station and pushed a 24 year old, Malaysian, female doctor onto the tracks into the path of an oncoming train which went over her. Miraculously she survived with a broken collar bone and cuts and bruises. The man was arrested shortly after the incident and, on 29 May 2008, appeared before the Central Criminal Court where he was sentenced to be detained indefinitely in a secure psychiatric hospital.
- 6.3 On 20 May 2008 the new Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) at Clapham Junction ran an operation to tackle anti social behaviour. A total of 138 stop searches and 15 stops were recorded and 30 arrests made for offences including theft, fare evasion, possession of drugs, and possession of an offensive weapon.

7. LONDON NORTH

- 7.1 A 19 year old man was sent to a young offenders institute for six years following a brutal knife attack on a 17 year old student at South Kenton station in September 2007. The man threatened the victim and his friends while they were waiting for a train home, and in an unprovoked assault stabbed the victim in the stomach. Before he passed sentence, Judge Bright said he wanted to send a loud and clear message to people who engage in violent crime with weapons, particularly knives, on public transport or elsewhere, that they can expect no mercy from the criminal courts. At the end of the Hearing the Judge personally commended the professionalism and diligence of



BTP in relation to both the investigation and the management of the numerous vulnerable witnesses who attended court.

- 7.2 A thief, who stole passengers' bags at Euston railway station, has been jailed for 30 months. The man was arrested after being detained by a PCSO for attempted theft from a passenger at Euston. The PCSO recognised a police intelligence photograph of the suspect, who was wanted for a number of other thefts. After arrest he was interviewed and charged with four other offences, three at Euston and one at Paddington railway stations. He was subsequently sentenced to 30 months imprisonment. In addition, he was given a three-year antisocial behaviour order (ASBO) banning him from all mainline train stations in London.
- 7.3 London North Area recently put their new Custody Bus into use at the annual Strawberry Fair in Cambridge on 7 June. The mobile custody facility allowed 87 prisoners to be processed for a wide range of offences including one recall to prison, offensive weapons and Class A drug dealers. The use of this facility allows prisoners to be processed quickly and efficiently without the need for officers to utilise other custody facilities, and ensuring officers are back on patrol as quickly as possible. BTP now have two mobile custody facilities that are regularly used throughout London.

8. WALES & WESTERN

- 8.1 In July 2005 a 15 year old boy reported to the police that whilst being on work experience with a train operating company he was sexually assaulted by a train conductor within the confines of the rear cab. As a result of enquiries within the railway industry and mobile phones interrogation a further similar complaint was received from a fellow train conductor. Further enquiries were then made into the offenders' history and other similar offences of assaulting a 12 year old boy in 1992, and a 17 year old in 1998, were established. The offender appeared before Leicester Crown Court on 16 May 2008 where he was found guilty and was sentenced to two and half years imprisonment. Judge Simon Hammond commended BTP officers for their investigation.



8.2 Following intelligence that an active team of cable thieves were involved in thefts of red diesel from a generator on Network Rail property in Warwickshire, a joint operation with HM Customs and Warwickshire Police was launched. On 15 May two suspects were arrested and five vehicles seized after testing positive for red diesel. The main suspect arrested has made a full and frank admission of the thefts of the diesel and has identified further suspects who will be arrested in due course. Since the arrests, the cable crime in the area has decreased significantly.

9. NORTH WESTERN

9.1 On 24 May, as a Liverpool to Birmingham mainline service approached Hartford station, a train had objects thrown at it smashing the driver's front window. Officers believe four objects were thrown from a footbridge north of the station, breaking the window. The driver was not injured but was left extremely shocked and shaken. A second incident occurred on 26 May as the Birmingham to Liverpool service travelled through the area. The train was travelling at 60mph when a large object was thrown from the same footbridge. Officers have increased patrols in and around the Hartford area and will deliver leaflets to local addresses warning people of the dangers and urging people to come forward with information about possible suspects.

9.2 On 28 May a man suspected of committing over 100 graffiti offences across the UK on railway property (mainly in train carriages) was arrested. He is a prolific UK graffiti offender, and is involved in organising large scale acts of vandalism which have so far cost the industry over £500,000. Searches were conducted at addresses to which he is connected, which resulted in the seizure of a large amount of property, which is now being analysed. He has been bailed to allow officers to build the case against him and to consult external agencies to secure more evidence.

10. NORTH EASTERN

10.1 BTP arrested 29 environmental protestors who occupied a train carrying coal to Drax power station. Disguised as railway workers in yellow warning jackets and waving red flags, 40 Camp



for Climate Action protesters stopped the train on Friday 13 June just south of the Drax plant in Selby. The environmental campaigners used an iron girder bridge and climbing equipment to scale the 12ft high truck. This was a complex operation as many of those arrested had to be cut free having attached themselves to rail vehicles and the overbridge. Injunctions have been placed on those arrested, who have been released on bail and are due to report back for charging in July/August. This was a successful multi agency operation, involving 4 local police forces and the fire brigade.

10.2 On 1 June police were called to Leeds City railway station, Leeds, West Yorkshire after reports of a male acting strangely in the station. He was followed by members of staff until he jumped onto the tracks and began to beckon to staff members and goading them. Approximately 5 minutes before officers arrived the Deputy Station Manager tackled the suspect who then stabbed him twice during the struggle before being overpowered. Officers arrived and arrested the suspect. The Deputy Station Manager was taken to Leeds General Infirmary where he was treated for non life threatening injuries and later released. It later transpired that the person arrested is the primary suspect for murdering his grandmother on West Yorkshire Police area earlier in the day.

11. SCOTLAND

11.1 On 27 April a woman attacked several fellow passengers aboard a train service from Dumfries to Glasgow. Following enquiries by BTP she was identified. It was discovered that she was also out of prison on licence for attempted murder. Early liaison with the Crown Office resulted in her licence being revoked and she was subsequently reported to the Procurator Fiscal for three assaults.

11.2 On 14 May the driver of empty coaching stock suffered facial injuries after a metal chain and pin were attached to a length of rope or hose and suspended from Railway Bridge in Blantyre, South Lanarkshire. Following extensive press coverage and appeals for information three youngsters were identified with one man was subsequently charged with the offence.