



## **Lantau District Action Plan 2012 Mid-Year Review**

### **LOCAL OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES**

#### **Violent Crime**

- In the first half of 2012, there were 81 violent crime cases, a drop of 7 cases (-7.4%) from 88 cases in the same period last year. Detection rate for violent crime is 71.6% in the first half of 2012.
- The District management accords high priority in domestic violence cases focusing primarily on repeated and high-risk cases. Early intervention and proactive referral are emphasized. There has been no escalation of the nature or scale of domestic violence reports which records a drop in the first half of 2012 to 18 cases from 20 cases (-10%) in the same period last year.

#### **Triad, Syndicated and Organized Crime**

- In the first half of 2012, triad related offences recorded 10 cases, a drop of 5 cases (-33.3%) from 15 cases in the same period last year. Detection rate is 90% in the first half of 2012.
- As part of the efforts to curb the triad's source of income, a protracted intelligence operation between March and April 2012 resulted in a successful crackdown on a triad group operating an unlawful gambling establishment in Tung Chung. A raid led to the arrest of one core syndicate member for 'Operating a Gambling Establishment' and twelve gamblers for gambling Mahjong. All arrested persons were convicted by the court.

- There were 12 cases of debt collection related crime cases in the first half of 2012, a drop of 2 cases (-14.3%) from 14 cases in the same period last year.
- In line with the strategy to deter illegal debt collection activities in collaboration with the security sector through Operation 'FASTMARKER', Lantau District conducted Police and Security Guards Sector Exchange Forum in May 2012. Over 100 security personnel from Yat Tung Estate, Fu Tung Estate & Yu Tung Court attended the forum to share good practices and explore further synergy enhancement opportunities.

### **Youth Involved in Drug, Triad and Acts of Vandalism**

- Twelve young persons under the age of 21 were arrested for drug offences in the first half of 2012, increase from 8 persons (+50%) in the same period last year.
- Vandalism cases recorded an increase from 18 cases to 25 cases; it includes 21 cases of Criminal Damage with six youth arrested.
- The number of youth arrested for triad related offence records a drastic decrease from 23 to 6 (-74%) in the first half of 2012. The decrease has indicated a positive impact by our continuous efforts in combating youth involved in triad.
- In collaboration with the DFCC, Lantau District is organizing an "Youth Anti-Drug Video Competition 2012" in September 2012 inviting all students in primary and secondary schools to participate as part of the police and DFCC ongoing efforts to combat youth drug abuse.
- Thematic school talks on topics including anti-drug, anti-bullying, anti-theft, anti-triad recruiting and object dropped from building were delivered to all primary and secondary school students in the District in the first half of 2012.
- In August 2012, LTDIST Police District with the support of the District Councillors and DFCC Members launched Project "GUARDIANANGEL" to provide care and support to needy families through a team of police volunteers and local NGOs. Amongst all initiatives launched, the "Guide-a-way Scheme" aims at reinforcing family values, raising awareness of drug abuse and cultivation of positive values amongst youth aged between 10 and 18 years. A range of activities to facilitate the healthy development of the participating youth is underway.



## **Quick Cash Crime**

- The number of Quick Cash Crime (QCC) recorded a decrease from 219 to 197 cases (-10%) in the first half of 2012 when compared with the same period last year. Strategic deployments and enhanced patrols successfully contained the situation during traditional high-risk periods such as Winter Precautions and other festive seasons.
- Publicity programme aiming at raising the awareness of vulnerable targets were conducted during festive seasons. Thematic publicity material was distributed to address specific crime trends. Special deployments at strategic locations including Citygate Outlets was also conducted during the summer period in 2012.
- During the first half of 2012, police continued their efforts on anti burglary operations / patrols, which resulted in a significant decrease of 18 cases (i.e. from 40 to 22 cases; -45%) when compared with the same period in 2011. Amongst the 22 cases, 14 related to village houses or low-rise residential units located in remote areas and high-rise building with better security only contributed to 13.6% of all burglary cases.
- Special deployments at strategic locations and thorough investigation also led to the arrest of four two-way permit holders in January 2012. The arrested persons stole cashes from donation boxes in two temples in Tong Fuk. The case is still under court proceeding.

## **Public Safety**

- Safe cycling continues to be the focus in promoting road safety in 2012. With the support of the District Councillors, JPC Honorary Presidents and schools, the 'Joy Ride Lantau Carnival' aiming at promoting safe cycling by students, residents and cyclists had also been successfully launched in April 2012, followed by a series of stepped up enforcement actions. During the first half of 2012, Police issued a total of 121 summonses for cycling offenders, which is a drop of 20 when compared with the first half of 2011. Reduction in the number of summons issued and cycling-related accident reflects the effectiveness of police educational and enforcement actions. To further promote safe cycling, an e-learning package on safe cycling was given to all household security management offices, primary and secondary school students in September 2012.



### **Violence Involving Persons with Mental Health Problem**

- Apart from proactive referral to respective departments, cooperation with SWD and NGOs was further strengthened via with LTDIST's Project "GUARDIANANGEL", under which a scheme in the name of "Love Family, Love Lantau" was launched to secure early identification of mentally-ill persons and refer them to appropriate professional groups. Moreover, through the scheme to provide care and support service to mentally ill persons and their families. A seminar and sharing session for mentally ill persons and their family members was held on 2012-08-31 with local NGOs. Future sessions and home visits will be co-organized with SWD and NGOs in the second half of 2012.

### **Handling Major Incidents**

- To enhance effectiveness and efficiency in handling major incidents such as severe weather events, frontline officers formed up the Emergency Response Cadre to handle emergency cases. The District's overall incident management capacity is well maintained.
- The District has updated the 'Database on Isolated Elderly' before the typhoon season in June 2012. The database would enhance emergency response to elderly during natural disasters or other major incidents.

### **Major Infrastructure Developments**

- The progress of ongoing projects continues to be closely monitored.

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