



Lantau District Action Plan 2014 Mid-Year Review

LOCAL OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Overall Crime

- In the first half of 2014, there were 497 crime cases, a decrease of 29 cases (-5.5%) from 526 in the same period of last year. The crimes dropping more in this first half of year mainly comprised 113 cases of miscellaneous theft (-41 cases); 58 cases of criminal damage (-10 cases); and 3 cases of taking conveyance without authority (-12 cases). Yet, the crimes on the rise comprised 35 burglary cases (+13 cases), 47 serious assault cases (+12 cases) and 11 theft from construction site cases (+5 cases).
- The detection rate for the first half of 2014 was 47.1%, increase from 44.3% in the corresponding period of 2013.

Violent Crime

- In the first half of 2014, there were 85 violent crime cases, a decrease of 1 case (-1.2%) from 86 in the same period last year. Amongst the 85 cases, 47 cases were serious assault and 12 cases were criminal intimidation. Detection rate for violent crime recorded an increase from 73.3% to 74.1% in the first half of 2014 when compared with the same period last year.
- 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 slight drop in the first half of 2014 to 12 cases from 11 cases (-7.7%) in the same period last year.

Burglary

- During the first half of 2014, police continued the efforts into anti-burglary operations / patrols. 35 burglary cases were recorded, 13 cases more compared with 22 cases in the corresponding period of 2013. Amongst the 35 cases, 28 happened in village houses or low-rise residential units, 5 happened in temples or restaurant whereas high-rise building with better security only contributed to 5.7% (2 cases) of all burglary cases.
- A special duty team was formed to specifically focus on anti-burglary measures, ad hoc crime prevention campaigns to promote household security among residents were also conducted together with District Councilors and DFCC members. District task force team, auxiliary officers and PTU were strategically deployed to patrol remote areas to prevent and detect burglaries. The burglary case was dramatically decreased from 24 in the first quarter to 11 in the second quarter of 2014.
- In the first half of 2014, two burglary cases happened in Citygate and Yat Tung Shopping Center were detected, two arrested males were convicted with 2 years and 20 months imprisonment respectively.
- On 2014-07-18, Lantau together with security guards of Discovery Bay also arrested a two-way permit holder who was involved in a burglary case happened in Discovery Bay with part of stolen property recovered. The male was charged subsequently.
- On 2014-08-12, District launched “Lantau Village GuardWATCH Scheme” to further combat burglary happened in villages by strengthening the cooperation and intelligence exchange with villagers.

Triad, Syndicated and Organized Crime

- In the first half of 2014, there were 18 triad related cases, a decrease of 5 cases (-21.7%) from 23 in the same period last year. Detection rate was 100%, same as the corresponding period of 2013.
- To curb the triad’s source of income, an intelligence-led operation in January 2014 resulted in a successful crackdown on a triad group operating an unlawful gambling establishment with arrest of one syndicate member for ‘Operating a Gambling Establishment’ and 14 gamblers. All were convicted by the court.



- There were 15 debt collection related crime cases in the first half of 2014, an increase of 1 case (+7.1%) from 14 cases in the same period last year, 6 of which were detected (40%).
- In line with the strategy to deter illegal debt collection activities in collaboration with the security sector through Operation 'FASTMARKER', Lantau District conducted 24 'Police and Security Guards Sector Exchange Forum' in the first half of 2014. 170 security personnel from various housing estates attended the forum to share good practices and explore further opportunities to enhance synergy.

Youth Involved in Drug, Triad and Acts of Vandalism

- 5 young persons under the age of 21 were arrested for drug offences in the first half of 2014, an increase of 3 persons (+150%) when compared with the first half of last year.
- Vandalism cases recorded a rise from 13 cases to 18 (+38.5%); it included 12 cases of criminal damage and 6 cases of arson, 9 young persons were arrested.
- The number of youths arrested for triad related offences recorded an increase from 12 to 13 (+8.3%) in the first half of 2014. The figure indicated a positive impact by our continuous efforts in combating youths involved in triad activities.
- Thematic school talks on topics including anti-drug, anti-bullying, anti-theft, anti-triad recruiting and cyber crime were delivered to all primary and secondary school students in the District in the first half of 2014.
- As a proactive measure to prevent youth from involving in crime cases, in addition to a series of summer holiday activities, District also stepped up patrol at youths' gathering places at nights.

Quick Cash Crime

- The number of Quick Cash Crime recorded a drop from 217 to 179 cases (-17.5%) in the first half of 2014 when compared with the same period last year. Strategic deployments and enhanced patrols were made to contain 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 materials were distributed to address specific crime trends. Special deployments at strategic locations including Citygate Outlets was also made during the summer period in 2014.

Technology Crime

- In the first half of 2014, there were 29 technology cases, an increase of 1 case (+3.6%) from 28 in the same period last year. Detection rate was also recorded an increase from 14.3% to 24.1% in the first half of 2014 when compared with the same period last year.
- To combat the increasing trend of technology crime, the Police promotes and enhance police awareness via various ways, including taking videos for online promotion, broadcasting past cases in Police Magazine. Apart from dissemination of such anti-technology crimes messages in schools and estates, JPC and SPC members also help convey such messages to the public.

Public Safety

Public Order Event

- A total of 29 public events were held in Lantau in the first half of 2014. Proactive liaison with organizers and parties involved helped to formulate suitable arrangements and all events went through in a good order.

Road Safety

- Safe cycling continues to be the focus in promoting road safety in 2014. During the first half of 2014, District issued a total of 52 summonses for cycling offences, which was a drop of 57 when compared with the first half of 2013. Cycling related accident was also decreased from 59 to 57 in the first half of 2014 when compared with the same period last year, which indicated that the public awareness of safe cycling was enhanced. 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 2014.

- In the first half of 2014, there were 343 traffic accident reports, in which 47 involved bicycle, 5 were drink driving, 215 were traffic accident (damage only). To further combat drink driving and drug driving, traffic teams from New Territories South Region and Lantau District stopped to check 1,336 drivers in the first half of 2014, and 5 drivers were arrested for drink driving.
- To specific tackle those vehicles entering Lantau South area without permits, 108 operations were conducted in the first half of 2014, and 260 fixed penalty tickets were issued to drivers.
- The District not only continuously reminds drivers to look out for the speed limit set on various roads, but also the cows/ buffalos on roads so as to avoid traffic accident.

Contingency Plan

- To enhance effectiveness and efficiency in handling major incidents, the District regularly conducted exercises with other government departments and stakeholders to enhance the District's overall incident management capacity.
- The District has updated the 'Database on Isolated Elderly' before the typhoon season in June 2014. The database would enhance emergency response to elderly in need during natural disasters or other major incidents.

Major Infrastructure Developments

- The District continues to closely monitor the progress of ongoing projects including the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB), which will be built in the end of 2016. For early preparation for future policing, an implementation team will be formed up in Q2 2015.