



Lantau District Action Plan 2013 Mid-Year Review

LOCAL OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Violent Crime

- In the first half of 2013, there were 86 violent crime cases, an increase of 5 cases (+6.2%) from 81 in the same period last year. Detection rate for violent crime recorded an increase from 71.6% to 73.3% in the first half of 2013 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 2013 to 17 cases from 18 cases (-5.5%) in the same period last year.
- Apart from proactive referral to respective departments, cooperation with SWD and NGOs was further strengthened via 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, so as to provide care and support service to them and their families. A seminar and sharing session for mentally ill persons and their family members was held in February 2013 with local NGOs. Future sessions and home visits will be co-organized with SWD and NGOs in the second half of 2013.

Burglary

- During the first half of 2013, police continued the efforts into anti burglary operations / patrols. 22 burglary cases were recorded which remained the same as the first half of 2012. Amongst the 22 cases, 17 happened in village houses or low-rise residential units whereas high-rise building with better security only contributed to 4.5% (1 case) of all burglary cases.
- A special duty team was formed to specifically focus on anti-burglary measures. District task force team and PTU were also strategically deployed to patrol remote areas to prevent and detect burglaries.
- District maintained closed liaison and cooperation with property management and security personnels. In May 2013, a security guard stopped a burglar who had just broken into a house in Tung Chung and stole a computer notebook, a mobile phone and some household items. The case is still under court proceedings.

Triad, Syndicated and Organized Crime

- In the first half of 2013, there were 23 triad related cases, an increase of 11 cases (+91.7%) from 12 in the same period last year. Detection rate increased 10% from 90% to 100% in the first half of 2013 when compared with the same period last year.
- 11 cases were caused by rancor, 5 by debt collection, 3 by competition for lunch box business, 3 were claiming to be member of triad society, and 1 was operating a gambling establishment.
- As part of the efforts to curb the triad's source of income, a protracted intelligence operation in May 2013 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 33 gamblers. All arrested persons were convicted by the court.



- There were 14 debt collection related crime cases in the first half of 2013, an increase of 2 cases (+16.7%) from 12 cases in the same period last year, 3 of which were detected (21.4%).
- In line with the strategy to deter illegal debt collection activities in collaboration with the security sector through Operation 'FASTMARKER', Lantau District conducted 3 Police and Security Guards Sector Exchange Forum in the first half of 2013. 150 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

- 2 young persons under the age of 21 were arrested for drug offences in the first half of 2013, same as first half of last year.
- Vandalism cases recorded a drop from 25 cases to 17; it included 13 cases of Criminal Damage and no youth was arrested.
- The number of youths arrested for triad related offences recorded an increase from 6 to 12 (+100%) in the first half of 2013. 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 2013.
- As a proactive measure to prevent youth from involving in crime cases, in addition to a series of summer holiday activities, a special team was also formed to step up patrol at youths' gathering places.
- In August 2012, LTDIST Police 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 wide range of activities to facilitate the healthy development of the participating youth is underway.



Quick Cash Crime

- The number of Quick Cash Crime recorded an increase from 197 to 217 cases (+10.2%) in the first half of 2013 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 2013.

Public Safety

- A total of 31 public events were held in Lantau in the first half of 2013. Proactive liaison with organizers and parties involved helped to formulate suitable arrangements and all events went through in a good order.
- Safe cycling continues to be the focus in promoting road safety in 2013. During the first half of 2013, Police issued a total of 98 summonses for cycling offences, which was a drop of 23 when compared with the first half of 2012. 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 2013.
- 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 2013. The database would enhance emergency response to elderly in need during natural disasters or other major incidents.

Major Infrastructure Developments

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

