

Lantau District Action Plan 2018 Mid-year Review

LOCAL OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Overall Crime

- There were a total of 377 reported crime cases in Lantau District in the first half of 2018, a decrease of 6 cases from 383 cases in the same period of last year.
- The crimes that showed a remarkable decrease in the first half of 2018 were (1) Burglary cases (21 cases, a decrease of 9 cases from 30 cases in the same period of last year), (2) Criminal intimidation cases (5 cases, a decrease of 7 cases from 12 cases in the same period of last year), (3) Criminal damage (44 cases, a decrease of 6 cases from 50 cases in the same period of time).
- The crimes on the rise in the first half of 2018 included (1) Serious assault (34 cases, an increase of 19 cases from 15 cases in the same period of last year), (2) Fighting in public place (10 cases, an increase of 5 cases from 5 cases in the same period of last year) and Theft from construction site (7 cases, an increase of 4 cases from 3 cases in the same period of last year). The overall detection rate in the first half of 2018 was 44.8%, a decrease of 1.7% from 46.5% in the same period of last year.



Combating Burglary

- Burglary remains one of the major areas of concern in the District. There were a total of 21 cases of Burglary in the first half of 2018, a decrease of 9 cases from 30 cases in the same period of last year. Among the 21 burglary cases, 20 cases involved village houses or low-density residential units and the remaining case occurred in a restaurant. The police found that some of the above cases occurred in village houses or holiday bungalows without sound security management or even attended.
- In order to combat Burglary cases more effectively, the District had appropriately deployed additional manpower to target such cases and from time to time joined hands with District Councillors and District Fight Crime Committee members to promote home safety to the public. Moreover, Task Force Sub-unit and Auxiliary Police Officers of the District and Police Tactical Unit of the Region had stepped up patrols in remote areas. In the first half of 2018, as a result of the vigorous investigation of the intelligence and frontline officers, the District successfully arrested 2 men in connection with the burglary cases at Kyo Watami Restaurant in Citygate, Tung Chung and Sheung Ling Pei Village, Tung Chung Road, Tung Chung. There was an obvious downward trend of this kind of cases following the arrest. The District continued to work closely with the security and management companies and raise the awareness of anti-burglary of the public through publicity. On the other hand, upholding the villager-led principle the District is promoting Project LantauEyes to encourage the villagers installing CCTV at strategic spots in the district for crime prevention. It is hoped that the District will gain support from the communities concerned for this project.



Combating Tourist-related Crimes

- The District had made strategic deployment and stepped up patrols to prevent the quick cash crimes in peak tourist season. There were 16 tourist-related crimes in the first half of 2018, a decrease of 1 case from 17 cases in the same period of last year.
- Meanwhile, the District had organized various publicity campaigns and distributed thematic publicity materials on specific crime trends to enhance tourists' awareness. The District had also made strategic deployment on holidays for anti-crime operations in crowded places, such as Citygate and Tung Chung Rail Station.

Engaging the Non-Ethnic Chinese (NEC)

- The District continued to encourage the growing NEC community to engage in crime prevention scheme. By organizing various activities under the scheme of "Project One World", connections between different communities were enforced. The District regularly met with the leaders of different races to understand their needs as well as to exchange crime information, and the objectives of engaging the community and preventing crime were achieved.
- The District is applying for extra manpower to enhance the connections with NEC community and assist in the promotion of "Project One World", including one Sergeant, two Police Constable, one interpreter and one Minority Ethnic Activity Assistant posts.



Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port Project

To assure a safe and orderly operation of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB), HZMB Hong Kong Port (HKP) Police Base had come into operation in June 2018 for conducting drills and exercises in responding to different incidents and scenarios. The District will gradually increase the manpower of the base and closely monitor the security of HZMB HKP. Together with Highways Department and Transport Department, the District had established emergency plans for different traffic issues arising from the operation of HZMB. Police will strategically deploy sufficient officers at main roads and junctions for quick response in order to minimize any inconvenience caused affecting Tung Chung and Lantau residents.

Other Priorities

Domestic Violence

A total of 17 cases of domestic violence were handled in the first half of 2018, an increase of 9 cases from 8 cases in the same period of last year. The cases involved were mainly Assault, Criminal Intimidation and Criminal Damage. The District had recorded the particulars of the subjects in domestic violence incidents into the Central Domestic Violence Database. This system heightened the professional sensitivity of the investigation officers. The District continued to handle and investigate all the cases involving domestic violence professionally and impartially with sympathy and consideration.



Road Closure

To align with the launch of "Driving on Lantau Island" scheme on 26 February 2016, the District strengthened law enforcement against "Driving on closed road without permit". Targeting drivers who drove into Lantau South without permit, the Police particularly set up roadblocks in Tung Chung Road to stop and check the vehicles. In the first half of 2018, New Territories South Regional Headquarters and Lantau District carried out a total of 294 roadblock operations that targeted drivers who drove into Lantau South without permit, with 121 summonses issued to offending drivers. Since the launch of the scheme in February 2016, the District had issued a total of 822 summonses to the offending drivers.

To Educate the Drivers

- Plan to reduce fatal and serious traffic accidents, the District distributed publicity leaflets appealing the drivers not to drive after drinking through a multi-agency approach. Drivers were also reminded to pay attention to the speed limits of different road sections and watch out for the cows, which might appear in roads at any time. The District had actively liaised with the franchised bus companies since mid-January 2016, providing talks to promote safe driving to their in-house drivers, with a view to enhancing their professionalism. The talk was last held on 21 March 2018.
- On the other hand, the District had monitored the road safety situation and conducted traffic enforcement operations at Cheung Tung Road, targeting malpractice of drivers including speeding, careless driving and using mobile



phone while driving, etc. In order to enhance public awareness of safe cycling, District had stepped up patrol as well as publicity such as leaflet distribution at Cheung Tung Road.

Telephone, Internet and Social Media Deception

- To prevent deception crimes, the District will continue to deploy resources on education and publicity. Leaflets will be distributed in various public and private estates in different time periods to enhance the public awareness on deception.
- In addition, the District will mobilize Senior Police Call and Junior Police Call to participate the related educational activities of the organizations and schools in the community with a view to helping themselves and serving the others.

Project LantauEyes

- ➤ The District had launched Project "LantauEyes" since December 2017, with the support from District Fight Crime Committee, Rural Committees, village representatives and other community stakeholders, by promoting the installation of CCTV cameras system by the villagers with a view to enhance security of rural villages as well as to prevent and detect crimes.
- On 11 June 2018, the District successfully arrested a male who was suspected to have committed burglary at a village house in Sheung Ling Pei Village and stolen ten traditional Chinese paintings with a total value of HKD\$150,000. With the intelligence gathered from the CCTV image of a camera of Project "LantauEyes", the District detected the case in 48 hours with all paintings recovered. The arrested person had been charged to the District Court subsequently.



A total of 23 villages had joined Project "LantauEyes", including Tong Fuk, San Shek Wan, San Wai, Lo Wai, Ham Tin San Tsuen, Pui O Au, Luk Tei Tong, Mui Wo Kau Tsuen, Ha Tsuen Long, Tsoi Yuen Tsuen, Shui Hau, Wang Tong, Lo Uk Tsuen, Sheung Ling Pei, Ha Ling Pei, Ma Wan San Tsuen, Shek Mun Kap, Wong Ka Wai, Mok Ka Tsuen, Chek Lap Kok, Ngau Au, Tai Po New Village and Tai Ho. A total of 95 households and 142 cameras had joined the project.

Operation Fast Marker

- "Operation Fast Marker" was launched to cope with the emerging crime trends arisen from the fast development of the District. Stakeholders and security companies of all sorts were provided with timely recommendations, including the installation of CCTV as well as the reinforcement of security personnel and patrol at strategic spots. Cooperation with stakeholders was enhanced with a view to combating crimes and achieving all-win results.
- Regular meetings and seminars on crime trends were conducted for frontline employees of commercial institutes, construction companies, property management companies and security companies, to combat seasonal and unforeseeable crimes.
- ➤ On 16 July 2016, the District began to distribute "Fast Marker" cards bearing our reporting hotlines to provide local residents and stakeholders with a direct, quick and convenient means of reporting crime intelligence to the District around-the-clock.
- A suspicious person found case occurred at Coastal Skyline, Tung Chung was reported through our hotline on 23 March 2018. The police swiftly responded to the case and arrested two men at the scene. The investigation revealed that



the suspects were in connection with the two burglary cases occurred in Tung Chung between 12 and 19 March. The District closely followed up the case, obtained important intelligence and prevented a burglary syndicate from committing other crimes.

Project Vision Possible

- To inspire the youth to explore their potentials and facilitate their personal development. By joining hands with stakeholders, including District Fight Crime Committee, Junior Police Call and non-governmental organizations, the District provided a series of career talks and exchange programs for the youth with a view to exploring their potentials as well as fostering a positive attitude and correct values to life.
- The District jointly held a total of 7 career talks and exchange activities for the youth with various corporations and local organizations in the first half of 2018, which attracted around 360 young participants.

Project One World

- The District adopted a multi-agency approach to develop a sustainable NEC youth project. By organizing various activities, a solid network with NEC community had been developed.
- In addition, a total of 7 career talks were held and NEC youths were arranged to visit various organizations in the district, during which they could understand the requirements of different careers and pave their future. Sports activities including canoe training, football training and taekwondo training were organized for more than 50 NEC youths during the summer vacations.



Football teams of other districts were invited to take part in the matches with the NEC youths, providing them the opportunity to make friends with each other.

