Marine Port District Action Plan 2019

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Triads, Syndicated and Organised Crime

- Strengthen intelligence-led operations against triad personalities and activities, organised crime, syndicated illegal immigration and smuggling at sea, on outlying islands and in typhoon shelters, in particular those that exploit youths.
- Leverage the cross-boundary liaison mechanism, make full use of advanced technology and adopt a multi-agency approach to deter and interdict organised criminal activities, including syndicated illegal immigration and smuggling.
- Take measures to investigate and confiscate the proceeds of crime.

Public Safety and Public Events

- Ensure public order and safety at public events through comprehensive planning, effective communication and professional execution.
- Work with lead agencies in developing an effective legislative regime to strengthen sea safety, supported by enhancing public awareness and ensuring regulatory compliance within the seafaring community, thereby reduce fatal and serious maritime accidents.
- Take measures to promote driver and pedestrian safety awareness on the outlying islands.
- Strengthen preparedness and response capabilities for major incident rescue and recovery phases, by conducting regular multiagency exercises with key partners to test and improve contingency plans.

Terrorism

- Ensure the protection of critical infrastructure and international ship and port facilities, commensurate with the prevailing threat level.
- Strengthen counter-terrorism capability, preparedness and response
 to security incidents at sea and international ship and port facilities,
 through regular review of contingency plans, frequent exercises
 and drills, and the co-operation and co-ordination of the InterDepartmental Counter Terrorism Unit.
- Promote awareness and focus of all stakeholders on counterterrorism efforts for international ship and port facilities, and the marine security incidents.

Violent Crime

- Deter violent crime at sea and on outlying islands by delivering a strong police presence and maintaining a robust response capability.
- Professionally handle and investigate all reports of violent crime.

Dangerous Drugs

- Take resolute actions against drug traffickers, notably those exploiting students and youths.
- Deter the abuse of illicit drugs on the outlying islands and vessels.
- Promote awareness and prevent the abuse of drugs by students and youths, through a multi-agency and community-based approach.

Technology Crime and Quick Cash Crime

 Promote public awareness, strengthen intelligence gathering and secure community support to combat technology crime and quick cash crime, with emphasis on telephone, internet and social media deception.

Supporting Maritime Environmental Protection

 Adopt a multi-agency approach against illicit activities at sea, in particular illegal fishing and trawling activities involving disruptive methods, in order to protect the maritime environment and ensure the safety of the seafaring community.

MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES

Embracing the Use of Technology for Policing in the Digital Age

- Adopt technologies in concert with the Region that can support officers in executing duties at sea and on outlying islands.
- Utilise technology to allow Force applications to be accessed remotely, thereby facilitating staff to maintain their operational posture.

Policing WITH the Community

Partnership with seafaring and islands community stakeholders, including government departments, non-governmental organizations, fishermen's associations, and trade and boating associations, to strengthen the sense of shared ownership of public safety issues and to develop collaborative solutions to tackle maritime and island based policing concerns.

 Engage the wider community to establish more interactive nonpolicing platforms and maintain a cohesive relationship with the youth, the elderly and non-ethnic Chinese communities with a view to securing greater public trust and support.

Preparing the Workforce to Meet Emerging Challenges

- Ensure officers uphold a high standard of conduct, discipline and integrity at all times, by reinforcing the principles of the Force Strategy on Integrity Management.
- Promote occupational safety awareness by post-incident lesson sharing, hazard identification and ensuring compliance checks of the safety equipment are undertaken.
- Promote maritime professionalism and policing skill retention, through various knowledge and experience sharing activities involving the use of electronic platforms within the Marine Policing Knowledge Management framework.
- Develop seamanship and other professional skills, through the use of coaching, the utilisation of extensive technology based simulator training, as well as the conduct of regular practical real-life derived exercises.
- Enhance morale by boosting effective internal communication at all levels, through the holding of regular staff meetings and open forums, ensuring focus is maintained upon contemporary issues and concerns.

Manpower Management and Succession Planning

 Address succession through fully utilising the Marine Police Mentorship Programme and the retention of experienced officers by facilitating applications for further employment and extension of service.

Resource Management

 To establish a culture of prudent resource management in respect of fuel, electricity and other resources, balanced with operational need.

Information Security

 Reinforce officers' vigilance as to the risks of data leakage and enhance their awareness of information security principles through trainings and the sharing of good practices.